

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Annual Town Meeting
June 4, 2012

The warrant was signed on May 17, 2012 and posted on May 21, 2012

Moderator: Joseph Larkin Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Board of Selectmen present: Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Chair; David Mathers, Clerk; and Denise Banister

Constables: Paul Sanderson & Wilbur Loomis

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present (there were 97 registered voters present), the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been posted.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a rule that the Moderator be authorized to declare 2/3 vote in the same manner as a majority vote is declared, provided that if a vote so declared is questioned by seven (7) or more members, the Moderator shall verify the vote by taking a count.

Passed Unanimously

Jeffrey Ciuffreda read the dedication of the Annual Town Report to the Emergency Responders (Fire, Police and Highway) who responded to a number of emergencies throughout 2011.

David Mathers stood and asked everyone to give a round of applause to Jeffrey Ciuffreda who is stepping down as Selectmen after many years of service.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to pay the Hilltown CDC for support of the Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) program for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) that was funded and not paid, and to take said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the town vote to empower the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, and the Trustees of Libraries to appoint their own members to town departments at such salaries or wage rates as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the town authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the town vote to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and whose budget has been accepted by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town vote to fix a salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2013, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws as amended, and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the period as follows.

(Moved section by section)

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate, and transfer from available funds the sum of \$424,569, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of General Government, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to transfer \$60,000 from Free Cash and to raise \$364,569 from taxation.

Budget Item	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	0	292	292	299
Selectboard Salaries	8,043	8,164	8,164	8,368
Selectboard Expenses	3,553	3,750	3,750	3,750
Town Administrator	51,582	46,903	46,900	48,073
Administrative Assistant	12,793	12,988	12,988	13,313
Town Administrator Expenses	144	500	500	500

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Oliver Smith Trustee	0	30	30	31
Town Counsel	11,755	15,000	15,000	15,000
Advertising Expense	1,480	1,200	1,200	1,200
Constable Salary	400	400	400	400
Constable Elections	45	100	100	100
Finance Committee Salaries	2,827	3,690	3,690	3,782
Finance Committee Chair	0	166	166	170
Finance Committee Secretary	173	642	642	658
Finance Committee Expenses	152	500	500	500
Reserve Fund from Free Cash	0	0	60,000	60,000
Reserve Fund from Taxation	29,565	55,000	0	0
Capital Planning Labor	0	305	305	313
Capital Planning Expenses	75	75	75	75
Accountant Labor	21,779	21,779	22,078	22,078
Accountant Expense	830	300	300	300
Accounting Software Purchase	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Audit Services	13,000	16,500	13,500	13,500
Assessor's Salaries	8,043	8,164	8,164	8,368
Assessor's Labor	6,150	7,356	10,400	10,660
Assessor's Expenses	2,925	3,700	3,700	3,700
Assessor's Revaluation	1,080	5,270	5,270	5,270
Treasurer Salary	18,100	18,372	18,372	18,831
Assistant Treasurer	5,177	5,255	5,255	5,386
Treasurer's Expenses	3,508	4,600	5,600	5,600
Treasurer's Software	1,960	2,099	2,250	2,250
Collector Salary	26,369	26,765	26,765	27,434
Collector's Add'l Salary	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Collector's Expenses	6,115	8,430	8,430	8,430
Deputy Collector's Expenses	1,422	2,000	2,000	2,000
Clerk Salary	16,482	16,729	16,729	17,147
Clerk's Assistant	2,073	2,104	2,104	2,157
Clerk's Expenses	1,299	1,500	1,500	1,500
Clerk's Software	500	500	500	500
Elections, Registration, Listing	7,346	8,000	8,000	8,000
Street Listing	1,078	1,100	1,100	1,100
Conservation Comm Labor	1,421	1,929	1,600	1,640
Conservation Comm Expense	299	950	650	650
Energy Committee	0	500	250	250
Planning Board	364	750	750	750
Zoning Bd of Appeals	50	600	600	600
Custodian Labor	10,195	10,181	10,181	10,436
Town Buildings & Grounds	35,708	38,300	38,300	38,300

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Town Office Expense	2,659	3,400	3,400	3,400
Town Office Telephone	5,225	6,300	6,800	6,800
Town Office Internet	2,070	2,250	2,250	2,250
Copier Maintenance	2,145	2,700	2,700	2,700
Technology Upgrade	1,108	6,000	6,000	6,000
Town Building Space Utilization	500	0	0	0
Town Buildings Repairs	603	20,000	20,000	20,000
Town Reports	1,318	1,900	1,900	1,900
Building Supervisor	0	6,000	6,000	6,150
Subtotal General Government	332,488	413,988	420,100	424,569

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$335,380, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation.

PROTECTION PERSONS and PROPERTY	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Police Chief Salary	-	-	54,892	56,264
Police Dept Labor	135,109	167,662	112,771	115,590
Police Dept Expenses	31,576	33,500	33,500	33,500
Regional Records Computers/Software	4,705	5,500	5,500	5,500
Fire Chief Salary	19,728	20,024	20,024	20,525
Fire Dept Labor	30,216	30,847	30,847	31,618
Fire Dept Expenses	18,105	20,320	20,320	20,320
Ambulance Service	30,233	32,863	40,235	40,235
Emergency Management Director	1,035	1,051	1,051	1,077
Emergency Management Deputy	0	0	500	500
Emergency Management Expense	0	3,250	3,250	3,250
Shade Tree Committee Expenses	4,870	5,000	5,000	5,000
Tree Removal/Planting	3,065	2,000	2,000	2,000
Subtotal Protection Persons and Property	278,642	322,017	329,890	335,380

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of School Committee Salaries, and to raise said sum from taxation.

EDUCATION	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
School Committee Salaries	1,442	1,463	1,463	1,500

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,601,570, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Local School Expenses, and to raise said sum from taxation.

EDUCATION	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Local School Expenses	1,540,133	1,562,570	1,562,570	1,601,570

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,190,629, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Hampshire Regional School Assessment, and to raise said sum from taxation.

EDUCATION	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Hampshire Regional Assessment	1,211,650	1,174,644	1,190,629	1,190,629

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$374,204, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Vocational School Assessment, and to raise said sum from taxation.

EDUCATION	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Vocational School Assessment	285,420	302,145	374,204	374,204

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$534,770, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Public Works and Facilities, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation.

PUBLIC WORKS and FACILITIES	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Highway Superintendent	-	-	55,143	56,522
Highway Labor	157,736	163,123	134,481	137,843
Highway Road Maintenance	56,741	65,463	65,463	65,463
Highway Garage / Equipment Maintenance	43,027	40,721	40,721	40,721
Highway Surplus Equipment	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Vehicle Fuel	32,875	35,000	35,000	35,000
Invasive Species Eradication	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Cement Sidewalk Construction	4,045	5,000	5,000	5,000
Winter Overtime	11,767	13,134	13,134	13,462
Winter Expenses	91,452	72,500	72,500	72,500
Bridges & Street Lighting	10,122	12,150	11,000	11,000
Transfer Station Labor	19,191	19,479	19,479	19,479
Transfer Station Expenses	64,026	73,780	73,780	73,780
Cemetery Commission	1,040	1,000	1,000	1,000
Subtotal Public Works and Facilities	492,022	504,350	529,701	534,770

Passed Unanimously

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Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,708, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Human Services, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation

HUMAN SERVICES	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Board of Health Salaries	0	3,602	3,602	3,692
Board of Health Expenses	300	300	300	300
Public Health Nurse	2,449	2,461	2,461	2,523
Animal Inspector	1,800	1,783	1,500	1,538
COA Director	9,325	17,840	17,840	18,286
COA Office Assistant	15,534	15,844	15,844	16,240
COA Meal Site Staffing	2,550	3,982	3,982	3,982
COA Expenses	3,192	2,100	2,100	2,100
COA HEN Program	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
Veterans Agent	8,058	8,002	8,348	8,348
Veterans Benefits	33,567	36,500	64,800	64,800
Amer With Disabilities Exp	0	400	400	400
Subtotal Human Services	76,775	96,314	124,677	125,708

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

I move that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,949, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Culture and Recreation, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation.

CULTURE and RECREATION	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Library Director	0	0	37,816	38,761
Library Labor	83,099	84,345	56,717	47,693
Library Expenses	26,644			
Library Exp-Utilities		13,620	13,620	13,620
Library Exp-Maintenance		10,730	13,590	13,590
Library Exp-Books & Supplies		5,014	5,014	5,014
Recreation Labor	3,607	3,678	3,678	* 3,771

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Athletic Fields	4,949	5,000	5,000	5,000
Woodland Trails Committee	440	500	500	500
Open Space Committee	2,530	0	0	0
Historical Commission Exp	134	500	500	500
Veterans Recognition	400	400	500	500
Subtotal Culture and Recreation	121,803	123,787	136,935	128,949

Motion made to amend the motion by adding an additional \$6342 To the Library labor line for total request of \$135291, such sum to be taken from taxation.

Motion to amend Passed Majority

Article 5 (Amended)

I move that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,291, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Culture and Recreation, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation.

CULTURE and RECREATION	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Library Director	0	0	37,816	38,761
Library Labor	83,099	84,345	56,717	54,035
Library Expenses	26,644			
Library Exp-Utilities		13,620	13,620	13,620
Library Exp-Maintenance		10,730	13,590	13,590
Library Exp-Books & Supplies		5,014	5,014	5,014
Recreation Labor	3,607	3,678	3,678	*3,771
Athletic Fields	4,949	5,000	5,000	5,000
Woodland Trails Committee	440	500	500	500
Open Space Committee	2,530	0	0	0
Historical Commission Exp	134	500	500	500
Veterans Recognition	400	400	500	500
Subtotal Culture and Recreation	121,803	123,787	136,935	135,291

**In adding columns for amendment, it was noted the original and amended motion was \$1 higher than the columns added up to. Recreation labor was \$3770 so \$1 was added to make the columns addition correct. The total amount in the motion was correct.*

Motion as amended Passed Majority

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate, and transfer from available funds the sum of \$497,090, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Debt Service with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to transfer \$117,500 from Free Cash and to raise \$379,590 from taxation.

DEBT SERVICE	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Hampshire Regional Debt Service	89,490	86,129	85,982	85,982
Highland Ambulance Debt Service	0	4,468	4,519	4,519
School Feasibility Interest	0	0	5,833	5,833
School Building Interest	0	0	171,325	171,325
Capping Wood Waste Principal	20,000	0	0	0
Capping Wood Waste Debt Interest	800	0	0	0
Fire Truck #2 Principal	23,500	23,500	117,500	117,500
Fire Truck #2 Debt Interest	2,797	1,617	1,169	1,169
Highway Garage Principal	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Highway Garage Interest	4,250	2,581	7,604	7,604
Highway Truck 2009-Principal	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
Highway Truck 2009-Interest	1,768	895	518	518
Highway Loader Principal	20,000	19,850	0	0
Highway Loader Debt Interest	678	228	0	0
Library Principal	45,000	41,000	46,000	46,000
Library Debt Interest	9,080	7,280	5,640	5,640
Police Cruiser Principal	10,960	0	0	0
Police Cruiser Debt Interest	187	0	0	0
Subtotal Debt Service	279,510	238,548	497,090	497,090

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,703, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Intergovernmental Expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Hampshire Council of Governments Assessment	2,504	2,504	2,504	2,504
Hampshire County Regional Lockup	2,239	2,239	2,239	2,239
Hilltown Resource Managemnt (Board of Health)	7,814	7,423	7,423	7,423
Foothills Health District (Board of Health)	23,078	24,264	24,164	24,164
Building Inspection Program	19,500	23,405	31,000	31,000
PVPC Assessment	0	0	373	373
Subtotal Intergovernmental Expenses	55,135	59,835	67,703	67,703

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded raise and appropriate the sum of \$741,500, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise said sum from taxation.

FIXED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
Hampshire County Retirement	161,688	183,673	176,794	176,794
Worker's Compensation	12,360	14,706	14,706	14,706
Unemployment Insurance	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Group Insurance	414,843	446,250	446,250	446,250
Medicare & Social Security	28,775	30,000	30,000	30,750
Police & Fire Disability Insurance	10,660	11,784	12,500	12,500
Comprehensive Insurance	43,705	50,027	53,000	53,000
Subtotal Fixed Misc Expenses	679,531	743,940	740,750	741,500

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town approve the entire budget as moved section by section in the sum of \$6,029,913, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee and to transfer \$177,500 from Free Cash and to raise \$5,852,413 from taxation.

FIXED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	FY11 Actual Expenditure	FY12 Town Meeting Approved Budget	FY13 Department Requests	FY13 Finance Committee Recommendation
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	5,373,958	5,543,601	5,975,712	6,029,913
FROM FREE CASH	0	0	177,500	177,500
FROM TAXATION	5,373,958	5,543,601	5,798,212	5,852,413

Passed Majority

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to accept monies from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and to expend said monies, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and bridges without further appropriation.

Passed Unanimously

Article 7

Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization. Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY13 Spending Limit
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	Gas Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 1,500.00
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	Electrical Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 7,500.00
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	Plumbing Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 3,500.00
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Fees and charges for services related to the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	Disposal costs of the open box and management of the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	\$18,000.00
Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board	Fees charged specific to proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and new construction	Expenses associated with proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and other related expenses associated with new buildings	\$30,000.00

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Dog Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees specific to dogs	Expenses associated with licensing and controlling dogs and to pay the Dog Officer salary.	\$ 5,000.00
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission	Fees specific to recreation programs	Pay cost of operating recreation programs.	\$30,000.00
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	Council on Aging Executive Director	Fees specific to advertising in the newsletter	Pay for printing and distribution of the Council on Aging newsletter	\$ 2,000.00
Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Conservation Commission	Fees specific to NOI/WPA Filing fees.	Pay expenses associated with WPA filing fees for administration and Enforcement of Wetlands Protection Act.	\$ 5,000.00
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	Board of Appeals	Fees specific to applications	Pay expenses associated with processing of applications, purchase of laptop computer and software for record keeping	\$ 6,000.00
Fire Dept Revolving Fund	Fire Chief	Fees specific to inspections (smoke, CO, etc.)	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 3,000.00
Total Spending	Limit			\$111,500.00

Passed Unanimously

Article 8

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,323 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the town's water system, including the laying of mains for fiscal year 2013, and to take said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Expenses	\$ 97,163.00
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$150,360.00</u>
Total	\$250,323.00

Passed Unanimously

Article 9

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate \$169,138 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the town sewer system for fiscal year 2013, and to take said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$138,338.00
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>
Total	\$169,138.00

Passed Unanimously

Article 10

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$36,000 for the purchase of a Ford Expedition equipped for the fire department and to transfer said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 11

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,500 for the purchase and upgrade of radio equipment for the highway and fire department and to transfer said sum from Free Cash.

Passed Unanimously

Article 12

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,000 for the purpose of repairing the broken water main located in the river near Hillenbrand Road which was damaged during tropical storm Irene and to transfer said sum from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

Passed Unanimously

Article 13

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to delete from the Zoning Bylaw, Town of Williamsburg, adopted November 17, 2003 and amended June 1, 2009, sections 9.81 Permitted Signs and 9.82 Sign Restrictions and in its place adopt the following Section 9.81 Permitted Signs, Section 9.82 Sign Restrictions and Section 9.83 Exemptions and Grace Period, as set forth below.

9.8 Signs

Section 9.81 Permitted Signs

a. Signs Not Requiring a Special Permit

1. Noncommercial signs not exceeding two (2) square feet in area are permitted in all zones.
2. One sign, not exceeding seven (7) square feet in area, located on the property advertising contractors working or real estate for sale or rent. In the case of subdivisions, the sign may be located at the entrance to the subdivision on property which is part of the subdivision.
3. Temporary signs that are in compliance with this section may be displayed for a period not to exceed three (3) months in any one year.
4. Commercial Sign Area- On a single contiguous lot on which a business or businesses are located, freestanding or projecting signs are allowed up to the following areas:

a) Village Mixed Zone-	1 business-	12 square feet
	2 businesses-	24 square feet
	3 businesses-	30 square feet
	4 businesses-	36 square feet
	5 or more-	40 square feet

On multi business signs, no one business may have more than 12 square feet of sign space.

An additional 4 square feet is allowed for the street address with the street number being at least 6" high and in a contrasting color.

Each business is allowed one additional sign on the building conforming to the above area chart and the bylaw provisions.

Only one side of a freestanding or projecting sign shall be counted toward the measurement of the maximum sign area.

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- b) Village residential- 2 square feet for home businesses
- c) Rural residential- 2 square feet for home businesses, 12 square feet for agricultural.
- d) A building permit may be required for commercial signs.

5. Off premises signs not exceeding 4 square feet directing the public to specific establishments are allowed in the Village Mix Zone.

b. Signs Requiring a Special Permit

Signs permitted in Village Mixed and not prohibited by Sign Restrictions section below may be allowed in Village Residential and Rural Residential by Special Permit.

9.82 Sign Restrictions

- a. Signs shall be illuminated only by shaded or indirect light of constant intensity, and no sign shall be illuminated internally or by flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving light or lights, or have any visibly moving parts or noise-making devices.
- b. No sign or light shall be placed so as to constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.
- c. No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building or structure, or extend above the parapet or eave line of the main structure.
- d. A freestanding sign shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height above grade. It shall not be closer to the front property line than fifteen (15) feet except by Special Permit. A real estate or a contractor sign may be closer to the front property line than fifteen (15) feet by right, provided that it does not constitute a traffic hazard. No more than one (1) freestanding sign may be permitted per lot, except that on lots with more than 400 feet of road frontage, Special Permit may permit one (1) freestanding sign for each 200 feet of frontage.
- e. Signs must be removed within thirty (30) days by the owner of the premises, unless it qualifies for a historical exemption, when:
 - 1. Sign has been abandoned
 - 2. The business or activity no longer exists
 - 3. The product described is no longer carried

9.83 Exemptions and Grace Period

- a. Historical exemptions: A sign may be considered exempt from Section 9.82e when it has been in existence, but not necessarily continually visible or displayed, for a period of forty (40) years or more, and meets at least one (1) of the following criteria:
 - 1. Is identified with the history of a product, business or service advertised.
 - 2. Reflects the history of the building or a Historic District on/in which located.

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3. Is recognized as a popular focal point in the area by reason of its prominent location, long existence, large size or unusual design.

4. Exemplifies or reflects the Town's cultural, social, economic, political, engineering and/or architectural history.

The Planning Board will determine historical exemptions and recommend to the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

b. Grace period for Non-Conforming Signs: All signs in existence as of the effective date of this By-law, as amended on (date voted in), which do not comply with Section 9.81 and 9.82 and are not exempted under Section 9.83a, shall be brought into compliance or removed within five (5) years of such date or the owners will be required to apply for a Special Permit for a non-conforming sign. Signs documented to be conforming before 2003 are exempt from this section. Owners of all signs will be required to submit documentation of compliance with the bylaw to the Zoning Enforcement Officer within 6 months of the adoption of this section or the signs will be designated non conforming and subject to the provisions of the sign bylaw.

Motion made and seconded to vote the amended bylaw section by section, 9.81, 9.82 and 9.83.

Motion Failed

Motion made to amend Section 9.81, sub-section 4c. to read:

c) Rural residential- 4 square feet for home businesses, 12 square feet for agricultural.

Motion Failed Majority

Motion made to amend the motion by changing the title of Section 9.83 and to strike the entire section 9.83 sub-section b in its entirety and replace it with:

9.83 Exemptions and Non-Conforming Signs

b) Non-Conforming Signs:

1. Signs, which were illegal under any prior Bylaw and are illegal hereunder, shall be considered to be in violations of the Bylaw.
2. Signs which were legal when constructed but are prohibited by this Bylaw shall be allowed to continue as non-conforming structures.

Motion to amend Passed Majority

Article 13 (amended)

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to delete from the Zoning Bylaw, Town of Williamsburg, adopted November 17, 2003 and amended June 1, 2009, sections 9.81 Permitted Signs and 9.82 Sign Restrictions and in its place adopt the following Section 9.81 Permitted Signs, Section 9.82 Sign Restrictions and Section 9.83 Exemptions and Non-Conforming Signs, as set forth below.

9.8 Signs

Section 9.81 Permitted Signs

a. Signs Not Requiring a Special Permit

1. Noncommercial signs not exceeding two (2) square feet in area are permitted in all zones.
2. One sign, not exceeding seven (7) square feet in area, located on the property advertising contractors working or real estate for sale or rent. In the case of subdivisions, the sign may be located at the entrance to the subdivision on property which is part of the subdivision.
3. Temporary signs that are in compliance with this section may be displayed for a period not to exceed three (3) months in any one year.
4. Commercial Sign Area- On a single contiguous lot on which a business or businesses are located, freestanding or projecting signs are allowed up to the following areas:

e) Village Mixed Zone-	1 business-	12 square feet
	2 businesses-	24 square feet
	3 businesses-	30 square feet
	4 businesses-	36 square feet
	5 or more-	40 square feet

On multi business signs, no one business may have more than 12 square feet of sign space.

An additional 4 square feet is allowed for the street address with the street number being at least 6" high and in a contrasting color.

Each business is allowed one additional sign on the building conforming to the above area chart and the bylaw provisions.

Only one side of a freestanding or projecting sign shall be counted toward the measurement of the maximum sign area.

- f) Village residential- 2 square feet for home businesses

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- g) Rural residential- 2 square feet for home businesses, 12 square feet for agricultural.
- h) A building permit may be required for commercial signs.

5. Off premises signs not exceeding 4 square feet directing the public to specific establishments are allowed in the Village Mix Zone.

b. Signs Requiring a Special Permit

Signs permitted in Village Mixed and not prohibited by Sign Restrictions section below may be allowed in Village Residential and Rural Residential by Special Permit.

9.82 Sign Restrictions

- a. Signs shall be illuminated only by shaded or indirect light of constant intensity, and no sign shall be illuminated internally or by flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving light or lights, or have any visibly moving parts or noise-making devices.
- b. No sign or light shall be placed so as to constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.
- c. No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building or structure, or extend above the parapet or eave line of the main structure.
- d. A freestanding sign shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height above grade. It shall not be closer to the front property line than fifteen (15) feet except by Special Permit. A real estate or a contractor sign may be closer to the front property line than fifteen (15) feet by right, provided that it does not constitute a traffic hazard. No more than one (1) freestanding sign may be permitted per lot, except that on lots with more than 400 feet of road frontage, Special Permit may permit one (1) freestanding sign for each 200 feet of frontage.
- e. Signs must be removed within thirty (30) days by the owner of the premises, unless it qualifies for a historical exemption, when:
 - 4. Sign has been abandoned
 - 5. The business or activity no longer exists
 - 6. The product described is no longer carried

9.83 Exemptions and Non-Conforming Signs

- a. Historical exemptions: A sign may be considered exempt from Section 9.82e when it has been in existence, but not necessarily continually visible or displayed, for a period of forty (40) years or more, and meets at least one (1) of the following criteria:
 - 1. Is identified with the history of a product, business or service advertised.
 - 2. Reflects the history of the building or a Historic District on/in which located.
 - 3. Is recognized as a popular focal point in the area by reason of its prominent location, long existence, large size or unusual design.

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4. Exemplifies or reflects the Town's cultural, social, economic, political, engineering and/or architectural history.

The Planning Board will determine historical exemptions and recommend to the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

b. Non-Conforming Signs:

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2. Signs which were legal when constructed but are prohibited by this Bylaw shall be allowed to continue as non-conforming structures.

Motion Passes Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Filed: June 5, 2012

A true copy attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Selectboard, Treasurer, Assessors, Kopelman & Paige, Fire Department, Highway Department, Town Administrator, Water & Sewer Commission, Planning Board