

The TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Annual Town Meeting
June 6, 2016

Articles 1 through 22 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Hampshire SS:

To the Constable of the Town of Williamsburg

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, **to meet at the Anne T. Dunphy School, 1 Petticoat Hill Road**, in said town on Monday, the sixth of June next, Two Thousand Sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there, to act on the following articles.

- Article 1** **To see if the Town will vote** pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §21A to authorize 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, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 2** **To see if the Town will vote** to authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 3** **To see if the Town will vote** to approve a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and approved by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 4** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,705.97, an amount equal to ½ half the amount received by the Town as Medicare Part D reimbursements, to the Williamsburg School Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5 **To see if the Town will vote** to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2017, as provided in M.G.L. c.41, §108, 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 Town for that same period, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6 **To see if the Town will vote** to accept monies from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and bridges, and to authorize expenditure of the same without further appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7 Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization. **To see if the Town will vote** to authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

| Revolving Fund | Authorized to Spend Fund | Revenue Source | Use of Fund | FY17 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Planning Board Revolving Fund | Planning Board | Fees charged specific to proposed subdivisions within Williamsburg and new construction | Expenses associated with proposed subdivisions within Williamsburg and other related expenses associated with new buildings | \$30,000 |
| Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund | Town Clerk | Fees specific to dogs | Expenses associated with licensing and dogs and controlling animals and to pay the Animal Control Officer salary. | \$ 5,000 |
| Recreation Commission Revolving Fund | Recreation Commission | Fees specific to recreation programs | Pay cost of operating recreation programs. | \$30,000 |
| Council on Aging Revolving Fund | Council on Aging Executive Director | Fees specific to advertising in the Council on Aging newsletter | Pay for printing and distribution of the Council on Aging newsletter | \$ 2,000 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Total Spending | Limit | | | \$111,500 |

Article 8 **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,100 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating and maintaining and constructing the Town water system, including the laying of mains, for fiscal year 2017, and take said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

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| Salaries | \$ 2,800 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | <u>\$175,300</u> |
| Total | \$178,100 |

Article 9 **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate \$160,500 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the Town sewer system for fiscal year 2017, and take said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

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| Salaries | \$ 2,800 |
| <u>Operation & Maintenance</u> | <u>\$157,700</u> |
| Total | \$160,500 |

Article 10 **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of materials for the Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail, or take any other action relative thereto.

- Article 11** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the total sum of \$40,000 for the restoration of the walls and stairway at the original Meekins Library entry, including but not limited to the preparation of design plans and specifications, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of such walls and stairways as well as all other incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 12** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$800 to purchase a handheld barcode scanner to track data for the Senior Center, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 13** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500 to prepare educational flyers/pamphlets for use by the Agricultural Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 14** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,000 to purchase a 40-yard roll-off box to be used for collection of paper and cardboard recycling at the Transfer Station, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 15** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,300 to pay for Stericycle Sharps Disposal and OSHA Compliance Services, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 16** **To see if the Town will vote** to transfer \$5,000 from the amounts appropriated under Article 5 of the November 17, 2014 Special Town Meeting (for computer server and wiring purposes) to redesign and upgrade the Town's Website, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 17** **To see if the Town will vote** to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,093 to the Williamsburg Elementary School Account as reimbursement for unanticipated statutory homeless transportation costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18 **To see if the Town will vote** to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Charles A. Fuller, Jr. and Beverly A. Fuller pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.60, , §77C for a parcel of land located at 125 Goshen Road, Williamsburg, shown as Assessor's Map 340/003.C-0000-0105.0, described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 5102, Page 165, which property is subject to a tax taking by the Treasurer, said parcel to be held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purposes of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said property on such terms and conditions as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19 **To see if the Town will vote** to rescind the vote taken under Article 26 of the May 4, 1998 Annual Town Meeting establishing The Brassworks Housing and Economic Development Trust Fund and the Small Business Loan Trust Fund, which funds were described as follows:

THE BRASSWORKS HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established by depositing \$25,000 from the Brassworks Fund and in addition all repayments to the Town of Williamsburg from the Hilltown Community Development Corporation from a \$50,000 loan made to them by a vote of a Special Town Meeting dated November 17, 1997, Article One. These monies shall be spent in the form of a loan or expenditure for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance or creation of affordable housing either in the form of new construction or rehabilitated stock. If a loan is made, the repayments of said loan would be deposited into this account. Any and all loans equal to and over \$10,000 shall be approved by a vote of the Town Meeting after recommendation by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. Expenditures under \$10,000 shall be made at the discretion of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. The other authorized use of this fund will be for the purchase, lease or upgrade of any land to be used for economic development purposes within the Town of Williamsburg. Any proceeds from the resale or lease of such properties will be deposited into this fund.

THE BRASSWORKS SMALL BUSINESS LOAN TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established at the level of \$185,000. These funds shall be used for making loans to qualified small businesses per guidelines currently being used by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. These funds shall be at the discretion of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. All proceeds from the repayment of the loans made shall be deposited into this account.

and further, to terminate these trust funds and transfer the remaining monies in said accounts to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20 **To see if the Town will vote** to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Williamsburg, General Government, and particularly, the subsection entitled “Council on Aging” in the section entitled, “Town Officers and Committees”, to reduce the size of the Council from nine members to five members by deleting in the Preamble and Paragraph 1, the strikethrough text and inserting the bold underlined text as follows; provided, however, that the terms of current members of the Council shall not be prematurely terminated thereby, and instead such reduction in the size of the Council from nine to five members shall be accomplished through attrition:

Pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8B, there is hereby established a Council on Aging, ~~consisting of nine members appointed by the Board of Selectmen,~~ , **whose members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, said Council to consist of five persons,** who shall be voters and residents of the Town.

1. ~~They~~ **Members** shall be appointed as follows: ~~three members for three years, three members to be appointed for two years, and three members to be appointed for one year, and annually thereafter three members be appointed~~ **a two members for three years, two members appointed for two years, one member appointed for one year, and annually thereafter members should be appointed for terms of three years.** The Council shall annually elect its chairman and other officers, as it deems appropriate.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21 **To see if the Town will vote** to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 4.6.1, entitled: “Temporary Medical Marijuana Moratorium,” in its entirety, and further to amend the Table of Contents to remove from Section 4 the following: “Medical Marijuana Moratorium,” or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22 **To see if the Town will vote** to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw as follows:

(a) Revise Section 2.0 by deleting the words, “three overlay districts”, and inserting in place thereof the words, “four overlay districts;”

(b) Revise Section 6.21 by deleting the words “eleven (11) copies of the Site Plan” and inserting in place thereof the words, “six (6) copies of the Site Plan and one electronic copy;” and

(c) Inserting in Section 18 the following definition:

Restaurant: An establishment devoted primarily to the preparation and service of food and/or beverages for consumption on or off the premises, which may include indoor or outdoor seating for patrons.

or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies hereof in at least five places in said town seven days before the date thereof, as within directed.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this 12th of May, Two Thousand Sixteen.

David E. Mathers

Nicole A. Barstow

Ann B. Sayre

Board of Selectmen

Hampshire SS:

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Williamsburg by posting up attested copies of the same in at least five places in said town seven days before the date thereof, as within directed.

Date:

5-16-16

Will W. Loomis
Constable of Williamsburg