

Town of Williamstown



Paradise Farm

Oil painting by William Barkin

2018 Annual Meeting

Warrant & Overview

May 15, 2018

MOTION CHART

Application of Rules in indicated by the Motion's Numerical Sequence

Motions		Debatable	Non-Debatable	Amendable	Non-amendable	Second required	Second not required	Majority vote	2/3 vote	May Reconsider	Cannot reconsider
1	Point of Order		X				X				
2	Previous question terminate debate		X		X	X			X		X
3	Postpone Indefinitely	X			X	X		X		X	
4	Lay on Table		X		X	X			X	X	
5	Amendment	X		X		X		X		X	
6	Accept & Adopt	X		X		X		X		X	
7	Consider Article Out of Order	X		X		X			X		X
8	Reconsider	X			X	X		X			X
9	Adopt a Resolution	X		X		X		X			X
10	Adjourn to a Time Uncertain	X		X		X		X		X	
11	Adjourn		X		X	X		X			X

While a motion to amend is under discussion, a motion to postpone indefinitely displaces the previous motion, but a motion to adjourn cannot be taken up until the motion to amend is decided.

AMENDMENT RULE FOR TOWN MEETING

To accurately capture proposed amendments to warrant articles for the record, you must submit in writing and in advance any amendment you propose exceeding one sentence in length. Please hand a copy of your proposed amendment to the Moderator before speaking at the microphone. If you do not have a prepared document before Town Meeting, there will be paper available at the Town Clerk's table at Town Meeting for you to clearly handwrite your amendment and present it to the Moderator before you speak.

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2018 to JUNE 30, 2019
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Berkshire, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Williamstown, in the County of Berkshire.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Williamstown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at Williamstown Elementary School, 115 Church Street, in said Williamstown on

TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH OF MAY 2018 at SEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. for the following purpose:

To bring their votes to the election of officers for the election of all Town Officers

The polls will be opened at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

And furthermore to meet at Williamstown Elementary School, 115 Church Street, on TUESDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2018 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. for the following purpose:

To act on all Articles of this warrant, except Article 1, which has been acted upon at the above meeting for the election of officers.

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

Article 1. To choose one Selectmen for a three year term; two Elementary School Committee (K-6) member for a term until June 30, 2018; one Library Trustee for a three year term; one Planning Board member for a five year term; one Planning Board member for a two year term and one Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School Committee member for a three year term. *The election occurs on May 8, 2018 after this document has gone to press. Election results are posted on the town website www.williamstownma.gov.*

REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Select Board, the Town Manager, and all other officers and committees, and act thereon.

TO APPLY UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$475,000** from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$475,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Town customarily applies excess receipts and unused appropriations of the previous fiscal year (Unreserved Fund Balance a/k/a “Free Cash”) to reduce the tax rate.

APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$392,213** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, or take any other action in relation thereto.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Year Borrowed</u>	<u>Years Remaining</u>	<u>Initial Principal</u>	<u>FY2019 Principal and Interest</u>
Sherman Chapel Repair	2001	1	\$ 132,800	\$ 7,713
Landfill Closure	2005	2	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,600
Elementary School	2005	7	\$4,200,000	\$243,000
Cable Mills	2015	7	\$1,102,961	\$130,900
				\$392,213

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$253,600 from taxation and that \$7,713 be appropriated from the Sherman Burbank Memorial Fund and that \$130,900 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund.

The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Each of the above items is a bond issue the Town has committed to repay over the number of years remaining as indicated.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$7,825,070 or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several Town Departments, namely:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2018</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2019</u>
Executive	\$337,840	\$291,569
Administration and Finance	\$2,029,101	\$3,032,482
Community Development	\$468,887	\$407,837
Public Safety	\$1,496,477	\$1,325,263
Public Works	\$2,131,705	\$1,958,454
Human Services	\$934,735	\$809,465
Total	<u>\$7,398,745</u>	<u>\$7,825,070</u>

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,615,920 from taxation; that \$117,081 be appropriated from Estimated Water Receipts; that \$82,219 be appropriated from Estimated Sewer Receipts; that \$3,000 be appropriated from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund; and that \$6,850 be appropriated from the Sherman Burbank Memorial Trust.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The General Government appropriation is a 5.8% increase over the current year due to regionalization cost shifting.

Article 6. - REMOVED

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$240,480** or any other sum, being Williamstown's share of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District 2018-2019 fiscal budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,480 from taxation.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Note: This is an Omnibus Budget, i.e. Town Meeting may vote only a total amount.

	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
Minimum Contribution/Assessment	\$236,759	\$225,294
Transportation Assessment	\$5,786	\$5,571
Capital Assessment	<u>\$9,720</u>	<u>\$9,615</u>
Total	\$252,265	\$240,480

The Williamstown assessment is a 4.7% decrease from FY18. Williamstown enrollment is 15 students out of a total enrollment of 498 compared to 16 of 501 students last year.

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$11,809,075** or any other sum, being Williamstown’s share of the Mount Greylock Regional School District 2018-2019 fiscal budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,809,075 from taxation.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Note: This is an Omnibus Budget, i.e. Town Meeting may vote only a total amount.

	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
Minimum Contribution	\$11,415,498	\$9,943,729
Transportation Assessment	\$131,540	\$523,592
Capital Assessment	\$1,210,719	\$1,341,754
Total Assessment	\$12,757,757	\$11,809,075

The Williamstown assessment is a combined budget of the Elementary School and Mt. Greylock High School due to regionalization. It reflects a 7.44% decrease compared to FY18 as a result of revenue and cost shifting between the Town and School. The capital assessment includes \$1,341,754 for debt repayment for the high school renovation as approved in March 2016, and excluded from the levy limit.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$839,000** or any other sum, for the following capital expenditures, or take any other action in relation thereto.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Site Assessment-Hart Landfill	DPW Director	\$ 60,000
Mower Replacement	Parks	\$ 26,000
Luce Rd.-Drainage/Reclaim/Overlay	Highway	\$278,000
Maple St.-Sidewalk Replacement	Highway	\$ 16,000
Thornliebank-Full Depth & Curb	Highway	\$152,000
2 Trip Edge Plows	Highway	\$ 18,200
Nissan Frontier Pick-up	Highway	\$ 47,000
Kubota Tractor	Highway	<u>\$ 27,800</u>
		\$625,000

Cold Spring Rd-Pump Station Upgrades Sewer	\$ 40,000
South St-Sewer Replacement Sewer	<u>\$ 84,000</u>
	\$124,000
Walden St-Water Main Replacement Water	<u>\$ 90,000</u>
	\$ 90,000
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$839,000

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$625,000 from taxation, that \$124,000 be raised and appropriated from Estimated Sewer Receipts and that \$90,000 be raised and appropriated from Estimated Water Receipts.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Highway Department, Parks and Director of Public Works items are funded by the property tax. Sewer and Water Department items are funded by user fees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Reserve Fund is established under G.L. c. 40 § 6 to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures authorized by the Finance Committee.

TO FUND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of **\$50,000** to the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the OPEB Trust Fund.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Last Year's appropriation of \$55,000 continued the process to put the Town on a pay-as-you-go basis for Other Post-Employment Benefits, primarily health insurance for retirees. This funding is important to maintain our Aa1 bond rating.

APPROPRIATION TO COMPENSATED BALANCES RESERVE FUND

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of **\$195,000** to the Compensated Balances Reserve Fund, established under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 13D, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$195,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to Compensated Balances Reserve Fund.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

This appropriation sets aside funds to meet our legal obligation to pay accrued employee benefits upon separation from the Town's employment.

WILLIAMSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6A to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$43,906** for the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce to advertise the Town's resources, advantages, and attractions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,906 for the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

This is a decrease of 8.77% from last year's \$48,126. The appropriation for the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism is 10% of the Room Occupancy Excise Tax collected during the previous calendar year.

WILLIAMSTOWN YOUTH CENTER

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,000** for the Williamstown Youth Center to provide youth recreation services, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,000 to support the Williamstown Youth Center.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Youth Center appropriation is a 1.75% increase over the current year.

SAND SPRINGS RECREATIONAL CENTER

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,000** for the Sand Springs Recreational Center to provide swimming and recreation services for Williamstown residents, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 4 opposed and 2 abstaining on this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

This a new request. The amount represents approximately 15% of the organization's operating budget.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Estimated Sewer Receipts the sum of **\$1,226,521** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the Sewer Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,176,521 from Estimated Sewer Receipts and the sum of \$50,000 from Sewer Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Sewer Department is an Enterprise Fund. All expenses related to the operation of the department are paid by user fees rather than taxation.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Estimated Water Receipts the sum of **\$1,071,423** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the Water Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,023,228 from Estimated Water Receipts and the sum of \$48,195 from Water Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The water rate will be unchanged. Water Department is an Enterprise Fund. All expenses of the Department are paid by user fees, not taxation.

WATER RATE

Article 18. To see if the Town will, in accordance with § 7, Chapter 606 of the Acts and Resolves of 1941, vote to approve a municipal water rate of **\$3.85** per 100 cubic feet of water as fixed by the Select Board at their meeting of April 9, 2018 to be effective July 1, 2018, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to approve a municipal water rate of \$3.85 per 100 cubic feet.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

This is unchanged from the previous year.

TRANSFER STATION DEPARTMENT

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Estimated Transfer Station Receipts or other available funds the sum of **\$185,466** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the Transfer Station Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,945 from Estimated Transfer Station Receipts and \$9,521 from Transfer Station Unreserved Fund Balance.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDS

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during the fiscal year for Capital Projects, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Chapter 90 funds are distributed by the State for approved highway projects. The Town is required to spend the money before being reimbursed by the state. Since the Town cannot spend money it does not have, this article authorizes the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of receiving the Chapter 90 reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION – COMMITTEE EXPENSES

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation budget, and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of **\$5,000** to meet the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2019 or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2019 estimated annual revenues, for affordable housing purposes, under the Community Preservation Act, the sum of **\$20,000** to fund a grant to the Williamstown Affordable Housing Trust for a Critical Repairs Program in partnership with Northern Berkshire Habitat for Humanity and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this article by a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

The Select Board recommends the adoption of this article by a vote of 4 - 0 - 1.

BORROWING FOR POLICE STATION

Article 23. To see if the Town will appropriate **\$5,000,000** to pay costs of expanding/reconstructing a building located at 825 Simonds Road for use as a Police Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town purchased property with an existing structure located at 825 Simonds Road formerly known as the Turner House as authorized by Article 2 at a special Town Meeting held on November 14, 2017 for the purpose of converting it to a Police Station. A permit has been granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the project to move forward.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000,000 to pay the costs of constructing a Police Station.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED LAND FOR POLICE STATION

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take or accept for general municipal purposes, for no consideration, all or a portion of a parcel of land located off 825 Simonds Road shown as “Property Acquisition” and “Drain Easement” on a plan entitled “Property Acquisition Plan - Williamstown Police Building and Addition”, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and any related access and/or other easements; or take any other action in relation thereto.

This land surrounds the building site of the Turner House property and provides connection to the driveway.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE - POLICE STATION

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$300,000** from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance for the purposes of funding the costs of expanding/reconstructing a building located at 825 Simonds Road for use as a Police Station, or take any other action in relation thereto.

These funds will be applied to the cost of the Police Station. Including a portion of the debt service payment in FY19. In addition, this provides flexibility within planned time of construction project to be responsive to circumstances that may arise over the life of the project. Any balance not used in construction costs or debt service this year, will be applied to debt service in FY20.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance for funding the Police Station building project.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

APPROPRIATION FROM RECEIPTS RESERVED

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$239,163.62** from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Sale of Real Estate in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 63 for the purposes of funding the costs of expanding/reconstructing a building located at 825 Simonds Road for use as a Police Station.

These funds are proceeds from the sale of Town-owned properties in prior years and can only be used for capital projects, such as the Police Station.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$239,163.62 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Sale of Real Estate for funding the Police Station building project.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

APPROPRIATION FROM RECEIPTS RESERVED

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$19,648** from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from County Dog Tax Refund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 for the purposes of support of public schools.

The balance in this fund has been carried forward since 2008 and was collected under Chapter 140, Section 147A. The funds are subject to disposition under Chapter 140, Section 172 which stipulates the purposes for which funds may be expended.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$19,648 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from County Dog Tax Refund for the purposes of support of public schools.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

ESTABLISH REVOLVING FUNDS BY-LAW

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the town by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½, or take any other action relative thereto.

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

1. Purpose. This By-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½.

2. Expenditure Limitations. A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this By-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund, except for those employed as school bus drivers.

B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of the authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Selectboard and the Finance Committee.

3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this By-law shall be credited to the general fund.

4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ and this By-law, the laws, by-law, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of the Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this By-law. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to

each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. Authorized Revolving Funds.

The following Table of Authorized Revolving Funds establishes:

- A. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a Town department, board, committee, agency or office;
- B. The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund;
- C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant;
- D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used;
- E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund;
- F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund; and
- G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this By-law.

A Revolving Fund	B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend	C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	E Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	F Other Requirements /Reports	G Fiscal Years
Gas & Plumbing Inspection	Building Commissioner	Inspection Fees	Salaries & Expenses	None, other than as set forth in this By-law and by Town Meeting vote	None, other than as set forth in this By-law and by Town Meeting vote	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years

Public Library	Library Trustees	Fees and Fines	Supplies, Services and Equipment	None, other than as set forth in this By-law and by Town Meeting vote	None, other than as set forth in this By-law and by Town Meeting vote	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
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Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E½.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

REVOLVING FUND SPENDING LIMIT

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to set annual spending limits for revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law chapter 44, §53E½.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Expend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	Spending Limit
Gas & Plumbing Inspection	Building Commissioner	Inspection Fees	Salaries/ Expenses	\$65,000
Public Library	Library Trustees	Fees and Fines	Supplies, Services and Equipment	\$25,000

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

POLICE DEPARTMENT LEAVE CIVIL SERVICE

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for a special act providing that the positions of Police Officers of all rank shall not be subject to the Civil Service statute; and, to authorize the General Court to make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Select Board shall be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any other action related thereto.

This is intended to offer greater flexibility to the Police Department to hire new officers when a vacancy occurs. This proposal is supported by the Chief and the officers of the department.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

TAXATION OF RETAIL MARIJUANA

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate of three percent (3%) of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products; or take any other action relative thereto.

This is the maximum local option tax allowable for the sale of retail marijuana sales.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

1982 LAND SALE CLARIFICATION

Article 32. To see if the Town will ratify the sale and conveyance to Ronald Broude of the real property and improvements described in the deed dated April 17, 1982 and recorded with the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds at Book 771, Page 568, said real property being more fully described in the “Plan of Land Owned by the Inhabitants of Williamstown Being Conveyed to Ronald Broude, White Oaks Road, Williamstown, Mass.,” dated April 6, 1982 and authorize the Selectmen to take such action and execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary in relation thereto.

In 1982, a Town Meeting article referenced a sketch plan for the transfer of a portion of land at the former Broad Brook School. This article clarifies that a subsequent survey plan shows the same area as the sketch.

The Select Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in four or more public places, as well as the United States Post Office within the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time set for holding said meeting

Williamstown Select Board

Date: *April 23, 2018*

H & S

Hugh Daley, chairman-

[Signature]

Jane Patton

Anne O'Connor

Anne O'Connor, vice-chairman

[Signature]

Andrew Hogeland

Jeffrey Thomas

Jeffrey Thomas

Berkshire, ss:

April

I hereby certify that I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in four public places in the Town of Williamstown, and the Post Office at least seven days before said Annual Town Meeting and Town Election.

Paul Garter

Constable

4-24-18

Date

