

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Held
Monday, May 1, 2006
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School**

**Adjourned Session
Held
Wednesday, May 3, 2006
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School**

At the close of registration on April 11, 2006, there were 5,393 registered voters.

Precinct 1 - 1995
Precinct 2 - 1825
Precinct 3 - 1573

Moderator declared a quorum being present (150) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the 213th Annual Town Meeting at 7:45 P.M. with 356 registered voters checked and present.

Moderator appointed the Deputy Moderator who was duly sworn.
Robert Poole --56B Moynihan Road

Moderator also appointed an Assistant to the Deputy Moderator who was duly sworn.
Carin Kale --35 Rock Maple Avenue

Tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn.

Dale Fitzpatrick --21 School Street
Gerald Fallon Jr. --38 Goodhue Street
Leon Purington --32 Mill Street
James Richards --14 Knowlton Street
Walter Meibaum III --3 Whipple Road
Robert Trussell --141 Railroad Avenue

Moderator reminded residents that if they wished to revisit a warrant article that had already been covered, they would need to make this as a motion and it would have to pass by a 2/3 vote.

The Moderator announced that overflow space had been set up in the Cafeteria located across the hall from the Auditorium. It was fitted with a closed-circuit television and two tellers were placed in the area. Any non-registered voters or visitors were asked to sit in this space unless space became available in the non-voter section of the auditorium.

Moderator made note of the two microphones set up at the front of the auditorium and designated for public comment. He requested that all residents who rise to address the audience state their name and address prior to speaking.

All registered voters were given a distinctive voter ID card when checking into the meeting. They were instructed not to lose or destroy this card. The card needed to be shown for any counted vote. If unable to show the card, their votes may not be counted.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Bart Stevens of Christ Church of Hamilton & Wenham.

Following the invocation there being no announcements, the Moderator opened the meeting for business.

SECTION 1: ELECTIONS, REPORTS, PROCEDURES

ARTICLE 1-1 *Election of Officers and Ballot Questions*

MOVED by the Moderator and duly seconded that the Town vote to elect the following Town Officers and to vote for the ballot questions shown as **Appendix A** of this Warrant at the Annual Town Election on Thursday, May 11, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Winthrop School.

- Town Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- One member of the Planning Board for five years.
- One member of the Hamilton Housing Authority for five years.
- Two members of Hamilton Wenham Public Library Trustees for three years (at large).
- Three members of the Hamilton-Wenham School Committee for three years.

The Moderator announced the vote on Article 1-1 will be by ballot on Thursday, the 11th of May, 2006, at the Winthrop School. The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

APPENDIX A

BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR HAMILTON ELECTION

May 11, 2006

Question 1: Town Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(g)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$140,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town’s net operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Question 2: School Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(g)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$203,397 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton’s apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Question 3: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(i½)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$135,000 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the purchase of a new ambulance and related equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Question 4: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21 C(i½)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$25,800 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the purchase of a Department of Public Works pick-up truck for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Question 5: Debt Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(k)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds or notes to be issued in order to finance the cost of designing, constructing, and originally equipping a new Public Safety Building?”

ARTICLE 1-2

Reports

MOVED by Jim Bryant, duly seconded, that the reports of Town Officers and Committees be received and placed on file.

Moderator recognized Jim Bryant, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to present the report of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Bryant gave a rundown of the night's agenda. He also reported on the actions of the Selectmen during the past year highlighting the work they have done with the Wenham Selectmen and the Schools on the joint budgets. He also talked about the goals and objectives for the Town in the coming months and years.

Moderator recognized Laurie Wilson, Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, to present the report of the Finance and Advisory Committee. Laurie discussed the FY2007 budget process and the need to level fund. She explained that even though the Town departments were level funded, new expenses arising each year created a need for more money.

Moderator recognized Marc Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Board, to present the report of the Planning Board. Marc explained briefly the goals of the Master Plan. He reviewed the bylaw changes that have been done in the past few years and the ways the Planning Board feels they will benefit the Town. He touched briefly on the new Elder Housing bylaw and accessory apartment bylaw the board was presenting later in the evening. He explained a Senior Housing Bylaw would be good for Hamilton to help bring in more revenue, give people alternative housing options, and maintain open space.

Mr. Johnson's presentation was interrupted by residents who wanted to air their opinions on the Senior Housing Bylaw at this time. Moderator Bruce Ramsey requested the residents hold their comments until the appropriate time in the meeting.

Moderator recognized Peter Twining, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, to give the report for the Economic Development Committee. Peter explained the Economic Development Committee is an outgrowth of the Master Plan. The Committee looks for ways to increase revenue within the Town. They have just completed a septic study looking into putting a septic/sewer system in for the downtown area. That study concluded it wouldn't be an economically viable endeavor, however, they are now looking at just providing sewer service for the Bay Road/Railroad Avenue business district. A few years ago the committee began looking at ways to develop the old landfill property on Chebacco Road. Each year they will be taking further steps towards this goal, and he warned residents in a few years the Committee will be requesting funds to cap the landfill so that it may be developed. He said that while it will cost the Town at the beginning, the process will save taxpayers money when a business is able to occupy the land. He requested cooperation from residents and Town boards and committees during this process.

PRESENTATION

The Big Picture

Bylaws & Policies	Character	Agriculture & Open Space	Housing Options	Quality Services & Schools	Increase Tax Revenue	Lower Costs
	40B Policy	✓	✓	✓	---- Done ----	
OSFPD	✓	✓	✓	---- Done ----		
Econ Development		✓		✓	✓	✓
Inclusionary	✓		✓	---- Done ----		
Elderly Housing			(✓)	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)

Housing Goals and Policy from Hamilton's Master Plan

Affordable & Senior Housing Initiatives

- Selectmen appoint Housing Partnership Committee [Done]
- Regulations that require affordable housing in new developments [Done]
- Incorporate density bonus in OSFPD [Done]
- Allow accessory apartments in single family homes [Bylaw Proposed for TM vote]
- Revise Elderly Housing bylaw [Amended Bylaw Proposed for TM vote]
- Help Selectmen find land for elderly/affordable housing projects [Proposed CPA]
- Pass Community Preservation Act [Done]

Establish a Non-profit Housing Development Corporation:

- Form an organization to acquire, renovate, or build permanent affordable housing in Hamilton.
 - Housing Trust Fund done
 - Partnership's Housing Plan in draft
 - need CPA funding of part time manager

Economic Impact of Alternative Zoning on 10 acre parcels

	Single Family Residential	Open Space Cluster with over 55 bonus	Senior Housing Special District	40B Project without Zoning
Lot Size (Acres)	10			
Wetland Area (Acres)	1			
Maximum Number of Houses (in RA Zone)	80,000	5	7	45
Residential Subdivision Pattern	equal sized lots	clustered	semi-cluster	town houses
Open Space Conserved	uniform 2 acre lots	5 acres	2-3 acres	urbanized
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Expenses-Allocated w/Blended Model				
People Per Household	3.2	3.2	1.5	2.5
Children Per Household	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.0
Municipal Expenses (per capita)	1,000 \$ 16,000	\$ 22,400	\$ 45,023	\$ 200,000
School Expenses (Cost Per Pupil)	\$9,125 \$ 68,438	\$ 71,859	\$	\$ 730,000
Total Expenses	\$ 84,438	\$ 94,259	\$ 45,023	\$ 930,000
Net Revenue or (Loss) per house	\$ (36,270)	\$ (34,759)	\$ 209,981	\$ (567,328)

The same net revenue could only be achieved with over 135,000 new SF of commercial space, or adding three more downtown shopping centers.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL ACTIONS

ARTICLE 2-1 *Compensation/ Classification Table*

The Moderator read the motion: to see if the Town will amend the Personnel By-law, as recommended by the Personnel Board, by adopting changes to the classification and compensation plans, or take any other action thereon, or relative thereto. The proposed amendments appear as **Appendix B** to the 2006 Warrant Book.

Moderator then announced there were corrections to Appendix B on page 12 of the Warrant Book to the Classification and Compensation Table for the Recreation Director. The correct step amounts should be: I \$42,250, II \$43,938, III \$45,696, IV \$47,523, V \$49,427, VI \$51,401 and VII \$53,458, also add Assistant Treasurer/Collector—I \$17.31,II \$18.00, III \$18.72, IV \$19.47, V \$20.23, VI \$21.05 and VII \$21.90.

MOVED by Larry Warner, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Personnel By-law, as recommended by the Personnel Board, by adopting changes to the classification and compensation tables, copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk and which are set forth in Appendix B of the 2006 Warrant Book, with the corrections read by the moderator.

Mr. Warner explained that the changes were made to update the compensation to reflect the 3% increase to the union contract that had been signed that day.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX B
COMPENSATION / CLASSIFICATION TABLE FY2007
CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF FULL AND PART-TIME POSITIONS

General Administration

Full Time Annual Salary (except where noted as hourly)

Steps	I Start	II 6	III 18	IV 30	V 42	VI 54	VII 66
Town Administrator	68,418	71,154	74,001	76,962	80,038	83,243	86,572
Finance Director/Acct.(2)	68,418	71,154	74,001	76,962	80,038	83,243	86,572
Treasurer-Collector	49,854	51,847	53,923	56,078	58,322	60,655	63,081
Asst. Treasurer/ Collector	17.31	18.00	18.72	19.47	20.23	21.05	21.90
Town Accountant	42,250	43,938	45,696	47,523	49,427	51,401	53,458
Asst. Town Acct.	17.13hr.	17.82hr.	18.53hr.	19.28hr.	20.04hr.	20.85hr.	21.67hr.
Director of Assessors Office	42,250	43,938	45,696	47,523	49,427	51,401	53,458
Chief Appraiser(1)	49,854	51,847	53,923	56,078	58,322	60,655	63,081
Asst. to Town Administrator	16.03hr.	16.68hr.	17.36hr.	18.05hr.	18.79hr.	19.51hr.	20.31hr.

(1) Currently under a contract rate which differs from the salary in the table. See Contract Rate section.

(2) Less than full time. Hourly salary based on annual salary from table.

Part Time Hourly Rates

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 30 months
Clerk/Typist	13.88	14.43	15.02	15.61
Custodian	14.51	15.09	15.69	16.32
Administrative Assistant	14.84	15.44	16.07	16.71
Facilities Repair and Maintenance	17.13	17.82	18.53	19.28

Town Hall Union Employees

Hourly compensation established by union contract. FY2006 rates shown for information purposes only. FY2007 rates to be established by collective bargaining.

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 30 months	V 42 months	VI 54 months	VII 66 months
Administrative Assistant - Grade 1	13.60	14.15	14.74	15.32	15.92	16.57	17.22
Administrative Assistant - Grade 2	14.56	15.13	15.77	16.39	17.03	17.72	18.43
Police Clerk/Stenographer - Grade 2	14.56	15.13	15.77	16.39	17.03	17.72	18.43
Assistant Assessor - Grade 3	16.81	17.48	18.17	18.90	19.64	20.44	21.26

Recreation Department

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 30 months	V 42 months	VI 54 months	VII 66 months
Recreation Director	42,250	43,938	45,696	47,523	49,427	51,401	53,458

Building and Land Use**Full Time Annual Salary**

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 30 months	V 42 months	VI 54 months	VII 66 months
Building/Zoning Inspector (1)	35,803	37,235	38,726	40,274	41,885	43,561	45,304
Conservation Coordinator(2)	35,803	37,235	38,726	40,274	41,885	43,561	45,304
Planning Coordinator(2)	35,803	37,235	38,726	40,274	41,885	43,561	45,304

(1) Less than full-time. Currently under a contract rate which differs from the salary in the table. See Contract Rate section.

(2) Less than full time. Hourly salary based on annual salary from table.

Public Works**Full Time Annual Salary**

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 30 months	V 42 months	VI 54 months	VII 66 months
Public Works Director	68,418	71,154	74,001	76,962	80,038	83,243	86,572

Department of Public Works Union Employees

Hourly compensation established by union contract. FY2006 rates shown for information purposes only. FY2007 rates to be established by collective bargaining.

Step*	I Start	II 9 months	III 21 months	IV 33 months	V** 45 months
Foreman	18.89	19.65	20.43	21.25	22.10
Mechanic	18.89	19.65	20.43	21.25	22.10
Foreman 2	17.25	17.94	18.66	19.41	20.18
Heavy Equipment Operator	16.39	17.05	17.73	18.44	19.17
Truck Driver/Laborer	15.26	15.87	16.51	17.17	17.86
Plant Operator - Secondary	16.96	17.64	18.34	19.08	19.84
Plant Operator - Primary	18.89	19.65	20.43	21.25	22.10

*Employees move from Step I to Step II after nine months of employment. All other steps are at 12 month intervals.

**Step V becomes effective at midnight on June 30, 2006.

Public Safety

Full Time Annual Salary (except where noted as hourly)

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 30 months	V 42 months	VI 54 months	VII 66 months
Chief of Police (1)	68,418	71,154	74,001	76,962	80,038	83,243	86,572
Emergency Center Supervisor	42,250	43,938	45,696	47,523	49,427	51,401	53,458
Fire Chief	68,418	71,154	74,001	76,962	80,038	83,243	86,572
Fire Inspector	42,250	43,938	45,696	47,523	49,427	51,401	53,458
Asst. Fire Inspector/Firefighter	15.82hr.	16.45hr.	17.11hr.	17.79hr.	18.50hr.	19.24hr.	20.01hr.
Firefighter/Operator (2)	15.82hr.	16.45hr.	17.11hr.	17.79hr.	18.50hr.	19.24hr.	20.01hr.
Health Agent (1)	49,854	51,847	53,923	56,078	58,322	60,655	63,081

(1) Currently under a contract rate which differs from the salary in the table. See Contract Rate section.

(2) Firefighter/Operator holding officer position in Call Force will receive 5% differential.

Part Time

Steps	I Start	II 6 mos.	III 18 mos.	IV 36 mos.
Dispatcher (3)	14.52hr.	15.37hr.	16.30hr.	17.25hr.
Reserve Patrolman (4)	15.75hr.	16.69hr.	17.69hr.	18.76hr.
Fire Equipment Mech.	18.16hr.	18.89hr.	19.65hr.	20.44hr.
Animal Control Off.	13.71hr.	14.26hr.	14.82hr.	15.43hr.
Custodian	14.51hr.	15.09hr.	15.69hr.	16.32hr.

- (3) The base pay differential for evenings (3PM to 11PM) is 3% and for nights (11PM to 7AM) is 5%.
 (4) The base pay differential for evenings (4PM to 12AM) is 3% and for nights (12AM to 8AM) is 5%.

Call Firefighters Wages (5) State Certified Firefighters receive an additional 5% at any rank

Rank	Hourly Wage
Deputy Chief	23.29
Captain	21.57
Lieutenant	19.84
Fire Fighter with CPR First Responder	17.25
Inspector; Electrical/Building	19.84
Probationary Fire Fighter	14.66
State Certified Fire Fighter Level I	18.12

Emergency Center Union Employees

Weekly rates established by union contract. Rates shown for information purposes only.

Steps	I Start	II 6 months	III 18 months	IV 36 months	V 48 months	VI 60 months	VII 72 months
Dispatcher (3)	580.77	615.62	652.56	691.71	719.38	748.16	778.09

- (3) The base pay differential for evenings (3PM to 11PM) is 3% and for nights (11PM to 7AM) is 5%.

Police Union Employees

Weekly rates established by union contract. FY 2005 rates shown for information purposes.

Steps	I Start	II 12 months	III 24 months
Patrolman	707.46	793.50	878.79

- A Sergeant's pay is equal to the maximum Patrolman's plus 15%
 Lieutenant's pay is equal to the maximum Patrolman's plus 25%
 The base pay differential for evenings (4PM to 12AM) is 3% and for nights (12AM to 8AM) is 5%.

Other

EMT Pay (non-union)*	50.00 wk
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*This is adjusted to match the Police union rate.

Special Rates for Occasional Help

	Range of Compensation	
General Clerical	7.00hr.	10.30hr.
Laborer: Light Work	7.00hr.	11.33hr.
Seasonal Recreational Help	6.75hr.	15.45hr.

Positions with an Annual Stipend

	Annual Rate
Plumbing/Gas Inspector	12,452
Electrical Inspector	12,452
Asst. Plumbing/Gas Inspector	766
Asst. Electrical Inspector	766
Asst. Building Inspector	766
Sealer of Weights and Measures	1,748
Registrar of Voters	283
Deputy Fire Chief	1,500
Fire Dept. Captains	773
Fire Dept. Training Officer	515
Animal Inspector	3,787
Chairman Board of Health	811
Board of Health Members	458
Appeal Board Chairman	1,561

Elected Officials Other Than Full Time Employees

Rates shown for information purposes only

	Annual Rate
Chairman/Selectmen	2,879
Selectmen	2,546
Chairman of the Assessors Board	2,569
Assessor Board Members	1,920

Contract Rates**Employee Contracts – Part Time**

	Rate
Building/Zoning Inspector	488.66 Weekly
Chief Appraiser	601.97 Weekly
MIS Systems Analyst	27,600 Annual
Health Agent	40,560 Annual

Employee Contracts – Full Time

	Annual Rate
Chief of Police	98,911 Annual

ARTICLE 2-2 *General Town Appropriations*

The Moderator read the following text: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for schools, highways, and all other Town expenses and to determine the manner of expending same, or take any action thereon, or relative thereto. Note: The proposed budgets appear as **Appendix C** to the 2006 Warrant Book.

The Moderator told residents that if they wished to discuss a line item of the budget, they should shout "HOLD" as he read the item. A note would be made, and that item would be revisited after all the items had been read. He then proceeded to read line by line the budget departmental totals starting on page 16 of the Warrant Book. The budgets for the Selectmen and the Police Department were held by resident requests.

The Moderator recognized Laurie Wilson of the Finance and Advisory Committee to make the motion.

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate the sums for schools, highways, and all other Town expenses which are set forth in the 2007 Fiscal Year Budget appearing in Appendix C of the Warrant Book with the additions and corrections read by the moderator excepting those items held.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

Moderator then returned to "HELD" items. Moderator asked those residents who requested items to be held to move to the microphones.

First Item Held: Selectmen's Budget

Moderator recognized Rudolph Pizzano of 77 Essex Street who requested the hold on the Selectmen's budget. Mr. Pizzano citing a Boston Globe newspaper report claimed the Town overpaid an employee [the Building Inspector] by \$100,000 over a period of six years. He then asked why the Selectmen's budget was being increased by so much.

Laurie Wilson explained certain items, such as the Minutes Secretary and other Town Administrator expenses that relate more directly to the Selectmen than the Town Administrator had been transferred to the Selectmen's expenses.

Bob Bullivant of the Board of Selectmen rose to address the allegations regarding the Inspector General's report dealing with Building Inspector Charlie Brett's time. He explained that Mr. Brett has performed his duties in Hamilton as his contract with the Town required.

There being no further discussion on Mr. Pizzano's requests, the moderator called for the motion.

MOVED by Laurie Wilson and duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate \$35,826 for the FY2007 Selectmen's Budget.

The moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

Second Item Held – Police Budget

Shireen Richards of 14 Knowlton Street addressed the Town Meeting on her reasons for holding the Police Department Budget. Mrs. Richards made a motion to amend the motion on the floor by the town transferring \$20,000 from stabilization to restore the Police Department Secretary to a full time position of 40 hours per week.

Mrs. Richards stated that the Police Department secretary is the first person many people see when they enter the Police Station. She discussed how important the position is to the functioning of the police department and requested residents take this action to save the position from being cut.

Jim Bryant, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, requested that Police Chief Walter Cullen explain the budget cut to the Town Meeting.

Chief Cullen outlined the steps he had gone through during the FY2007 budget process. He said he was asked to cut \$75,000 from his budget. Rather than cut a full time police officer, he made the following cuts:

Cruiser	- \$28,000	
Animal Control Program	- \$6,000	
Animal Expense	- \$2,000	
Police Department Secretary	- \$20,530	(cut from a 40 hour a week full time position to a 20 hour a week part time position.)
Police Overtime Pay	-\$9,600	

Laurie Wilson, speaking on behalf of the Finance and Advisory Committee, said they didn't support funding a salary position using Stabilization funds because that money would be unavailable for that purpose in the future.

MOVED by Shireen Richards, duly seconded, that the town transfer \$20,000 from the Stabilization fund to restore the Police Department Secretary to a full time position, raising the Police Department budget to \$1,339,202.

Moderator reminded residents that a motion to amend a motion requires a 2/3 majority of voters.

VOICE VOTE: NOT CLEAR

The moderator then asked the voters to hold up their cards

**CARD VOTE: MOTION DENIED
2/3rds VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,319,202 to fund the Police Department budget for the Fiscal Year 2007.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$79,000 from Stabilization Fund for highways and all other Town operating expenses.

Moderator reminded residents that because this motion deals with making a transfer from the Stabilization Fund, it requires a 2/3 majority of voters.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
2/3rds VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR

APPENDIX C
TOWN OF HAMILTON - BUDGET FORECAST - Updated Version

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed

**GENERAL
GOVERNMENT**

SELECTMEN

Salaries	\$11,058	\$11,707	\$9,538	\$8,659	\$20,564	\$21,576
Expenses	\$17,903	\$16,833	\$14,546	\$12,812	\$15,350	\$14,250
Total	\$28,961	\$28,540	\$24,084	\$21,471	\$35,914	\$35,826

**TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR**

Salaries	\$97,395	\$103,126	\$104,020	\$109,901	\$117,752	\$121,002
Expenses	\$8,813	\$6,789	\$15,859	\$11,613	\$9,270	\$9,270
Total	\$106,208	\$109,915	\$119,879	\$121,514	\$127,022	\$130,272

**FINANCE & ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Expenses	\$165	\$145	\$-	\$155	\$350	\$350
Reserve Fund	\$85,382	\$82,705	\$106,583	\$63,154	\$125,000	\$125,000
Total	\$85,547	\$82,850	\$106,583	\$63,309	\$125,350	\$125,350

FINANCE DEPT

Salaries	\$67,907	\$72,191	\$75,469	\$77,450	\$80,952	\$117,264
Expenses	\$2,314	\$2,416	\$3,168	\$3,309	\$3,500	\$3,500
Computer Expense	\$52,291	\$51,588	\$45,655	\$55,446	\$59,385	\$59,385
Total	\$122,512	\$126,195	\$124,292	\$136,205	\$143,837	\$180,149

ASSESSORS

Salaries	\$101,752	\$107,439	\$112,855	\$118,241	\$124,603	\$130,083
Expenses	\$9,338	\$8,912	\$10,894	\$9,781	\$10,000	\$10,000
Capital	\$-	\$-	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total	\$111,090	\$116,351	\$131,749	\$136,022	\$142,603	\$148,083

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed

TREASURER & COLLECTOR

Salaries	\$103,014	\$110,413	\$117,421	\$123,910	\$128,192	\$133,001
Expenses	\$41,995	\$53,997	\$46,578	\$51,172	\$51,000	\$51,500
Total	\$145,009	\$164,410	\$163,998	\$175,082	\$179,192	\$184,501

TOWN COUNSEL

Salaries	\$20,250	\$10,125	\$30,375	\$20,250	\$20,250	\$20,250
Expenses	\$22,603	\$24,493	\$55,467	\$51,933	\$50,000	\$40,000
Total	\$42,853	\$34,618	\$85,842	\$72,183	\$70,250	\$60,250

PUBLIC BLDG & MAINT

Salaries	\$25,186	\$26,812	\$27,998	\$29,099	\$31,094	\$31,908
Expenses	\$54,103	\$49,283	\$60,000	\$56,588	\$79,300	\$81,000
Total	\$79,289	\$76,095	\$87,998	\$85,687	\$110,394	\$112,908

TOWN CLERK

Salaries	\$80,582	\$85,190	\$77,126	\$76,353	\$82,769	\$88,239
Expenses	\$7,836	\$5,954	\$5,337	\$4,015	\$5,500	\$5,500
Total	\$88,418	\$91,144	\$82,462	\$80,368	\$88,269	\$93,739

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Expenses	\$16,765	\$21,018	\$18,024	\$27,669	\$16,312	\$16,312
Total	\$16,765	\$21,018	\$18,024	\$27,669	\$16,312	\$16,312

PLANNING BOARD

Salaries	\$26,711	\$20,727	\$23,011	\$23,937	\$32,971	\$33,933
Expenses	\$3,769	\$2,091	\$3,625	\$2,931	\$2,350	\$2,850
Total	\$30,480	\$22,818	\$26,636	\$26,868	\$35,321	\$36,783

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

Salaries	\$19,084	\$20,238	\$21,453	\$22,919	\$23,553	\$24,170
Expenses	\$3,352	\$3,425	\$2,407	\$1,734	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total	\$22,436	\$23,663	\$23,860	\$24,653	\$25,553	\$26,170

**CHEBACCO
WOODS**

Expenses	\$220	\$1,666	\$1,374	\$235	\$1,600	\$1,600
Total	\$220	\$1,666	\$1,374	\$235	\$1,600	\$1,600

**PERSONNEL
BOARD**

Expenses	\$120	\$120	\$220	\$120	\$350	\$350
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$879,908	\$899,403	\$997,002	\$971,386	\$1,101,967	\$1,152,293
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**PROTECTION OF
PERSONS & PROP**

POLICE

Salaries	\$905,724	\$963,900	\$1,099,864	\$1,156,422	\$1,240,589	\$1,253,977
Expenses	\$146,198	\$148,288	\$60,552	\$60,914	\$65,225	\$65,225
Capital	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$28,000	\$27,953	\$-	\$-
Total	\$1,079,422	\$1,139,688	\$1,188,416	\$1,245,289	\$1,305,814	\$1,319,202

**AMBULANCE
SERVICE**

Expenses	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$28,624	\$35,000	\$35,000
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**POLICE & FIRE
STATION**

Expenses	\$28,666	\$38,805	\$38,866	\$38,624	\$32,700	\$32,700
Total	\$28,666	\$38,805	\$38,866	\$38,624	\$32,700	\$32,700

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Expenses	\$3,081	\$3,121	\$3,157	\$2,829	\$3,250	\$3,250
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	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed

ANIMAL CONTROL

Expenses	\$2,178	\$4,928	\$3,247	\$5,184	\$5,000	\$3,000
Total	\$2,178	\$4,928	\$3,247	\$5,184	\$5,000	\$3,000

FIRE

Salaries	\$296,745	\$317,477	\$369,034	\$366,043	\$391,429	\$411,645
Expenses	\$100,267	\$73,757	\$82,430	\$41,984	\$50,000	\$40,000
Capital	\$-	\$-	\$40,000	\$39,934	\$40,000	\$40,000
Total	\$397,012	\$391,234	\$491,465	\$447,961	\$481,429	\$491,645

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Salaries	\$78,696	\$81,288	\$84,345	\$86,418	\$89,657	\$93,567
Expenses	\$12,031	\$10,830	\$11,268	\$10,553	\$10,650	\$10,650
Total	\$90,727	\$92,118	\$95,613	\$96,971	\$100,307	\$104,217

EMERGENCY REPORT CENTER

Salaries	\$189,580	\$213,771	\$233,351	\$249,992	\$267,571	\$280,343
Expenses	\$30,913	\$36,861	\$37,477	\$29,579	\$31,722	\$31,722
Capital	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$10,750	\$7,000	\$-
Total	\$220,493	\$250,632	\$270,828	\$290,321	\$306,293	\$312,065

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS	\$1,821,579	\$1,920,526	\$2,091,592	\$2,155,803	\$2,269,793	\$2,301,079
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SCHOOLS

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenses	\$9,671,950	\$10,140,578	\$10,535,102	\$11,538,118	\$12,355,809	\$12,788,262
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TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$9,671,950	\$10,140,578	\$10,535,102	\$11,538,118	\$12,355,809	\$12,788,262
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	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed

HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY/DPW
DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$346,687	\$352,366	\$374,155	\$388,396	\$396,413	\$423,315
Expenses Highway	\$85,702	\$75,500	\$91,209	\$116,607	\$90,500	\$85,500
Expenses DPW	\$59,901	\$66,099	\$66,273	\$75,563	\$67,200	\$73,200
Capital	\$99,580	\$92,263	\$31,699	\$69,397	\$-	\$-
Total	\$591,870	\$586,228	\$563,335	\$649,963	\$554,113	\$582,015

SNOW REMOVAL

Salaries	\$18,907	\$45,776	\$39,867	\$71,062	\$25,000	\$25,000
Expenses	\$49,101	\$71,784	\$63,523	\$109,014	\$50,000	\$63,500
Total	\$68,008	\$117,560	\$103,390	\$180,076	\$75,000	\$88,500

PARK
DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$45,946	\$47,430	\$49,120	\$49,716	\$41,696	\$53,733
Expenses	\$10,584	\$13,814	\$13,486	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
Capital	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$56,530	\$61,244	\$62,606	\$62,216	\$54,196	\$66,233

TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$716,408	\$765,032	\$729,331	\$892,255	\$683,309	\$736,748
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HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES

SANITATION
COLLECTION &
DISPOSAL

Expenses	\$480,534	\$486,999	\$497,231	\$509,211	\$407,000	\$450,800
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CEMETERY

Salaries	\$36,492	\$37,579	\$38,038	\$37,801	\$54,636	\$53,673
Expenses	\$10,000	\$7,956	\$7,404	\$12,133	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$46,492	\$45,535	\$45,442	\$49,934	\$64,636	\$63,673

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>						
Salaries	\$77,794	\$66,290	\$67,157	\$67,737	\$90,369	\$55,652
Expenses	\$14,978	\$11,944	\$10,748	\$11,301	\$15,996	\$55,460
Total	\$92,772	\$78,234	\$77,905	\$79,038	\$106,365	\$111,112
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>						
Expenses	\$5,100	\$10,093	\$10,225	\$10,302	\$10,302	\$10,380
<u>VETERAN BENEFITS</u>						
Expenses	\$30,067	\$21,274	\$25,306	\$22,851	\$22,989	\$24,847
Regional District Assessment	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	\$30,067	\$21,274	\$25,306	\$22,851	\$23,989	\$25,847
TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$654,965	\$642,135	\$656,109	\$671,336	\$612,292	\$661,812
<u>JOINT PROGRAMS</u>						
<u>LIBRARY</u>						
Joint Expenses	\$430,936	\$470,991	\$466,735	\$384,170	\$453,216	\$481,357
Joint Admin Fees				\$38,640	\$41,801	\$44,755
Total	\$430,936	\$470,991	\$466,735	\$422,810	\$495,017	\$526,112
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$430,936	\$470,991	\$466,735	\$422,810	\$495,017	\$526,112
<u>ELDER VAN PROGRAM</u>						
Joint Elder Van Admin Fees	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,087	\$3,374	\$3,524
Joint Elder Van Expense	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$29,810	\$34,749	\$36,076
Capital	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL ELDER VAN	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$32,897	\$38,123	\$39,600

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
<u>RECREATION</u>						
<u>RECREATION</u>						
Salaries	\$61,450	\$72,047	\$75,527	\$77,175	\$80,423	\$84,735
Expenses	\$7,173	\$15,792	\$20,045	\$20,932	\$22,050	\$22,050
TOTAL RECREATION	\$68,623	\$87,839	\$95,572	\$98,107	\$102,473	\$106,785
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>						
<u>MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS</u>						
Expenses	\$1,813	\$1,838	\$1,900	\$1,860	\$1,900	\$2,000
<u>ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT</u>						
General Pensions	\$358,465	\$343,387	\$370,006	\$394,545	\$408,466	\$458,124
<u>EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE</u>						
Expenses	\$322,077	\$394,668	\$419,237	\$482,308	\$603,835	\$601,835
<u>FICA/MEDICARE</u>						
Expenses	\$54,017	\$57,358	\$58,000	\$58,508	\$60,300	\$62,515
<u>GENERAL INSURANCE</u>						
Expenses	\$86,689	\$115,452	\$146,379	\$158,522	\$151,581	\$151,118
<u>STREET LIGHTING</u>						
Expenses	\$40,802	\$40,975	\$42,665	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$43,500
<u>MUNICIPAL AUDIT</u>						
Expenses	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$19,800	\$21,500	\$21,500
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	\$875,863	\$965,678	\$1,056,186	\$1,158,543	\$1,290,582	\$1,340,592

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY2007
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed

**DEBT - PRINCIPAL
& INTEREST**

INTEREST

Interest - Joint Library	\$111,378	\$97,878	\$95,198	\$83,198	\$78,398	\$73,598
Interest - Moulton St. Bridge	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$4,800	\$2,400	\$-
Interest - Water Filtration	\$94,376	\$94,376	\$84,566	\$79,706	\$74,846	\$69,986
Interest - Police Fire Station					\$142,500	\$231,258
Total	\$205,754	\$192,254	\$179,763	\$167,704	\$298,143	\$374,842

PRINCIPAL

Principal - Joint Library	\$124,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Principal - Moulton St. Bridge	\$66,000	\$65,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$-
Principal - Water Filtration	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Principal - Police Fire Station						\$304,000
Total	\$280,000	\$275,000	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$514,000

SCHOOL DEBT

Principal & Interest - 1988 School Add/Repr	\$76,715	\$78,337	\$78,569	\$133,937	\$133,513	\$127,840
Principal & Interest - 1997 Middle School	\$436,267	\$428,448	\$416,798	\$418,215	\$416,894	\$421,792
Principal & Interest - 2002 Boiler	\$-	\$106,742	\$118,097	\$114,761	\$111,760	\$108,647
Total	\$512,982	\$613,527	\$613,464	\$666,913	\$662,167	\$658,279

TOTAL DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	\$998,736	\$1,080,781	\$1,063,227	\$1,104,617	\$1,230,310	\$1,547,121
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$16,118,968	\$16,972,963	\$17,690,855	\$19,045,872	\$20,179,676	\$21,200,404

APPENDIX C
Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
School Committee Approved FY07 Budget
March 30, 2006

TOTAL DISTRICT	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	1,573,433	\$8,280	0.5%	1,627,271	\$53,838	3.4%
Instructional Salaries	\$9,716,355	\$541,562	5.9%	\$9,957,118	\$240,764	2.5%
Instructional Expenses	\$472,080	\$95,060	25.2%	\$454,859	-\$17,221	-3.6%
Utilities	\$613,200	\$21,200	3.6%	\$755,073	\$141,873	23.1%
Maintenance	\$641,985	-\$51,685	-7.5%	\$650,559	\$8,574	1.3%
Custodial Salaries	\$548,403	\$12,659	2.4%	\$539,811	-\$8,592	-1.6%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	\$407,554	\$145,119	55.3%	\$386,459	-\$21,095	-5.2%
Health Services	\$170,112	-\$8,377	-4.7%	\$169,487	-\$625	-0.4%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	\$2,486,422	\$237,536	10.6%	\$2,746,352	\$259,930	10.5%
Transportation	\$582,646	\$27,320	4.9%	\$601,695	\$19,049	3.3%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip	\$166,000	\$63,500	62.0%	\$126,000	-\$40,000	-24.1%
Curriculum & Instruction	\$60,453	\$14,453	31.4%	\$29,200	-\$31,253	-51.7%
Special Education	\$4,418,011	\$107,702	2.5%	\$4,978,339	\$560,328	12.7%
Misc. Expenses	\$249,830	-\$30,005	-10.7%	\$304,556	\$54,726	21.9%
Gross Budget Total	22,106,483	1,184,323	5.66%	23,326,779	1,220,296	5.52%

Non-Tax Revenues	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Transportation	\$249,829	\$73,711	41.9%	\$331,284	\$81,455	32.6%
Chapter 70 Aid	\$3,092,519	\$30,928	1.0%	\$3,220,895	\$128,376	4.2%
Non-resident Tuition (School Choice)	\$475,000	\$35,532	8.1%	\$430,000	-\$45,000	-9.5%
Reserves	\$185,000	-\$331,834	-64.2%	\$245,000	\$60,000	32.4%
Interest Income	\$10,000	-\$2,000	-16.7%	\$20,000	\$10,000	100.0%
Parking Fees	\$37,500	\$22,500	150.0%	\$30,000	-\$7,500	-20.0%
Rent/Medicaid/PreSchool/Circuit Breaker/Misc	\$270,647	\$125,397	86.3%	\$270,647	\$0	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$4,320,495	(\$45,766)	-1.05%	\$4,547,826	\$227,331	5.26%

Net Budget Total	\$17,785,988	\$1,230,089	7.43%	\$18,778,953	\$992,965	5.58%
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Town Appropriations	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Hamilton Operational Share (by enrollment .6907/FY07)	\$12,331,026	\$823,020	7.15%	\$12,970,624	\$639,598	5.19%
Wenham Operational Share (by enrollment .3093/FY07)	\$5,454,963	\$407,069	8.06%	\$5,808,330	\$353,368	6.48%
Hamilton Debt Offset	\$24,784			\$21,037		
Wenham Debt Offset	-\$24,784			-\$21,037		
Hamilton Total Assessment	\$12,355,809	\$817,691	7.09%	\$12,991,660	\$635,851	5.15%
Wenham Total Assessment	\$5,430,179	\$412,398	8.22%	\$5,787,293	\$357,115	6.58%

Cutler	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	\$136,566	\$7,248	5.61%	\$136,731	\$165	0.12%
Instructional Salaries	\$1,234,009	\$17,662	1.45%	\$1,282,298	\$48,289	3.91%
Instructional Expenses	\$62,050	\$6,850	12.41%	\$58,140	-\$3,910	-6.30%
Utilities	\$72,500	\$8,200	12.75%	\$90,722	\$18,222	25.13%
Maintenance	\$69,085	-\$3,638	-5.00%	\$67,444	-\$1,641	-2.38%
Custodial Salaries	\$73,111	\$1,761	2.47%	\$75,889	\$2,778	3.80%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	\$8,715	\$2,527	40.84%	\$6,254	-\$2,461	-28.24%
Health Services	\$26,503	\$4,381	19.80%	\$26,503	\$0	0.00%
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		\$4,750	\$4,750	

Subtotal	\$1,682,539	\$44,991	2.75%	\$1,748,731	\$66,192	3.93%
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Winthrop	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	\$136,191	\$5,862	4.50%	\$136,356	\$165	0.12%
Instructional Salaries	\$1,292,576	\$55,780	4.51%	\$1,245,271	-\$47,305	-3.66%
Instructional Expenses	\$62,220	\$10,309	19.86%	\$56,780	-\$5,440	-8.74%
Utilities	\$87,000	-\$7,000	-7.45%	\$110,221	\$23,221	26.69%
Maintenance	\$67,735	\$9,114	15.55%	\$66,094	-\$1,641	-2.42%
Custodial Salaries	\$73,111	\$1,761	2.47%	\$75,889	\$2,778	3.80%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	\$9,469	\$2,546	36.78%	\$7,030	-\$2,439	-25.76%
Health Services	\$27,503	-\$20,469	-42.67%	\$26,978	-\$525	-1.91%
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		\$4,750	\$4,750	

Subtotal	\$1,755,805	\$57,903	3.41%	\$1,729,368	-\$26,436	-1.51%
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Buker	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Offices' Salaries	\$129,895	\$6,198	5.01%	\$129,935	\$40	0.03%
Instructional Salaries	\$866,829	\$32,710	3.92%	\$906,429	\$39,600	4.57%
Instructional Expenses	\$41,310	\$7,060	20.61%	\$41,650	\$340	0.82%
Utilities	\$78,200	\$500	0.64%	\$90,394	\$12,194	15.59%
Maintenance	\$64,234	\$13,334	26.20%	\$63,044	-\$1,190	-1.85%
Custodial Salaries	\$75,299	\$1,814	2.47%	\$79,925	\$4,626	6.14%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	\$8,715	\$2,527	40.84%	\$6,254	-\$2,461	-28.24%
Health Services	\$26,578	\$4,381	19.74%	\$26,578	\$0	0.00%
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		\$4,602	\$4,602	
Subtotal	\$1,291,060	\$68,524	5.61%	\$1,348,811	\$57,751	4.47%
Middle School	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	\$242,775	\$9,512	4.08%	\$242,815	\$40	0.02%
Instructional Salaries	\$2,161,808	\$173,658	8.73%	\$2,289,309	\$127,501	5.90%
Instructional Expenses	\$128,700	\$34,842	37.12%	\$96,579	-\$32,121	-24.96%
Utilities	\$139,000	\$9,000	6.92%	\$175,411	\$36,411	26.19%
Maintenance	\$70,413	-\$14,937	-17.50%	\$83,594	\$13,181	18.72%
Custodial Salaries	\$125,238	\$3,487	2.86%	\$112,141	-\$13,097	-10.46%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	\$21,079	-\$2,748	-11.53%	\$16,968	-\$4,111	-19.50%
Health Services	\$43,127	\$1,875	4.55%	\$43,127	\$0	0.00%
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		\$8,887	\$8,887	
Subtotal	\$2,932,140	\$214,689	7.90%	\$3,068,831	\$136,691	4.66%
High School	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	\$318,596	-\$22,572	-6.62%	\$317,846	-\$750	-0.24%
Instructional Salaries	\$3,792,117	\$246,295	6.95%	\$3,867,599	\$75,482	1.99%
Instructional Expenses	\$177,800	\$35,999	25.39%	\$201,710	\$23,910	13.45%
Utilities	\$207,000	\$10,000	5.08%	\$258,825	\$51,825	25.04%
Maintenance	\$110,854	\$9,514	9.39%	\$106,594	-\$4,260	-3.84%
Custodial Salaries	\$159,989	\$3,836	2.46%	\$167,280	\$7,291	4.56%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	\$359,576	\$140,267	63.96%	\$349,953	-\$9,623	-2.68%
Health Services	\$44,151	\$705	1.62%	\$44,051	-\$100	-0.23%
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		\$12,079	\$12,079	
Subtotal	\$5,170,082	\$424,044	8.93%	\$5,325,937	\$155,855	3.01%

Special Education	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	\$164,507	\$5,570	3.50%	\$164,507	\$0	0.00%
Instructional Salaries	\$2,876,513	\$299,491	11.62%	\$2,945,106	\$68,593	2.38%
Instructional Expenses	\$211,034	-\$76,886	-26.70%	\$326,100	\$115,066	54.52%
Utilities	\$24,500	\$3,220	15.13%	\$25,500	\$1,000	4.08%
Transportation	\$296,532	\$39,082	15.18%	\$382,613	\$86,081	29.03%
Out-of-District Tuition	\$844,925	-\$162,775	-16.15%	\$1,128,651	\$283,726	33.58%
Other Expenses		\$0		\$5,862	\$5,862	
Subtotal	\$4,418,011	\$107,702	2.50%	\$4,978,339	\$560,328	12.68%

Central Offices	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	\$609,411	\$2,031	0.33%	\$663,589	\$54,178	8.89%
Instructional Salaries	\$369,016	\$15,457	4.37%	\$366,213	-\$2,803	-0.76%
Custodial Salaries	\$41,655	\$0	0.00%	\$28,687	-\$12,968	-31.13%
Utilities	\$29,500	\$500	1.72%	\$29,500	\$0	0.00%
Health Services	\$2,250	\$750	50.00%	\$2,250	\$0	0.00%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	\$2,486,422	\$237,536	10.56%	\$2,746,352	\$259,930	10.45%
Transportation	\$582,646	\$27,320	4.92%	\$601,695	\$19,049	3.27%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip.	\$166,000	\$63,500	61.95%	\$126,000	-\$40,000	-24.10%
Curriculum & Instruction/Staff Development	\$60,453	\$14,453	31.42%	\$29,200	-\$31,253	-51.70%
Maintenance	\$259,664	-\$65,072	-20.04%	\$263,789	\$4,125	1.59%
Misc. Expenses	\$249,830	-\$30,005	-10.72%	\$247,577	-\$2,253	-0.90%
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		\$21,911	\$21,911	
Subtotal	\$4,856,847	\$266,470	5.80%	\$5,126,763	\$269,916	5.56%

Moderator recognized State Representative Brad Hill to give an update to residents of the FY2007 budget process on Beacon Hill.

Rep. Hill told residents he had good news, municipal aid will be getting better this year. The lottery funds had just been uncapped, providing Hamilton with an addition \$104,000. An additional \$43,000 has been proposed for the Chapter 70 funding for the schools.

Rep. Hill stated he was still unhappy with the lottery funding formula, but said the legislature would be working with the Department of Education over the next year to try to fix it. He hoped that the Town's Chapter 70 appropriation would increase.

He thanked residents and the Moderator for allowing him to speak.

ARTICLE 2-3 *Water Enterprise Budget*

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town approve the Water Enterprise Budget set forth in Appendix D to the 2006 Warrant Book with the corrections as read by the Moderator.
(Highlighted in the table below)

There being no discussion or corrections, the Moderator proceeded to a vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

APPENDIX D
TOWN OF HAMILTON - BUDGET FORECAST

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	Budgeted FY 2006	Recommended FY 2007
INCOME	\$ 781,000.00	\$ 680,305.00	\$ 746,519.69	\$ 748,000.00	\$ 825,466.00
LIEN REVENUE	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 54,910.00	\$ 17,805.57	\$ 56,177.00	\$ 55,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,189.00			
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 381.00	\$ 326.24		\$ -
BAN PREMIUM	\$ 500.00				
TOTAL	\$ 805,500.00	\$ 752,785.00	\$ 764,651.50	\$ 804,177.00	\$ 880,466.00
WAGES	\$ 145,354.00	\$ 142,349.00	\$ 135,976.85	\$ 237,996.00	\$ 256,145.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$ 33,501.00	\$ 34,466.00	\$ 35,019.96	\$ -	\$ -
LONGEVITY-ALL ELIGIBLE EMPL.	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	\$ -
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
UTILITIES	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 68,440.00	\$ 59,993.25	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
FUEL/VEHICLE R & M	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,978.00	\$ 7,541.77	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
OVERTIME	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 33,769.00	\$ 32,164.33	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
CLERICAL OVERTIME	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WELL MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,783.21	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
WATER TREATMENT OPERATING	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 48,721.00	\$ 39,774.92	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
WATER EMERGENCY FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 29,260.00	\$ 35,357.67	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
METERS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,853.77	\$ -	\$ -
DEBT SVC/BORROW COSTS FILTRATION GENERAL FUND	\$ 179,425.00	\$ 174,565.00	\$ 169,705.63	\$ 164,846.00	\$ 159,986.00
TRANSFERS	\$ 119,335.00	\$ 119,535.00	\$ 119,335.00	\$ 119,335.00	\$ 119,335.00
WATER LITIGATION		\$ 96,298.00	\$ 83,315.24	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
WATER ENT CAPITAL PROJ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
RETAINED EARNING TRANSFER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 753,415.00	\$ 795,281.21	\$ 759,335.47	\$ 804,177.00	\$ 880,466.00
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 52,085.00	\$ (42,496.21)	\$ 5,316.03	\$ -	\$ -
FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE	ONLY -	NO VOTE	REQUIRED		

RECREATION REVOLVING	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	Budgeted FY 2006	Recommended FY 2007
REVENUE					
SUMMER PARK PROGRAM	\$ 198,242.00	\$ 160,590.00	\$ 153,050.00	\$ 204,973.00	\$ 204,973.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 198,242.00	\$ 160,590.00	\$ 153,050.00	\$ 204,973.00	\$ 204,973.00
EXPENSES					
PAYROLL	\$ 59,222.00	\$ 57,710.79	\$ 62,799.76	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
PROGRAMS	\$ 104,805.00	\$ 103,080.00	\$ 100,305.00	\$ 144,973.00	\$ 144,973.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 164,027.00	\$ 160,790.79	\$ 163,104.76	\$ 204,973.00	\$ 204,973.00
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 34,215.00	\$ (200.79)	\$ (10,054.76)	\$ -	\$ -

FY04 & FY05 Deficits were covered by previous year surpluses

ARTICLE 2-4 *Water Enterprise Budget Retained Earnings to pay for Capital Purchases*
MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$49,000 from Water Retained Earnings to pay for the purchase of one pick-up truck and one Dump truck for the Water Department.





With no discussion on the matter, the Moderator called for the vote.


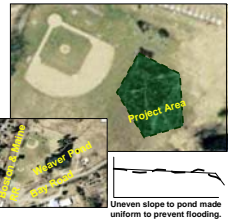
**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 2-5 *Community Preservation Committee Budget Approval*

MOVED by Chris Davis, duly seconded, that the town appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects, community preservation special and general reserve funds, committee administrative expenses, and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2007 as set forth in **Appendix E** as corrected, a copy of which has been provided to the Town Clerk to be incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, but with the correction that the source of funds for each appropriation will be FY2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues, not FY2006.

Mr. Davis began his presentation by outlining the history of the Community Preservation Act's acceptance in Hamilton and the work the Committee has completed during the past year. He then outlined each of the ten funding recommendations the Committee laid out in Appendix E of the Warrant Book. He explained why the Committee feels the Town should fund each of the items.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>What is the Community Preservation Act?</u></p> <p>The Community Preservation Act is a new tool to help communities preserve open space and historic sites, and create affordable housing and recreational facilities.</p> <p>The Community Preservation Act provides new funding sources which can be used to address three core community concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition and preservation of open space, including recreation space <input type="checkbox"/> Creation and support of affordable housing <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Community Preservation Act in Hamilton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Community Preservation Act was adopted by Hamilton voters in May of 2005 <input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton voted to have a 2% property tax surcharge to fund the Town portion of the CPA <input type="checkbox"/> The State contributes an amount that is currently equal to the amount raised by the 2% surcharge <input type="checkbox"/> For fiscal year 2007 the total amount raised will be approximately \$580,000 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principles for Use of CPA Funds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take a longer term (e.g., 3 year) approach to priorities and projects <input type="checkbox"/> Try to fund projects in each of the 4 CPA categories (affordable housing, open space, historic preservation and recreation) <input type="checkbox"/> Fund capital projects for public facilities that would otherwise be funded out of tax revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Set aside a portion of annual CPA funds to help acquire key parcels that will come on the market <input type="checkbox"/> Give preference to projects which qualify in more than one of the four categories <input type="checkbox"/> Fund projects that are consistent with the Master Plan and other Town plans
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Public Housing Renovations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project: Replace kitchenettes in 40 apartments (community housing) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost: \$120,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchenettes are 45 years old • New units will be located at correct height • Shelves added to give the unit a self contained area • Leverage existing HHA funds <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor: Hamilton Public Housing Authority 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Staff to Develop Affordable Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project: Part-time employee to support HHP (community housing) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost: \$35,000 per year <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance and technical support to the Hamilton Housing Partnership • Maximize the count of affordable units in Hamilton • Become the "subject matter" expert in 40B, 40R and other affordable housing regulations • Assist property owners, developers and abutters with affordable housing projects • Provide public education about affordable housing • Represent the town at conferences and workshops 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Repair Ceiling and Heating System at Town Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project: Restore original 1898 vaulted plaster ceiling on Second floor of Town Hall and replace boilers for heating system (historic preservation) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost: \$65,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace antiquated heating system • Stop-gap repairs of the heating system have exceeded \$6,000 last year alone • Investing in a new heating system will lower fuel consumption • Ceiling is cracked and peeling • Town Hall is the most important resource in the Hamilton Historic District 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Repair Town Cemetery Headstones</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project: Repair damaged headstones (historic preservation) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost: \$6,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show respect to former citizens and their families • Most stones have historic value • Improve appearance of Hamilton Town Cemetery • The Cemetery is part of the Hamilton Historic District 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plaque Honoring Chief Masconomet</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project: Install bronze plaque to commemorate Chief Masconomet (historic preservation) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost: \$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a permanent marker at this historic site on Sagamore Hill • Eliminate existing paper plaque • Include additional historic information in plaque • Will seek input/assistance from the Wampanoag Tribe 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Protect the School Street Well</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project: Acquire conservation restrictions on properties around the School Street Well (open space) <input type="checkbox"/> Cost: \$27,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the Town's water supply • Maintain open space and wetlands • Comply with state (DEP) regulations 

<h3>Study the Re-Use of the Old Library</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Project: Study the potential opportunities and costs for new uses of the town-owned building and land on Bay Road (recreation) ❑ Cost: \$10,000 ❑ Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas include permanent meeting space for senior citizens, teenagers and other groups such as Boy/Girl Scouts, etc. and a local access cable TV broadcast studio • Alternate uses of the land could include affordable housing • Lack of ongoing maintenance is threatening the structural soundness of the building • Timing of re-uses will depend upon whether the building is needed as a temporary fire/police station during PSB construction 	<h3>Re-grade Outfield at Patton Park Baseball Field</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Improved Drainage Will Allow More Frequent Use of Field (recreation) ❑ Field Serves Recreation Needs for Multiple Groups ❑ Babe Ruth, Tournament Teams, Inter-town Twilight League, Men's Pickup Games ❑ Opportunity to Leverage Funding From Several Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H+W Recreation Dept., Hamilton CPC, Wrentham CPC • Project Demonstrates Cooperation Between Two Town Recreations Projects; Hamilton CPC will fund \$4,000 of \$12,000 total cost 	<h3>Administrator for Community Preservation</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Project: Part-Time Employee (19 hours per week) ❑ Cost: \$25,000 per year (below the statutory authorization of 5% of annual CPA revenues for administrative support) ❑ Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate annual CPA grant process • Leverage grant opportunities /seeking matching grants • Serve as a liaison to Town departments, neighboring communities and non-profit organizations • Prepare required CPA reports • Administer CPA funded projects (bill payment, progress reports, etc) • Consider sharing staff person with other town organizations such as the Housing Partnership
<h3>Future Open Space Projects</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Project: Reserve for Future Open Space Projects ❑ Amount: \$31,000 (allocated now to meet 10% Statutory Requirement) ❑ Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money will be used in subsequent years to fund Open Space projects • Other 10% statutory requirements for Historic Preservation and Community Housing were met with FY 07 project approvals 	<h3>Set-Aside for Future Projects</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Project: Set-aside funds not expended for FY 07 approved projects (all CPA categories) ❑ Amount: approximately \$254,500 ❑ Benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide reserve for future projects for all CPA purposes (open space, community housing, historic preservation and recreation) • Provide bonding for Town acquisition of key parcels of land that become available under Ch. 61, 61A, 61B • Provide basis for matching grants from other sources • Funds to be held in interest bearing account 	

Margo Druschel of 64 Forest Street asked if the Committee would be able to continue to find the two proposed positions out of CPC funds.

Mr. Davis responded that these positions will not in any way become permanent Town positions. They will be funded out of CPC funds, or not at all.

Gerald Fallon of 38 Goodhue Street asked if Asbury Grove could be included in the Town's 40B [Affordable Housing Stock] property. He asked if this was the case, if CPC funds could be used to fix the septic problem.

Mr. Davis said that both the CPC and the Housing Partnership Committee have discussed this and are interested in this idea. No proposals have been made as yet, however, they feel this sounds like it has the potential to solve some of the Town's 40B problems.

Bill Jenkins of 3 Arthur Avenue asked if it was true that the Railroad Avenue property is owned by the State. If so, he wanted to know why the Town should spend its money to fix State owned property?

Mr. Davis explained that the Town is allowed to fix State property under State law. He said the Housing Authority has struggled to maintain the property and the Committee feels that people who live in the Housing deserve decent facilities.

Mr. Jenkins said he was under the impression that the kitchens were redone in between tenants as each apartment was vacated.

Bob Poole, 56B Moynihan Road, speaking on behalf of the Housing Authority explained the buildings were built in 1962. He said that back then, when the residents moved in, the local hardware store gave them each a free step stool so they could access their kitchen cabinets. He said that part of the kitchens have been redone, however, the Housing Authority has not received a budget increase from the State since 2002. He explained the units are no longer attractive to people, in fact, many people from Hamilton would rather move out of Town than live there. The Housing Authority wants to make it nice for people who live there. Renovating the kitchens is part of a larger maintenance program which includes installing security doors on the outside of the buildings.

Mr. Jenkins agreed, saying his mother had lived in the Housing and he remembered her step stool.

Bob Baker of 76 Goodhue Street asked if the CPC had explored all the available options for State and Federal funding to fix the kitchens. He said he was dismayed because he felt that more of the funds from CPA money would be earmarked for open space.

Mr. Davis replied that he couldn't speak to the Housing Authority seeking money from other sources, but that the Committee takes very seriously the mandate to create affordable housing.

Mr. Baker asked why the Town didn't look into using HUD funds. He said he feels all the CPA money should be used for open space.

Mr. Davis explained the statute requires the Committee to treat all four purposes [Community House, Historic Preservation, Open Space, and Recreation] equally. He said the Committee didn't receive any other proposals for Open Space projects, and therefore they were left with the projects as outlined.

Representative Brad Hill rose to address the remarks made by Mr. Baker and Mr. Jenkins regarding the Housing Authority. He said the Housing Authority has been working very hard with State officials to acquire state funds. Bob Poole and Leigh Keyser have met with both Rep. Hill and Senator Bruce Tarr. Rep. Hill explained more money needs to be earmarked for the capital needs of our housing authorities. Further, he explained Federal funds are not available because this is a State run facility.

Laurie Wilson said the Finance and Advisory Committee supports this article. They feel the recommendations to fix Town Hall and the Open Space appropriations are good. She explained they felt strongly that the salary positions must remain within CPA funds.

Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX E
FY2007 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPROPRIATIONS

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
	<u>Community Housing</u>
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$120,000 From FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Support and Preservation of the Hamilton Housing Authority Community Housing on Railroad Avenue
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$35,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund a Community Housing Coordinator
	<u>Historic Preservation</u>
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$65,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to repair the Town Hall Heating Systems and Domed Ceiling
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$6,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to repair Headstones in the Hamilton Cemetery
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$2,500 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to construct a plaque commemorating the burial site of Chief Masconomet
	<u>Open Space</u>
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$27,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to acquire conservation restrictions to protect the School Street Well
ANNUAL REVENUES	To reserve \$31,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for Open Space Reserve Fund
	<u>Recreation</u>
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$10,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for a feasibility study on new usages of the old Hamilton Library site, such as more Recreational opportunities and/or new Community Housing
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$4,000 From FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to repair drainage problems at the Patton Park Baseball Field
	<u>Administration</u>
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate \$25,000 from FY 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to hire a Community Preservation Coordinator

Anticipated CPA Revenues of \$580,000 (including estimated state match of \$290,000)

Summary of recommendations by Category

community Housing	\$155,000	26.70%
Open Space	\$58,000	10.00%
Historic Preservation	\$73,500	12.70%
Recreation	\$14,000	2.40%
Administration	\$25,000	4.30%
Undedicated Reserve	<u>\$254,500</u>	<u>43.90%</u>
TOTAL	\$580,000	100%

ARTICLE 2-6 *Annual Financial Actions*

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the following financial actions:

- A. Transfer \$2,000 from the **Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves** Account to be used for cemetery purposes;
- B. Transfer \$10,000 from the **Cemetery Perpetual Care A/C** to be used for cemetery purposes;
- C. Transfer \$8,196.58 from the **Clark Property Account** to the Conservation Fund;
- D. Transfer \$119,335 from the **Water Enterprise Account** to the General Fund;
- E. Transfer \$57,135 **overlay surplus** to reduce the 2007 tax levy.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 2-7 *Town Operating Override*

MOVED by Jim Bryant, duly seconded, that the Town to take **NO ACTION** on this article.
(Appendix A – Question 1)

Mr. Bryant explained that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee were able to find the money to fund this override within the budget therefore; this override is no longer needed.

Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
TO TAKE NO ACTION**

APPENDIX A

Question 1: Town Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(g)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$140,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town’s net operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

ARTICLE 2-8 *School Operating Budget Override Question 2*

MOVED by Elaine Carey, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$203,397 to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. c. 59, Sec. 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Wenham appropriating its proportionate share, for Hamilton’s share of the FY2007 operating budget of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District, as voted by the School Committee. A referendum question is included in the ballot for the Annual Town Election to be held on May 11, 2006 at the Winthrop School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The ballot question text is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 2** of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Elaine Carey requested permission to have Superintendent Marinel McGrath make a presentation on this motion.

Moderator recognized Dr. McGrath to explain the motion. Dr. McGrath gave the following report: “Although I am the spokesperson for the District, this presentation is the result of many working people working together for well-being of HW students. These people include the leadership team, the District Finance subcommittee & School committee, the Towns/school budget process committee, David Lash, Hamilton citizen who came forward after the forum last week and offered assistance with the slide development and Chuck Cooke, whom I would like to recognize and thank him for his 24 years of dedication and commitment to the children of the District as a teacher, athletic director and school business administrator.

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 was generated at the schoolhouse level by the HW Leadership Team in conjunction with the School Committee Finance Subcommittee.

As in FY 06, the FY 07 Budget has been developed with the fiscal constraints of the District, the towns of Hamilton and Wenham, and the Commonwealth as key driving forces.

Through our work with the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham in the Towns/School Budget Process Committee (T/S BPC), each of the three entities began its annual budget development process by developing a “level-services” budget.

The work on the level-services budget was more than an academic exercise; it provided the leaders of each entity access to information early in the process which was shared with constituents and more importantly, allowed thoughtful discussion and consideration of the FY 2007 budgets issues.

Like the town, health insurance, salaries, utility costs, and special education emerged as the major budget drivers.

In the case of the HWRSD, the level-services budget yielded an increase in expenses of \$966,920, or 8.6% over the FY 06 approved budget.

We recognized that given the fiscal climate, we could not move forward with that increase and therefore, could not maintain “level services” even with a \$245 transfer from the reserve fund. Now I want to take you to the status of the reserves fund since there are often questions about it. \$324K is dangerously low; too low. And now I’ll take you back to determining the funding gap.

Reducing the level service budget was a 2 step process Step 1 was to make program and personnel cuts as summarized on this slide:

Step 2 of the process was to reduce costs and to then supplement the cuts through a proposal for a school override. I will review the detail of each in the following slides. There will be 2 slides for each level. The 1st one will list the cuts and the 2nd one will list the impact of the reduction. As we review the next slides you will see that \$966,920 is a substantial reduction to our educational program.

Began with program reductions and realized \$264, 242 through program reductions **IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**. Instructional supplies – materials to learn – books, paper, art & science supplies **NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR SCHOOLS**. Technology – much needed technology; becoming dependent on community contributions to provide our students with the tools they need for learning.

Higher class sizes at the High School in academic classes: Currently, 24% of all high school classes have greater than 23 students. In comparison, in FY 02 (2001-2002) there were only 9%. With the proposed reduction of 4 academic teachers, these percentages will only worsen. Loss of sections = loss of opportunity for students.

Higher class sizes in Middle School integrated academic classes. Although most class sizes in middle school academic areas remain constant (approximately 22 per class), with the proposed reductions, the integrated academic classes (art, music, physical education, technology education, life skills and Spanish) will increase to approximately 26-28 students per class compared to the FY 06 class size of 23-24. Other reductions reduce or modify services to students.

Higher class sizes at the Elementary Level: While the reduction of the K, 1, and 2 classroom teachers is based upon a decrease in enrollment, elementary classes are near or at the top end of the class size policy guidelines. Should the enrollment increase at a moderate pace, this means that class sizes will either remain at current levels or increase.

Since most of our schools have only two classrooms per grade, an increase of just a few students has a considerable impact on class size and will require redistricting ten students to other district elementary schools to maintain class size balance.

REVIEW OF HOW WE REDUCED THE LEVEL SERVICES BUDGET: 5th year – think of the compounding effect this has had on the total program. In his book, “Flat World” of the 21st century” Thomas Friedman details the effects of globalization on our country’s political and economic future. To prepare our students for the “Flat World” we need to strengthen our curriculum and instruction at all levels.

In the next three slides, I will review the proposed override which would retain 7 of the 17 cut teaching positions by level:

In summary, the override would return 7 academic positions to the budget. To recap the entire budget: The proposed FY 07 budget being presented for consideration represents a “reduced services” budget of \$23,326,779. The non-local revenues totaling 4.5 million include the reserve fund offset which matches the number in your warrant books. Budget is balanced with the school override of \$294K.

I thought you might be interested to see that even with this budget, HW per pupil expenditures, for the past five years, have been at or below the state average.

The FY 07 proposed budget does not contain any funds to address our recently completed Strategic Plan aimed at restoring and advancing programs and services for our students. The central purpose of the Strategic Plan is to restore, rebuild, and advance the curricular programs, services, and operations that are essential for our students today. The Strategic Plan was developed by community and school members based upon input from nearly 300 community and school people who participated in the focus groups. It is not excessive.

As Good to Great author Jim Collins writes, “Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice and discipline.” We believe strongly that we need to make strategic, thoughtful choices that result in a strong, high quality educational system, one that prepares our students for an increasingly complex and competitive world.

During the past five years, we have lost ground in fulfilling our mission and realizing our vision due to staffing and reductions in our educational program. These annual reductions are detrimental to the core academic program and severely compromise our central mission of teaching and learning.

It for this reason that we advocate for and urge your support of the proposed budget and override for \$203,397 which will retain some of the core services we gained through the FY 04 and FY 05 budgets.

This is a critical time for our students and for our communities. We look forward to working with all of our citizens to provide the education our students must have to confront the daunting challenges they will face, and one which continues to make the Town of Hamilton and the Town of Wenham places where people want to live, to work and to raise a family.”

Following Dr. McGrath’s presentation, there being no more discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX A

Question 2: School Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(g)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$203,397 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton’s apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

ARTICLE 2-9 *Capital Exclusion Police Department Ambulance* **Question 3**

MOVED by Walter Cullen, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$135,000 to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½), to purchase a new ambulance and related accessories, such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 11, 2006 at the Winthrop School from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The ballot question is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 3**, of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

With no discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

Question 3: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(i ½)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$135,000 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the purchase of a new ambulance and related equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

ARTICLE 2-10 *Department of Public Works Capital Exclusion **Question 4***

MOVED by Bill Bowler, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$25,800 to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½), to purchase one Department of Public Works pick-up truck, such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 11, 2006 at the Winthrop School from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the ballot question is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 4**, of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Bowler explained this is to help the DPW replace a truck. The DPW used to replace trucks every few years, but with budget cuts they have been unable to.

There being no further discussion or comment, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

Question 4: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(i ½)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$25,800 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the purchase of a Department of Public Works pick-up truck for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

ARTICLE 2-11 *Public Safety Building Additional Funds **Question 5***

MOVED by Kalil Boghdan, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$250,000 to be raised by incurring indebtedness, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. c. 59, Sec. 21C(k) or otherwise, to fund the additional cost of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Public Safety Building, such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 11, 2006 at the Winthrop School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The ballot question text is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 5** of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Dr. Boghdan gave the following presentation:

“Good evening. My name is Kalil Boghdan, and I am chairman of the Public Safety Building Committee.

This evening we will explain what is be needed to begin construction of the new public safety facility that was voted positively on last May.

Our brief but very important presentation this evening will give you a better understanding as to why we are requesting additional funds to begin construction of this facility, and how the additional funds will impact your tax rate by a very small amount.

Hopefully you received the yellow pamphlet when you entered the auditorium which explains why we need an additional \$250,000 and its tax impact.

We thank the citizens of Hamilton for their past support, and we look forward to your continued support of this very important project.

After almost three and a half years, we are very close to beginning construction of the badly needed new public safety facility. However, we have one more hurdle to cross, that being the additional funds to begin the project.

The Public Safety Committee needs to be thanked for their dedication and hard work regarding this project: They are Bob DeFelice; Dick Flynn; Phil McCarthy; Anne Marie Cullen - Emergency Center Director; Phil Stevens - Fire Chief; and Walter Cullen - Police Chief.

Slide Presentation:

Slide one: The first slide is a graph showing recent escalating building costs.

Has been drafted with no significant input from the full community

- We have known we had to fix our existing senior bylaw.
- We spoke with Wenham planning board chair about what Wenham liked and did not like about our existing bylaw.
- We then proposed amending existing bylaw with minimal changes.
- We held an all-boards meeting to discuss the proposed bylaw and options before the bylaw took shape.
- We have been discussing this bylaw regularly at every planning board meeting since January, and at occasional meetings throughout the fall 2005.
- We held public hearings on the bylaw
- Have listened carefully to public criticisms, letters and discussions and amended the bylaw accordingly.
- The community has not been silent.
- The proposed amendments address those recent criticisms.

Slide two: The second slide is a table showing the increase in the cost of construction per square foot for police stations in the country from last year to this year.

We need a senior housing district downtown
(point made in conversations and not in ad)

- State law (MGL Chapter 151 B, section 4) does not allow housing discrimination for over 55 housing. The only exemption is for senior housing districts that are at least five acres.
- Therefore, we cannot create a SHSD in the downtown area for smaller parcels that might be appropriate.
- We will continue to search for a downtown solution if the town wants.
- Please do not delay action on this senior housing bylaw just because some other permutation may someday be needed.

Slide three: The third slide explains the additional tax impact of a ten year \$250,000.00 State House Bond on a \$500,000.00 home over a ten year. Following Dr. Boghdan's presentation, the Moderator called for the vote.

Density Correlates With Decreased Housing Values
(point indirectly implied in the ad)

- Surveys about density generally do not distinguish between types of density (housing, apartments, retail, office, etc), not the aesthetics of developments.
- Requirement for Town Meeting, OSFPD and Special Permit will burden these projects to be appropriate in scale and aesthetics. Other towns do not have the same controls - and thus their densities might have greater detrimental effects.
- In public hearing comments were made that one or two senior housing projects can negatively impact appreciation of broadly surrounding properties and possibly town wide properties. Has Wenham's Maples restricted appreciation of Wenham's property values?
- Do high property tax rates and overrides negatively impact property values? If so, then senior housing might improve appreciation town wide.

VOICE VOTE:

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
Moderator corrective amendment

APPENDIX A

Question 5: Debt Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(k)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds or notes to be issued in order to finance the cost of designing, constructing, and originally equipping a new Public Safety Building?”

ARTICLE 2-12 *FY2007 Public Safety Building Additional Funds*

MOVED by Kalil Boghdan, duly seconded, that the Town take **NO ACTION** on this article.

Dr. Boghdan explained that this article would have allowed the Town to make the first year of payment for the additional funds, however, at this time they do not know the exact amount that will be. They will bring this issue up at a Fall Town Meeting.

With no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
 TO TAKE NO ACTION**

ARTICLE 2-13 *North Shore Regional Vocational School District*

MOVED by David Ketcham, duly seconded, that the Town approve the gross operating and maintenance budget of the North Shore Regional Vocational School District and raise and appropriate \$198,050 for the Town’s assessed portion thereof.

There being no discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 2-14 *Transfer of NESWC Funds -- Requires 2/3rds vote*

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the transfer of \$172,386 from the Town’s NESWC Account to the Town’s general Stabilization Fund.

The Moderator reminded the residents that this motion **requires a 2/3rds vote** and called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 2-15 *Landfill Site Study -- Requires 2/3rds vote*

MOVED by Bill Bowler, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate \$44,000 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of performing a comprehensive Site analysis at the old Hamilton Landfill on Chebacco Road.

With no discussion on the motion, the Moderator reminded the residents that this motion **requires a 2/3rds vote** and called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 2-16 *Create Recycling Revolving Fund*

MOVED by Bob Bullivant, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the creation of a Recycling Revolving Fund pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44, Sec 53 E 1/2, to allow the Selectmen acting as the Board of Public Works to finance the cost of a recycling drop-off dumpster by offsetting receipts from recycling fees.

Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

The Moderator recognized Senator Bruce Tarr to give a brief report to residents.

Senator Tarr told residents he was pleased to see how many had turned about to take part in the governing of their Town, and recognized the hard work of the various Town Boards and Committees. He told residents that he and other lawmakers were working a legislation to reduce the cost of healthcare. He spoke about other issues the Senate is currently debating and working towards and thanked residents for their time.

Following his speech, the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:07 PM until Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:30PM at the H-W Regional High School.

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Adjourned Session
Held
Wednesday, May 3, 2006
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School**

At the close of registration on April 11, 2006, there were 5,393 registered voters.

Precinct 1 -	1995
Precinct 2 -	1825
Precinct 3 -	1573

Moderator declared a quorum being present (150) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the 213th Annual Town Meeting at 7:45 P.M. with 223 registered voters checked and present.

Moderator appointed the Deputy Moderator who was duly sworn.
Robert Poole --56B Moynihan Road

Tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn.

Lisa Gaquin	--45 Rock Maple Avenue
James "Jay" Burnham	--20 North Street
Raymond Desroches	--306 Moulton Street
Merle Olmstead	--24 Hickory Lane
Walter Meibaum III	--3 Whipple Road
Robert Trussell	--141 Railroad Avenue

The Moderator opened the meeting for business and recognized Jim Bryant to make an announcement.

Jim Bryant recognized Laurie Wilson for her six years of service on the Finance and Advisory Committee. Mr. Bryant asked residents to thank her for her hard work and a round of applause followed. He also recognized Cheryl Robertson who has been the Director of Accounting for the past six years and will be stepping down on July 1, 2006. Mr. Bryant thanked her for her hard work and wished her well in her future endeavors.

The Moderator noted that there are now two openings that need to be filled on the Finance and Advisory Committee and asked interested residents to contact himself, the Selectmen, or Town Hall. He said being a member of the Finance and Advisory Committee is hard work, valuable, rewarding, and necessary to make the Town run.

The Moderator then moved on to the business of the meeting.

ARTICLE 3-1 *Employment Contracts with Department Heads Town By-law*

MOVED by Bob Bullivant, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Town General Bylaws, Ch. III, “Selectmen”, Sec. 10, to add the Emergency Center Supervisor, also known as the Director of Emergency Center Operations, and the Recreation Director to the list of officials whom the Selectmen are authorized to appoint and to execute employment contracts therefore, subject to the terms of any applicable joint program agreements.

Mr. Bullivant explained that this would add two more positions to the list of positions that the Selectmen are authorized to institute employment contracts with. The goal of the Selectmen is to transition all these positions to a merit based compensation system.

With no discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 4-1 *Elder Housing District Revision Zoning By-law - 2/3 Vote Required*

MOVED by Marc Johnson, duly seconded, that the Town *Special* revise the Elder Housing Special District provisions of the Zoning By-law, Section V-E, by renaming the section to be the Senior Housing Special Permit and Overlay District and revising the text of the section to be in conformity with the text included as **Appendix F** to the 2006 Warrant Book.

Mr. Johnson made the following presentation.

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<p>Density Correlates With Decreased Housing Values (point indirectly implied in the ad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Surveys about density generally do not distinguish between types of density (housing, apartments, retail, office, etc), not the aesthetics of developments. ❑ Requirement for Town Meeting, OSFPD and Special Permit will burden these projects to be appropriate in scale and aesthetics. Other towns do not have the same controls - and thus their densities might have greater detrimental effects. ❑ In public hearing comments were made that one or two senior housing projects can negatively impact appreciation of broadly surrounding properties and possibly town wide properties. Has Wenham's Maples restricted appreciation of Wenham's property values? ❑ Do high property tax rates and overrides negatively impact property values? If so, then senior housing might improve appreciation town wide. 		

Following Mr. Johnson’s presentation, the floor was opened to residents for comment. Carol Bullivant, 101 Woodbury Street, addressed the Town Meeting on behalf of the League of Women Voters, who supported the bylaw. She read the following statement: “In general, after completing our housing studies, the league has concluded that we need both greater diversity and more affordability in the town’s housing stock.” Most of us recognize these needs as obvious. Since 1950 the U.S. population has almost doubled... While the Senior Housing bylaw is not a sure fix for population growth nor for baby boomer housing, it seems wise to keep these issues in mind as we plan for controlled, sensible growth. The bylaw seems to be a considered approach to gaining a diversity of housing stock. It offers the possibility of economic diversity and also of age diversity in housing. The league feels that these are desirable features.

Moreover, this bylaw must comply with the Town’s existing bylaw concerning Inclusionary Housing. The chance for the “Inclusionary bylaw” to come into effect and thus offer the town added affordable housing, either in conjunction with a Senior Housing development or in addition to it, is another added plus.

This bylaw will not solve all of Hamilton’s housing problems, nor all of our fiscal problems, but it will help with some of them. It is a thoughtful, careful approach to encourage senior housing. Please support this bylaw.

David Sullivan, 60 Alan Road, spoke in opposition to the bylaw on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He thinks there are other things that need to be considered and more work needs to be done before it is ready to be passed.

Brad Kimball, 160 Gardner Street, is concerned with maintaining open space and feels the Planning Board should look at the density of the projects allowed. He thinks the Town would be better off with more million dollar homes. He said more time is needed to perfect the bylaw because he thinks it could tear down the character of the Town.

Mr. Johnson was granted the floor to address some of the comments made. He said the Planning Board will not recommend building more McMansions. They will not create additional incentives to do that. While houses about \$1.4 million do break even, the Town would actually lose open space. In response to Mr. Sullivan's comments, Mr. Johnson said that Hamilton's seniors need other options. Right now if they want to downsize, they have to leave Town and this isn't right.

Paul Fischer, 11 Savoy Road, asked about the numbers relating to the project and the economic status of prospective residents.

Mr. Johnson told him about one to two projects might get done. The first project would have to be a success in order to trigger developers to build more. Moreover, most projects will always require a Town Meeting vote, so if residents feel the Town has too many developments, they can be denied. Generally, a project with forty-five units will have sixty people. This is ten less than Wenham's bylaw, the Maples has fifty-five units and seventy-five residents. He also said they are seeking a mix of costs to encourage diversity of residents. Developers generally don't want to build affordable units because they make less money so the Town shouldn't worry about a 40B style development.

Peter Britton, 466 Highland Street, supports the bylaw. He feels this bylaw is a good thing and a unique opportunity for the Town with a public benefit through the revenue it will produce and open space it will maintain. He also feels it is a good alternative option for large landowners who need to sell their property.

Joanne Patton, 650 Asbury Street, rose to address the meeting. Mrs. Patton is in favor of this bylaw. She feels the bylaw has been a long time coming and it provides a flexible process for planning. This bylaw provides residents with a fair, safe, vehicle to develop. It is a product the entire town can be a part of to get the right results in the future.

Michelle Stecyk, 494 Essex Street, spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission which unanimously opposes this bylaw. They think it is an "age restricted condo development."

David Carey, 8 Arabian Way, of the Housing Partnership Committee, said the HPC supports the bylaw and the affordable units it creates. Extra revenue brought in by the units could provide funding to create more affordable units in the downtown area.

Chris Davis, 6 Partridgeberry Lane, spoke on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee, and said he has mixed feelings on the bylaw but says residents should not demonize the Planning Board. They have worked hard on this bylaw, and both affordable housing and an elderly housing provision are needed.

Steve Loeper, 15 Ricker Circle, of the Finance and Advisory Committee, said the committee recommends favorable action on this bylaw. If the Town does not make changes now, everyone will suffer. He also said residents should get involved in these processes throughout the year rather than just attend Town Meeting and criticize.

Jim Bryant, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said the Board supports this bylaw. He asked residents to make a choice between higher taxes and reduced services or allowing change. He said that no bylaw is perfect, but this is a good start and if people want to see things move in the right direction, they should support it.

Betsy Hopkins of 62 Blueberry Lane, said that while nothing in life is perfect, though her husband might disagree saying she is, this bylaw is not even close to being perfect, therefore she **MOVED** that the Town send the bylaw back to the Planning Board for further study.

Moderator Bruce Ramsey asked Ms. Hopkins if her motion was a motion to amend the main motion and she replied that it was. The motion to amend was seconded and the Moderator announced that a motion to amend a motion requires a majority vote.

VOICE VOTE: UNDECLARED

The moderator asked residents to hold their voter cards so he could attempt to get a visual count.

CARD VOTE: UNDECLARED

The moderator then asked the voters to stand and hold up their voter card.

**STANDING CARD VOTE: YES 114 MOTION TO AMEND PASSES
NO 90**

The Town then needed to vote on the main motion as amended to refer the matter to the Planning Board for further study. Because it was no longer dealing with a Zoning Bylaw change, it did not require a 2/3 vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

**APPENDIX F
ELDER HOUSING SPECIAL DISTRICT REVISION**

**Section V.E. SENIOR HOUSING SPECIAL PERMIT AND OVERLAY DISTRICT - Revised
SECTION V. USE REGULATIONS**

E. Senior Housing Special Permit and Overlay District

1. Purposes. The purposes of this section are to:

- Promote the development of housing designed to serve the housing needs of the present and past older citizens of Hamilton and Wenham, and the housing needs of the senior members of the immediate families of those Towns' present citizens,
- Encourage greater age and economic diversity of population
- Provide a more diversified housing stock for senior citizens
- Reduce the anticipated negative fiscal impact on the Town which is associated with conventional residential development

This shall be done in a planned and organized manner which will result in such housing being in harmony with the land and the Town and in furtherance of the intent of this Zoning Bylaw.

2. Exceptions from Certain Zoning Requirements. Consistent with this intent, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit authorizing the development of residentially-zoned land which shall be excepted from frontage, yard, shape, width, coverage, driveways, accessory building and area requirements as specified in Sec. VI and buildings per lot requirement as specified in Sec. V.A, and shall also be excepted from requirements in Sec.VI.D.1 (parking), Sec.VI.B.6. (street buffers), and Section VI.H., Site Plan Review, but shall meet and be subject to all other Zoning standards and to the conditions and standards contained herein. Said Special Permit shall be granted only as to a development that meets the below standards.

3. Establishment of District.

- a. Applications which result in a total number of dwelling units of 34 or less shall require a Senior Housing Special Permit (SHSP) from the Planning Board. For applications which result in 35 or more dwelling units, a Senior Housing Overlay District shall be established on a case-by-case basis by a vote of Town Meeting, and shall then be so designated on the Hamilton Zoning Map, prior to application to the Planning Board for a SHSP.
- b. The Owner/Applicant must comply with the following prior to Town Meeting:
 - i. The Applicant shall attend a pre-application conference with the Planning Board to discuss the proposal, the parcel, and the special permit process. The Planning Board shall invite those boards listed in Section V.A.12.5. of this bylaw to attend.
 - ii. The Owner (or Authorized Agent) of the parcel(s) shall prepare and submit a warrant article for creation and approval of the overlay district at Town Meeting.
 - iii. The Applicant shall prepare a Concept Plan for Planning Board review and Town Meeting presentation. The Concept Plan shall consist of a schematic development plan with a standard title block, boundaries of the lot, buildings, roads, drives, parking, approximate locations of wetlands and Conservancy District, existing or proposed easements and trails.
 - iv. A written Narrative shall be submitted stating the name and address of the property owner and the applicant, if different from the property owner; Assessor's Map and lot numbers; a description of the nature and location of the project and the site, including a legal description of the property; complete dimensions and area; the zoning classification(s) that apply to the property; a description of topography, natural vegetation and other features; soils; calculations for Developable Area and density; the proposed building(s) or addition size with a breakdown of proposed use(s); projected parking spaces required for the development, estimated cost of all site improvements; projected public water demand; projected revenue estimates for the Town; a discussion of how the proposed development furthers the goals of the Hamilton Master Plan.
- c. The Planning Board is required to hold a public hearing for the Overlay District as a zoning bylaw and map amendment in conformance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 5.
- d. Following Town Meeting approval of the Overlay District, an Applicant may apply for, and the Planning Board may issue, a Special Permit for Senior Housing, subject to general conformance with the Concept Plan, Narrative, and the Standards below.

- 4. Planning Board Regulations.** The Planning Board shall adopt and from time to time may amend Senior Housing Special Permit (SHSP) Rules and Regulations to implement this Bylaw section. Such regulations shall include but will not be limited to submission and public hearing requirements, plan requirements, such as size, form, number and contents; development standards, site standards, and standards for building placement and design. Such rules and regulations are required and authorized under M.G.L. Ch. 40A, s. 9, and shall be adopted after proper notice, posting, public hearing and vote by the Planning Board.
- 5. Standards.** No Special Permit shall be granted under this Section unless the following standards are met:
- a. The Planning Board shall find that the proposed plan of development is consistent with the purpose and intent of this bylaw, that it will promote the purpose of this Section, and that it generally complies with the spirit and intent of the Concept Plan and accompanying Narrative.
 - b. The area of the tract of land to be developed shall contain not less than five (5) acres, exclusive of the area of land lying in the Conservancy District and the area in wetlands subject to M.G.L., Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as mapped by the applicant's consultant and approved by the Hamilton Conservation Commission. This net land area shall be called "Developable Acres".
 - c. The number of dwelling units shall be not more than six (6) per Developable Acre as computed in item b. above, provided however that the Planning Board may limit density to as few as one dwelling unit per developable acre.
 - d. The site shall have at least the frontage required for the underlying zoning district on an existing public way. The access road and sidewalks shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from any abutting property line and shall be buffered by landscaping that provides year-round screening of the road from the view of the abutters.
 - e. The setback of buildings from the property lines shall be a minimum of fifty feet (50').
 - f. For the purpose of buffering, the site shall be designed and the project shall be laid out in such a manner as to minimize the visual impact of the development from abutting properties and from public and private ways.
 - g. The proposed plan shall provide that there shall be on the site or land associated therewith off-street parking containing at least five (5) parking spaces for each three (3) dwelling units contained in the residence buildings proposed to be built on the site.
 - h. All site details shall be in conformance with Planning Board SHSP Rules and Regulations.
 - i. Not more than 50% of the proposed Elder Housing Developable Acres shall be covered with impervious surfaces (buildings, paving).
 - j. Each building site shall be in harmony with the natural terrain and other features of the site by preserving scenic natural vistas and/or the existing rural or other character of the neighborhood.
 - k. The design of a senior citizen housing plan where diversity in housing unit size, layout, and number of bedrooms is proposed is encouraged and preferred.
 - l. Each dwelling unit shall be supplied with an adequate water supply system approved by the Board of Health and the Water Department.
 - m. Each dwelling unit must be served by an adequate sewage treatment facility or on-site sewage disposal system approved by the Board of Health.
 - n. Each site shall be in compliance with applicable Town and State wetlands regulations.
 - o. A proposal must comply with all other applicable Town General Bylaws, and the rules, regulations, and requirements of all departments, boards, and commissions.

- p. No lot on a plan for which a Special Permit is granted under this section may be subdivided so as to create additional lots and notation to that effect shall be shown on the plan.
- q. Dwelling constructed by Special Permit under this section shall not be eligible for subsequent conversion to apartments under Section V.11.e.
- r. Buildings shall be designed to be consistent with the residential character of the Town and shall be complementary in exterior design with each other and, where applicable, with the existing neighborhood in which the development is located.
- s. Sufficient security must be provided to insure completion of the development and continuing compliance upon its completion with the provisions of the Special Permit.
- t. Utilities shall be installed underground.
- u. Signs shall conform with Sec. VI.E (Sign Regulations) of this bylaw.
- v. Bridle paths and trails should be connected, preserved, and increased when possible.
- w. There shall be compliance with Sec. VI.G of this bylaw, Inclusionary Housing.
- x. Existing buildings and dwelling units may be reused and rehabilitated for the purposes of this bylaw, provided all standards and requirements are met.

6. Special Permit Application

- a. Eligibility. Any person may submit to the Planning Board for approval a plan of land containing five (5) or more acres, exclusive of land within the Conservancy District and wetlands subject to M.G.L., Ch.131, Sec.40, in accordance with provisions of this section, which Plan shall be accompanied by an application of the Planning Board for a Special Permit consistent with all of the above requirements.
- b. Submittal Procedure and Contents of the Application. Each application shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements for definitive plans as defined in the Hamilton Subdivision Regulations, or for multiple dwelling units on one lot or lots, in conformance with Submittal Procedure and SHSP Design Plan Standards, as well as all other requirements, in conformance with Planning Board SHSP Rules and Regulations.
- c. During the Special Permit process, final plans may vary from the Concept Plan, at the discretion of the Planning Board, if the Board determines that the project complies with the spirit and intent of the Concept Plan and accompanying Narrative.
- d. All roadways, access ways, driveways, drainage, rubbish removal, water, sewer and utility systems on the site shall remain private and shall not become public and shall be maintained by the owner or a homeowners' association and not the Town. The Planning Board may include conditions in the special permit regarding this requirement.
- e. The Board may require off-site improvements to the neighboring infrastructure, where it deems necessary, to mitigate the additional load on that infrastructure due to a project.
- f. The Board may impose additional conditions, safeguards and limitations as it deems necessary to secure the objectives of this bylaw.
- g. A special permit granted under this section shall lapse in two years, which shall not include such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, section 17, from the grant thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause or, in the case of permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause.

7. Permit Issuance

- a. The Planning Board shall grant a Special Permit if it determines that:
 - i. The plan promotes the more efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features, water courses, scenic areas, natural vistas, existing rural character, and similar community assets within the general intent of the Zoning Bylaw and the long range plan of the Town than does conventional single family development;
 - ii. The buildings and lots comply with the requirements of paragraphs E.5. and E.6. above, regarding permissible number, size, shape, and location of buildings and lots.
 - iii. The plan protects adjoining premises against serious detrimental uses by provisions for surface water drainage, sound and sight barriers and preservation of views, light and air.
 - iv. The plan provides for convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and for appropriate location of driveway openings in relation to traffic or to adjacent streets.
 - v. The plan provides for adequate methods of disposal of refuse and other wastes.
 - vi. The plan provides for suitable architectural design and a favorable relationship of structures and open space to the natural landscape, existing buildings and other community assets within the area.
 - vii. The plan complies with all applicable state and local laws and has been approved by the Director of the Department of Public Works, and Hamilton Police and Fire Departments.
- b. Planning Board approval of a special permit hereunder shall not substitute for compliance with applicable provisions of the Subdivision Regulations, nor oblige the Planning Board to approve any related subdivision plan, nor reduce any time periods for Board consideration under the law. However, in order to facilitate processing, the Planning Board shall, insofar as practical under existing law, adopt regulations establishing procedures for submission of a combined plan and application which would satisfy this section and the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations.

ARTICLE 4-2 *Amendments in conformity With Senior Housing By-law revision*
MOVED by Marc Johnson, duly seconded, that the Town take NO ACTION on this article.

Because the Senior Housing Bylaw amendment did not pass, this article is not needed.

With no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES to take NO ACTION
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX G

**AMENDMENTS IN CONFORMITY WITH SENIOR HOUSING BY-LAW REVISION
AMENDMENT OF ELDER HOUSING SPECIAL DISTRICT, SECTION V.E., SENIOR
HOUSING SPECIAL PERMIT AND OVERLAY DISTRICT**

Amendments in Conformity:

- 1. Revise the following language from Section II., ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, Section A:**

The EH Overlay District shall be designated on the Zoning Map, and shall be established on a case by case basis by Town Meeting vote as set forth in M.G.L., Ch 40A. Sec. 5.

AND

Amend the line for EH to delete “Special” and replace it with “Overlay”. The line will read:

EH Elder Housing **Overlay** District

- 2. Amend SECTION VII., DEFINITIONS, to reflect revisions shown in bold type:**

ELDER HOUSING shall mean buildings ~~multi-family dwellings~~ which contain one ~~three~~-or more independent dwelling units consisting of a suite of rooms, its own bath and toilet facilities and its own kitchen facility. Each such building may also include central kitchen and dining facilities for providing meals to the residents thereof and their guests but not to the public and may also provide lounge rooms for the common use of residents and their guests. In one of such buildings, a unit may be included for occupancy by the manager of the development and his or her immediate family, one room of which may be used for an office, and, except for the unit so used and occupied by the manager, **no unit in the buildings of the Development shall be occupied by more than two (2) persons, one occupant of each dwelling unit whom** must be a person who is fifty-five sixty (55 60) years of age or over. (formerly 14)

- 3. Amend Section VIII.C., PLANNING BOARD ACTING AS REVIEW AUTHORITY, to add in Line 4, after “...Open Space and Farmland Preservation Development;”, the words “Section V.E., Senior Housing Special Permit;”. The sentence will now read as follows: (revision shown in bold type)**

The Planning Board shall act as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for certain Special Permits as specified in this bylaw, as authorized under M.G.L., Ch. 40A, Sec. 1A and 9 and as the reviewing authority under the following sections of this bylaw: Section V.A.12.17, Open Space and Farmland Preservation Development; **Section V.E., Senior Housing Special Permit and Overlay District;** and Section VI.G.6., Inclusionary Housing.

ARTICLE 4-3 *Rezoning of land into Senior Housing Overlay District: Petition Article*
MOVED by Marc Johnson, duly seconded, that the subject matter of Article 4-3 be referred to the Planning Board for further study.

There being no discussion or debate, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES to send back to Planning Board
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX H
REZONING OF LAND INTO SENIOR HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT

The undersigned, being the owner of land to be affected by the proposed zoning change or adoption and in excess often registered voters of the Town of Hamilton, hereby petition the Board of Selectmen that the following Article be placed on the Warrant for Hamilton Town Meeting:

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hamilton as follows:

By placing the following parcel of land in the Elder Housing Overlay District:

The land in Hamilton, Essex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Highland Street, and known as 350-354 Highland Street and containing 15.90 acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the parcel at a stone bound on the easterly sideline of Asbury Street and the centerline of a 20' right of way (formerly Cross Street, now discontinued);

Thence running North 59° 03' 20" East, 326.24 feet to a similar stone bound in the center of said 20' right of way;

Thence North 63° 10' 20" East, 440.49' to a stone bound in the center of said 20.' right of way;

Thence North 67° 34' 20" East, 217.03 feet to another stone bound in the center of said 20' right of way, as shown on a plan by Raymond C. Allen, Civil Engineer, dated Aug. 29, 1932, and recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Salem, Mass., Plan Book 62, Plan 13;

Thence continuing on the last mentioned course, and the centerline of said 20' right of way a distance of 482.72 feet to the junction of said way with the westerly sideline of Highland Street;

Thence running South 13° 55' 20" West by the westerly sideline of Highland Street, 205. 2 feet to an Essex County stone bound;

Thence South 14° 31' 30" West, 496 feet by the westerly sideline of Highland Street to a steel rod at the southeast corner of the parcel of the northeast corner of the "Hamilton Acres" Development as shown on a plan by Towers Engineering Co. of Lynn, Mass., dated May 1952, and recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, filed as Plan Number 708;

Thence running Northwesterly by the remains of a stone wall and the "Hamilton Acres" Development a distance of 233.40 feet to a corner of the wall;

Thence running southwesterly by the remains of a stone wall and the Hamilton Acres" Development a distance 996.10 feet to stone bound on the easterly sideline of Asbury Street;

Thence running northerly by the easterly sideline of Asbury Street, 680.67 feet to an Essex County Stone Bound; and

Thence North 28° 33' 40" West by the easterly sideline of Asbury Street a distance of 34.38 feet to a stone bound and the point of beginning.

Being the same premises shown as Lots 1 and 2 on plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Hamilton, Mass., Scale: 1" = 50', December 10, 1996, Hayes Engineering, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, Owner: Hamilton Riding Club, Inc.", recorded in the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, as Instrument No. 841 of August 7, 1997, recorded at Plan Book 318, as plan 90.

Being also shown as Parcels 8 and 27 on Hamilton Assessors' Plat 28.



ARTICLE 4-4 *Accessory Apartment Zoning By-law - Requires 2/3 Vote*
MOVED by Marc Johnson, duly seconded, that the Town Amend the Zoning By-law, Section V. A. 11. (e) to add a new Subsection 4., Accessory Apartment by adopting the language set forth in **Appendix I** to the Warrant Book for the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Johnson shared the following Power Point presentation with the residents.

Accessory Apartment Bylaw	Accessory Apartment Bylaw	Accessory Apartment Bylaw
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a method to increase the rental housing stock and diversity of housing options in Hamilton <input type="checkbox"/> Would enable a resident on a fixed or limited income to stay in their home, by bringing in revenue, providing companionship, security, and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Requires a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. <input type="checkbox"/> The owner must remain an occupant of the premises. <input type="checkbox"/> A maximum of 900 square feet is allowed for the accessory apartment and an addition is limited to only 15% of the gross living area. <input type="checkbox"/> Only one apartment is permitted per lot. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a cap of ten special permits per year across entire town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Updating Accessory Apartments Bylaw is a recommendation of the Master Plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Apartments are an important element for "Smart Growth" per Commonwealth of Massachusetts. <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaw has support of the public, based on a feedback from series of articles published in January, and the Public Hearing held in March.

Mr. Johnson explained the bylaw will allow residents to have more options for housing.

Carol Bullivant, 101 Woodbury Street, read the following statement on behalf of the League of Women Voters.

The league supports both greater diversity in the housing stock and more affordability. The Accessory Apartment Bylaw would not completely address both of these issues but it would be a small step of progress; as such, it should be supported. It is interesting to note that when the league studied this issue in the early 90's, we supported a bylaw that seems very similar indeed to the current proposal.

Accessory apartments can work to help our community in many ways— homeowners can garner extra income by renting out either the larger part of their home and living in the apartment or conversely, renting out the apartment and living in the larger part themselves. Older citizens can then more easily afford to stay in our community. Either way, each apartment constitutes one more affordable housing space in Hamilton and as such provides diversity in housing stock and in the citizenry that we can house. Please support this bylaw.

With no further discussion on the motion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX I
ACCESSORY APARTMENT – ZONING BY-LAW
AMENDMENT TO SECTION V.A.11. (e) APARTMENT OPTIONS

Use Regulations – add to V.A.11 (e), Apartment Options, a new Section 4.

4. Accessory Apartment

1. Purposes. The purposes of the Accessory Apartment Bylaw are to provide for a variety of housing choices in Hamilton, and to encourage a more efficient use of existing buildings without substantially altering the appearance and character of residential neighborhoods or the Town.
2. Procedures. Application for a special permit may be made to the Board of Appeals under M.G.L. c.40A Section 9 and Section IX.D of this Bylaw. The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for an accessory apartment provided the following conditions are met.
 - A plot plan and scaled architectural drawings of the existing dwelling unit and proposed addition (if any) shall be submitted, showing location of the building on the lot, location of septic system, and parking.
 - The accessory apartment shall be located within a single-family dwelling or in an accessory structure on the same lot, such as an attached garage or a detached garage or barn, and shall clearly be a subordinate part of the building.
 - The single-family dwelling on the lot is at least ten years old at the time of the accessory apartment special permit application, and no additions or alterations that would have created additional living space were constructed in the single-family dwelling or the accessory structure, as applicable, within three years of the date of application for special permit hereunder.
 - There is no minimum lot requirement.
 - The accessory apartment shall not exceed 900 square feet of gross floor area.
 - The applicant shall be an owner-occupant of the premises, and shall remain an occupant of either the principal single-family dwelling or the accessory apartment.
 - Not more than one accessory apartment shall be permitted on a lot.
 - The maximum number of bedrooms shall be one.
 - To the maximum extent practical, the accessory apartment shall be designed so that the exterior appearance of the building remains unchanged. Addition or alteration shall not exceed 15% of the Gross Floor Area existing in the single-family dwelling or accessory structure, as applicable, at the time of the application. Unless otherwise required by the Massachusetts State Building Code, any new exterior stairs needed to provide primary or secondary means of egress for the accessory dwelling shall be located on the side or rear of the building, and shall be enclosed.
 - There shall be at least one additional off-street parking space to serve the accessory apartment, with access to the driveway serving the single-family dwelling.
 - The septic system serving the accessory dwelling shall meet current Title V regulations and regulations of the Hamilton Board of Health.
 - The apartment shall not be held in, or transferred into, separate ownership from the principal dwelling under a condominium form of ownership, or otherwise.
 - The Board of Appeals shall not issue more than ten (10) accessory apartment special permits under this Section in any 12-month period.
3. Other Provisions

There is no minimum lot area requirement.
No construction shall commence without issuance of a building permit by the Building Inspector, and there shall be no use or occupancy of the accessory apartment until the Building Inspector has issued a certificate of occupancy.

ARTICLE 4-5 *Site Plan Review Amendment Zoning By-law - Requires 2/3rds Vote*
MOVED by Marc Johnson, duly seconded, that the Town Amend the Zoning By-law, Section V.H. by adopting the language set forth in **Appendix J** to the Warrant Book for the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

With no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
 DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

**APPENDIX J
AMENDMENTS TO SITE PLAN REVIEW, SECTION VI.H.**

The following amendments are proposed:

In Section VI.H.3.a."...shall file **13** copies", is revised to read "...shall file **21** copies",

in line 6 after "Board of Appeals", add "**eight copies to the Planning Board**", and in line 7 after "Building Inspector" delete "Planning Board", and after "Building Inspector" add "**Director of Department of Public Works**".

Delete "Handicap Coordination Committee" and replace it with "**Office on Disability**".

Add a sentence at the end of the paragraph which reads: **An electronic copy of the application, including plans and drawings, shall also be submitted at the time of application, unless waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

The text would read as follows: (revisions in bold)

3.a.1. Except for those proposals eligible for Abbreviated Site Plan Review (2.b above), the applicant shall file **21** copies of all Site Plan Review materials as specified below, accompanied by a fee of \$75 plus \$50 for each 1000 square feet of new floor area created. The application shall be submitted to the Town Clerk. The application will not be considered legally submitted, for purposes of starting the review "clock", until it is complete and all copies are submitted. The Town Clerk shall thereafter forward five copies to the Board of Appeals, **eight copies to the Planning Board**, and one copy each to the Building Inspector, **Department of Public Works**, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Police/Fire Dept., **and Office on Disability** for their comments, retaining one copy for the Town Clerk file. **An electronic copy of the application, including plans and drawings, shall also be submitted at the time of application, unless waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

ARTICLE 5-1 *Town Easements*

The article as read by the moderator, “To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to discontinue any rights the Town may have on certain easements, paper roads, and rights of way, and authorize the Selectmen to sell, restrict or otherwise dispose of parcels of Town owned land, on such terms as maybe acceptable to the Selectmen, as set forth in Appendix K to the 2006 Warrant Book or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

The moderator then read the following corrections to Appendix K:

LAND Map/Parcel 47/91	change Hatfield Dr. to Hatfield ROAD
PAPER ROADS Map 46	change Gifford Ave. to Gifford ROAD
Map 54	change Perkins Rd. to Perkins AVENUE
ROWS & EASEMENTS	
Map 46	change Gibney Ave. to Gibney STREET
Map 60	change Norris Ave. to Norris ROAD”

MOVED by Bill Bowler, duly seconded, that the town authorize the Selectmen to discontinue any rights the Town may have on certain easements, paper roads, and rights of way, and authorize the Selectmen to sell, restrict or otherwise dispose of parcels of Town owned land, on such terms as maybe acceptable to the Selectmen, as set forth in Appendix K to the 2006 Warrant Book, with the corrections read by the moderator and with the following further correction removing the following parcels:

<u>LAND</u>	<u>MAP/PARCEL</u>	<u>ROAD</u>
	59/51	Forest St.
	66/25	Forest St.
	66/71	Birch Rd.
	66/92, 93, 94, 95	Lake Shore Dr.
	66/144	Forest St.
<u>RIGHTS OF WAY (R.O.W.) AND EASEMENTS</u>		
	60	R.O.W. end of Norris Ave. (parcel #139)

Mr. Bowler explained that the Town does not own these parcels of land but owns easements or other rights that affect the rights of the other owners of the parcels. Many of these were originally intended to be streets. The Town’s rights are no longer needed and the parcels will not be made streets. The Department of Public Works Director, Steve Kenny, researched the parcels and determined it would be more beneficial for the Town to sell, abandon or otherwise disband the Town’s rights for use of the property. Currently, many homeowners have taken over the use of the properties anyhow, but this formal renunciation of the Town’s legal rights on the property will allow the Town to be exempt from any liability for conduct on the land, and any requirement to maintain it. It will save the DPW workers from having to remove trees or otherwise maintain these parcels. The parcels that have been deleted are in the Chebacco Road area have been removed at the request of abutters in the area.

Charles Bencal, 3 Beech Street, feels there has not been enough time for residents in the Chebacco Road area to review this proposal and it should be held until people have a chance to determine how their property values will be affected.

Mr. Bowler responded to Mr. Bencal’s concerns by saying all the Town is doing is giving up its right to build on the property. Any previously existing rights of way, etc. that are held by residents will not change. Further, all the parcels in the Chebacco Lake area have already been removed from the motion already.

Ms. Cecelia Ragusa of 204 Forest Street **MOVED** that the Town amend the motion to remove the paper roads listed on map 66. The motion to amend was seconded.

The moderator read the motion by Ms. Ragusa to amend the main motion as follows, “That the Town remove the Paper Roads on Map 66 listed in Appendix K from the list.”

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

Residents were then asked to vote on the main motion by Bill Bowler, as amended to allow the selectmen to sell, restrict, or otherwise dispose of the remaining properties on the list. The moderator noted that a 2/3rds vote was required for passage.

VOICE VOTE: NOT CLEAR

The Moderator then asked the voters to hold up the voter cards.

CARD VOTE: NOT CLEAR

The Moderator then asked residents to stand with their cards.

**STANDING CARD VOTE: YES 95
NO 32
MOTION PASSES 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

The Selectmen now have authority to discontinue any rights of the Town on the following parcels:

LAND

<u>Map/Parcel</u>	<u>Road</u>
47/191	Hatfield Rd.
54/6	Lake Dr.
54/57	Lake Dr.
72/6	Chebacco Rd.

PAPER ROADS

<u>Map</u>	<u>Road</u>
46	Spring Ave. (from parcel #45 to #48)
46	Everett Ave. (entire length)
46	Harris Ave. (Gifford Rd. to termination)
46	Adam’s St. (any remaining sections)
54	Unnamed road between parcels #4 and #5)
54	Hemlock Dr. (entire length)
54	Idlewood Ave. (between Perkins Rd. & Lake Dr.)
55	Bishop St. (entire length)
57	Margaret Rd. (between parcels #88 & #69)

RIGHTS OF WAY (R.O.W.) & EASEMENTS

<u>Map</u>	<u>Road</u>
46	R.O.W. Between Highland St. & Gibney St.
56	Drain Easement between parcels #41 & #42

APPENDIX K
TOWN LAND, PAPER ROADS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS

LAND

<u>MAP/PARCEL</u>	<u>ROAD</u>
47/191	Hatfield Dr.
54/6	Lake Dr.
54/57	Lake Dr.
59/51	Forest St.
66/25	Forest St.
66/71	Birch Rd.
66/92, 93, 94, 95	Lake Shore Dr.
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54	Hemlock Dr. (entire length)
54	Idlewood Ave (between Perkins Rd. & Lake Dr.)
55	Bishop St. (entire length)
57	Margaret Rd. (between parcels #88 & #69)
66	Beech St . (triangular piece next to parcel #130)
66	Forest St. (end of road, between parcels #125 & #126)
66	Cullivan Ln. (entire length)
66	Rapp Rd. (entire length)

RIGHTS OF WAY (R.O.W.) & EASEMENTS

<u>MAP</u>	<u>ROAD</u>
46	R.O.W. Between Highland St. & Gibney Ave.
56	Drain Easement between parcels #41 & #42
60	R.O.W. end of Norris Ave. (parcel #139)

ARTICLE 5-2 *Tax Policy*

MOVED by Bill Bowler, duly seconded, that the Town reduce to 5 % the interest rate charged on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under G.L. c. 59, § 5 (41A) as amended by Ch. 136, § 1 of the Acts of 2005 commencing July 1, 2006.

Comes from the Home Rule Petition the Town filed a few years ago to give the Town the chance to change the rate for seniors so that it will be more desirable for them. It must be done each year.

Davis Lash, 73 Lake Shore Avenue, wants to know if the Town can use an index approach.

Mr. Bowler said the Town Counsel and Department of Revenue request that the rate be set each year. The Town will have an annual opportunity to change the rate.

With no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 5-3 *Assessors Minimum Value For Personal Property*

MOVED by Bob Bullivant, duly seconded, that the Town accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, cl. 54 to allow the Town to establish a minimum value of Personal Property subject to taxation of not less than \$2,000 commencing July 1, 2006.

Changes the lower tax values by raising the tax threshold and saves the Town from sending out excessive bills for lower tax items.

Peter Twining, 31 Woodbury Street, asked what type of property this is.

Mr. Bullivant said it applies to personal property in a business setting such as the cottages in Asbury Grove.

Jeanette Beauregard, 50 Hamilton Avenue, asked if this is just excise tax.

Mr. Bullivant said no, examples of this include horses and the contents of seasonal cottages in Asbury Grove. He asked for assistance from Chairman of the Board of Assessors Robert Trussell.

Robert Trussell, 141 Railroad Avenue, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, a few years ago the Town tried to not tax personal property up to \$1000. The Department of Revenue told the Assessors they had to tax that property. Since then the Department of Revenue has instituted a new law that Towns may eliminate personal property taxes anywhere from zero to ten thousand dollars. Personal property includes the contents of summer cottages, ponies, jackasses, and horses and businesses. They had been assessing the Asbury Grove furnishings for around \$1000. Last year the Department of Revenue gave them a hard time, and the furnishings now average \$500. So it's only on the furniture and fixtures summer cottages, and small horses.

Tom Rogers, 173 Sagamore Street, wants to know if computers, office equipment, and other business assets are subject to the provisions of this tax.

Mr. Trussell responded that it would effect businesses that have property with a value over \$2000, but not if it's in a home.

Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

ARTICLE 5-4 *Mutual Aid for Hazardous Materials*

MOVED by Bob Bullivant, duly seconded, that the Town, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 4A, authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute a mutual aid agreement for the management of hazardous materials incidents, with terms acceptable to the Selectmen, consistent with the model set forth in Appendix L to the 2006 Warrant Book, or as further amended by the Board of Selectmen.

This extends the model of mutual aid protections that are currently available to the Police and Fire, to the Board of Health if something such as a chemical spill occurred. This is being set up through communities in the Merrimack Valley. By establishing this mutual aid for hazardous materials, if an incident occurs in one community, the surrounding communities can help out and each individual community won't have to purchase all the equipment.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

APPENDIX L

MUTUAL AID FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Mutual Aid Agreement among municipalities in the Merrimack Valley Regional Local Emergency Planning Committee.

This Mutual Aid Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the public health agencies of the following cities and towns: Haverhill, Andover, Lawrence, Groveland, Ipswich, North Andover, Methuen, Hamilton and Middleton.

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for mutual aid and assistance between the municipalities entering into the Agreement when the resources normally available to a municipality are not sufficient to cope with a situation which requires a response to a hazardous materials incident. The health and well being of a community will best be protected through the concerted efforts of multiple agencies providing assistance to one another. The promotion and coordination of this assistance through this Agreement is desirable for the effective and efficient provision of mutual aid and assistance.

This Agreement is in no way intended to substitute for the ordinary activities of any city or town. The parties intend that designees from the Sending Agency will not operate as the sole personnel of the Receiving Agency.

Section 2: Authority

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A, mutual aid agreements may be made among municipalities or municipal agencies, with the authorization of the City Council and Mayor in a city, and of Town Meeting in a town.

Section 3: Definitions

Authorized Representative means an official of a signatory entity who is authorized to request, offer, or otherwise provide assistance under this Agreement, and is authorized by law to execute a contract in the name of a governmental unit. A member/designee of the municipality, if so authorized shall be the authorized representative.

If a member/designee of the municipality is not authorized, the authorized representative shall be the chief executive officer or other officer so authorized; and this officer shall work jointly with a member/designee of the municipality.

Mutual Aid means aid to another municipality in the form of personnel, equipment, facilities, services, supplies, or other resources appropriate to police, fire, emergency management, EMS, hospital, health, public works, and school programs.

Receiving Agency means the municipality requesting mutual aid from another municipality.

Regional LEPC means any municipality as a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional LEPC.

Sending Agency means the municipality that provides mutual aid to another municipality.

Section 4: Other Agreements

This Agreement recognizes and does not supersede present and future mutual aid agreements or inter municipal agreements among the signatories of this Agreement.

This Agreement does not limit any party jurisdiction's ability to enter into mutual aid agreements in the future with neighboring municipalities.

Section 5: Requests for Assistance

1. The municipality of each party jurisdiction shall designate an authorized representative in accordance with Section 3. The authorized representative of a Receiving Agency may request the assistance of another party jurisdiction by contacting the authorized representative of that jurisdiction. The authorized representative of a Sending Agency may authorize the sending of mutual aid.

2. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply only to requests for assistance made by and to the authorized representative.

A. Requests may be verbal or in writing.

B. If verbal, the request shall be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible date, but no later than 10 calendar days following the verbal request.

C. Written requests shall provide the following information:

(1) A description of the function for which assistance is needed;

(2) The amount and type of personnel, equipment, materials, services, supplies, and/or other resources needed, and a reasonable estimate of the length of time they will be needed; and

(3) The specific place and time for staging of the Sending Agency's response and a point of contact at that location.

D. The parties recognize that especially during an emergency, the requirements for protection of the public health and safety may require work, services, or supplies beyond that contained either in an oral or written request (confirmation). Nothing in this Agreement should be construed to limit the ability of either agency or its personnel to respond in any manner necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety. To the extent such services or supplies are extended, the provisions of this Agreement shall apply.

Section 6: Limitations

1. The provision of mutual aid is voluntary. Neither the Sending nor Receiving Agency shall be required to deplete its own resources.

2. The extent of assistance to be furnished under this Agreement shall be determined solely by the Sending Agency, and the assistance furnished may be recalled at the sole discretion of the Sending Agency; provided however, that the Receiving Agency shall determine the scope of services to be delivered by the Sending Agency. Unless otherwise specified by the Receiving Agency in its request for assistance or otherwise, persons from the Sending Agency shall have the same legal enforcement authority in the receiving community as other persons serving in similar capacities in the Receiving Agency.

Section 7: Supervision and Control

1. Personnel sent to assist another community under this Agreement will continue under the command and control of their regular supervisors, but they will come under the operational control of the Receiving Agency. The Receiving Agency may use an incident command system (ICS) or unified command system.

2. Employees shall remain employees of their own agencies at all times. Each agency, sending or receiving, shall be responsible for its own employees' wages, benefits, and similar obligations.

Section 8: Powers and Rights

Each Receiving Agency shall afford to the personnel of any Sending Agency operating within the Receiving Agency's jurisdiction the same powers and rights as are afforded to like personnel of the Receiving Agency.

Section 9: Liability

1. Each party shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its own employees and not for the employees of any other agency in the performance of this Agreement to the extent provided by the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act, M.G.L. c. 258. Each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other parties to this Agreement from liability resulting from the acts and omissions of its own employees, including travel, in the performance of this Agreement to the extent the indemnifier would otherwise be liable under a direct claim pursuant to M. G.L. c. 258.

2. By entering into this Agreement, none of the parties have waived any governmental immunity or limitation of damages which may be extended to them by operation of law.

3. This Agreement is by and between the municipalities which have executed it. Each states that it is intended for their mutual benefit alone and is not intended to confer any express or implied benefits on any other person. This Agreement is not intended to confer third party beneficiary status on any person.

Section 10: Workers Compensation

If applicable, each party jurisdiction shall provide for the payment of workers compensation and death benefits to the personnel of its own jurisdiction.

Section 11: Reimbursement

1. Under this Agreement, there is no expectation of automatic or contractual reimbursement for the provision of any mutual aid. However, the parties may develop compensation agreements separately or within the context of this Agreement.

2. In the event of an emergency requiring state or federal assistance, Sending and Receiving Agencies may apply for any type of state or federal assistance.

3. In any fiscal year in which a Sending Agency provides service to a Receiving Agency under this Agreement, both agencies shall keep records appropriate to record the services performed, costs incurred, and reimbursements and contributions received. Such records shall be available for, and shall be subject to, audit as is otherwise required by law for municipal financial records. Such records shall also be summarized in a financial statement that will be issued to the Receiving Agency, and to any other participant in the Agreement upon request.

Section 12: Implementation

1. This Agreement shall be binding and in effect after it is signed in accordance with the local charter or bylaws, and upon its approval by the legislative body, of any two municipalities.

2. Additional parties may join this Agreement upon acceptance and execution of it.

Section 13: Term of Agreement

This Agreement is to remain in effect for twenty-five years from the date of execution, at which time it may be extended in accordance with Massachusetts law. Any party may withdraw from this Agreement at any time by sending fourteen (14) days' prior written notice to all other parties. This Agreement shall continue to be in effect among the remaining parties.

Section 14: Severability

Should any portion of this Agreement be judged to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder of this Agreement, and for this purpose the provisions of this Agreement are declared severable.

[City/Town] of

By:

[Title and Agency]

Date:

Approved as to form:

Date:

[Name] City Town Counsel

Approved by [Appropriate Executive Officer]:

Date:

[Recommend to add as exhibits, documents reflecting the votes or authorizations for each municipality to join the agreement]

ARTICLE 6-1 *Free Cash Application*

MOVED by Laurie Wilson, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate and authorize the Assessors to use \$142,026 of available certified free cash to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006.

Ms. Wilson took this opportunity to thank everyone she has worked with during her time on the Finance and Advisory Committee.

With no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
DECLARED BY MODERATOR**

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 10:15 P.M. until Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7 o'clock a.m. at the Winthrop School.

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
Held
Thursday, May 11, 2006
Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA**

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Moderator Bruce Ramsey.
At the close of Voter Registration on April 11, 2006 there were 5,393 registered voters.

BALLOTS CAST	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Ballots	554	647	430	1,631

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Moderator 1 year				
Blanks	88	108	61	257
Bruce C. Ramsey	455	533	367	1355
Write-ins	1	6	2	9
Selectman 3 years				
Blanks	120	139	86	345
Richard A. Low	420	505	339	1264
Write-ins	4	3	5	12
Board of Assessors 3 years				
Blanks	129	168	93	390
Steven G Ozahowski	413	476	335	1224
Write-ins	2	3	2	7
Planning BD Vote for 1 5 years				
Blanks	79	97	59	235
Evelyn H. Shuman	331	380	291	1002
Walter C. Meibaum III	132	169	80	381
Write-ins	2	1	0	3
Housing Authority 5 years				
Blanks	138	162	113	413
James W. Burnham	405	483	311	1199
Write-ins	1	2	6	9
H-W Library Trustee at Large				
Vote for 2 3 years				
Blanks	216	281	180	677
Annette V. Janes	444	466	328	1238
Elizabeth M. Stanton	311	399	257	967
Virginia M. Cookson	116	146	94	356
Write-ins	1	2	1	4
H-W Regional School Committee				
Vote for 3 3 years				
Blanks	599	634	410	1643
Alexa McCloughan	332	426	280	1038
John Joseph O'Keefe	345	432	292	1069
Laurie J. Wilson	345	435	304	1084
Write-ins	11	14	4	29

Town Operating Override

Question 1: Town Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(g)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$146,723 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town’s net operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Blanks	22	46	94	162
YES	254	304	189	747
NO	268	297	147	712

School Override

Question 2: School Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(g)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$203,397 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton’s apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Blanks	3	1	5	9
YES	264	366	257	887
NO	277	280	168	725

Question 3: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(i ½)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$135,000 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the purchase of a new ambulance and related equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?” (Ambulance)

Blanks	8	14	11	33
YES	327	374	257	958
NO	209	259	162	630

Pick-up Truck

Question 4: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(i ½)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional \$25,800 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the purchase of a Department of Public Works pick-up truck for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?”

Blanks	9	21	14	44
YES	295	332	233	860
NO	240	294	183	717

Public Safety Building

Question 5: Debt Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C(k)

“Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds or notes to be issued in order to finance the cost of designing, constructing, and originally equipping a new Public Safety Building?”

Blanks	6	13	17	36
YES	335	361	251	947
NO	203	273	162	638

H-W School Committee	Hamilton	Wenham	
Alexa McCloughan	1038	557	1595
John Joseph O'Keefe	1069	561	1630
Laurie J. Wilson	1084	594	1678
Blanks	1643	844	2487
Write-ins	29	15	44
	4863	2571	

H-W Library Trustee at Large	Hamilton	Wenham	
Blanks	677	428	1105
Annette V. Janes	1238	585	1823
Elizabeth M. Stanton	967	500	1467
Virginia M. Cookson	356	198	554
Write-ins	4	3	7

Polls closed at 8:00 PM. Results were announced by Moderator Bruce Ramsey at 9:40 PM.

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
STATE PRIMARY
Held
September 19, 2006
Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA**

At the close of voter registration, August 30, 2006 there were 5,428 Active & Inactive Registered Voters.

PARTY	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Democrat	364	340	211	915
Green Party- USA	0	0	1	1
Green-Rainbow	3	1	2	6
Inter. 3Rd Party	4	4	2	10
Libertarian	8	5	7	20
Reform	1	0	0	1
Republican	386	439	564	1,389
Unenrolled	1,233	1,046	807	3,086
Totals	1,999	1,835	1,594	5,428

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by the Moderator Bruce Ramsey. A total of 1,246 ballots were cast:

PARTY	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Democrat	439	393	231	1,063
Republican	66	71	46	183
Totals	505	464	277	1,246

DEMOCRAT PARTY

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Senator in Congress				
Blanks	101	77	42	220
Edward M. Kennedy	336	312	189	837
Write-ins	2	4	0	6
Governor				
Blanks	1	1	0	2
Christopher F. Gabriell	125	115	76	316
Deval L. Patrick	250	217	129	596
Thomas F. Reilly	63	60	26	149
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Lieutenant Governor				
Blanks	54	35	38	127
Deborah B. Goldberg	146	143	62	351
Timothy P. Murray	118	105	71	294
Andrea C. Silbert	120	110	60	290
Write-ins	1	0	0	1
Attorney General				
Blanks	133	97	60	290
Martha Coakley	305	295	171	771
Write-ins	1	1	0	2
Secretary of State				
Blanks	86	83	36	205
William Francis Galvin	282	255	168	705
John Bonifaz	70	55	27	152
Write-ins	1	0	0	1
Treasurer				
Blanks	136	114	57	307
Timothy P. Cahill	303	279	174	756
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Auditor				
Blanks	154	134	73	361
A. Joseph DeNucci	284	259	158	701
Write-ins	1	0	0	1
Representative in Congress				
Blanks	115	98	43	256
John F. Tierney	323	293	188	804
Write-ins	1	2	0	3
Councilor				
Blanks	175	155	89	419
Mary-Ellen Manning	264	238	142	644
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Senator in General Court				
Blanks	437	388	231	1056
Write-ins	2	5	0	7
Rep in General Court				
Blanks	436	390	231	1057
Write-ins	3	3	0	6

DEMOCRAT PARTY

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
District Attorney Blanks	160	136	86	382
Jonathan W. Blodgett	278	257	145	680
Write-ins	1	0	0	1
Clerk of Courts Blanks	169	143	84	396
Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr.	269	250	147	666
Write-ins	1	0	0	1
Register of Deeds Blanks	175	148	82	405
John L. O'Brien, Jr.	264	245	149	658
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

REPUBLICAN PARTY

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Senator in Congress				
Blanks	10	8	4	22
Kenneth G. Chase	26	23	10	59
Kevin P. Scott	30	40	32	102
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Governor Blanks	6	11	6	23
Kerry Healey	58	57	39	154
Write-ins	2	3	1	6
Lieutenant Governor				
Blanks	10	14	11	35
Reed V. Hillman	56	57	35	148
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Attorney General Blanks	13	12	12	37
Larry Frisolli	53	59	34	146
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Secretary of State Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Treasurer Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Auditor Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Representative in Congress				
Blanks	12	16	10	38
Richard W. Barton	54	55	36	145
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Councilor Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Senator in General Court				
Blanks	5	5	4	14
Bruce E. Tarr	61	66	42	169
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Rep in General Court				
Blanks	1	3	4	8
Bradford R. Hill	65	68	42	175
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
District Attorney Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Clerk of Courts Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Register of Deeds Blanks	66	71	46	183
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

The polls were closed at 8:00 PM. Results were announced by Moderator Bruce Ramsey at 9:30 PM.

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
STATE ELECTION
Held
November 7, 2006
Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA**

At the close of voter registration on October 18, 2006 there were 5,484 Active and Inactive Registered Voters.

PARTY	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Democrat	371	345	200	916
Green Party- USA	0	0	1	1
Green-Rainbow	2	1	2	5
Inter. 3Rd Party	4	4	1	9
Libertarian	8	4	5	17
Reform	1	0	0	1
Republican	386	434	573	1,393
Unenrolled	1,255	1,061	826	3,142
Totals	2,027	1,849	1,608	5,484

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by the Moderator Bruce Ramsey. A total of 3,587 ballots were cast:

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Ballots	1369	1323	895	3,587

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Senator in Congress				
Blanks	35	35	30	100
Edward M. Kennedy	796	705	446	1947
Kenneth G. Chase	537	579	419	1535
Write-ins	1	4	0	5
Governor /Lt Governor				
Blanks	11	10	5	26
Healey – Hillman	584	642	437	1663
Patrick – Murray	664	581	393	1638
Mihos – Sullivan	78	59	44	181
Ross – Robinson	31	29	14	74
Write-ins	1	2	2	5
Attorney General Blanks	73	46	39	158
Martha Coakley	848	753	469	2070
Larry Frisoli	447	524	386	1357
Write-ins	1	0	1	2

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Secretary of State Blanks	184	185	148	517
William Francis Galvin	952	891	602	2445
Jill E. Stein	227	242	137	606
Write-ins	6	5	8	19
Treasurer Blanks	188	193	145	526
Timothy P. Cahill	976	925	624	2525
James O'Keefe	203	202	122	527
Write-ins	2	3	4	9
Auditor Blanks	230	213	166	609
A. Joseph DeNucci	890	863	585	2338
Rand Wilson	246	243	142	631
Write-ins	3	4	2	9
Rep in Congress Blanks	48	39	29	116
John F. Tierney	837	724	431	1992
Richard W. Barton	484	560	435	1479
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Councilor Blanks	234	204	171	609
Mary-Ellen Manning	718	652	433	1803
Timothy P. Houten	415	466	290	1171
Write-ins	2	1	1	4
Senator in General Court Blanks	268	208	150	626
Bruce E. Tarr	1089	1108	741	2938
Write-ins	12	7	4	23
Rep in General Court Blanks	253	202	148	603
Bradford R. Hill	1102	1117	741	2960
Write-ins	14	4	6	24
District Attorney Blanks	367	359	279	1005
Jonathan W. Blodgett	994	956	609	2559
Write-ins	8	8	7	23
Clerk of Courts Blanks	400	394	294	1088
Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr.	957	922	596	2475
Write-ins	12	7	5	24
Register of Deeds Blanks	389	394	289	1072
John L. O'Brien, Jr.	973	921	597	2491
Write-ins	7	8	9	24

QUESTIONS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Question 1				
Yes	585	594	414	1593
No	718	672	449	1839
Blanks	66	57	32	155
Question 2				
Yes	431	393	290	1114
No	803	811	518	2132
Blanks	135	119	87	341
Question 3				
Yes	563	501	322	1386
No	665	696	488	1849
Blanks	141	126	85	352

The polls were closed at 8:00 PM. The results were read at 9:10 PM by the Moderator, Bruce Ramsey.

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Held
Monday, November 13, 2006
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School**

At the close of voter registration on November 3, 2006, there were 5,503 registered voters.

Precinct 1 - 2,034
Precinct 2 - 1,850
Precinct 3 - 1,619

Meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum (150) at 9:45 PM, until Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School.

Only 129 registered voters were present as follows:

Precinct 1 - 48
Precinct 2 - 40
Precinct 3 - 41

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Adjourned Session
Held
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School**

At the close of voter registration on November 3, 2006, there were 5,503 registered voters.

Precinct 1 - 2,034
Precinct 2 - 1,850
Precinct 3 - 1,619

Meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum (150) at 8:15 PM, until a date to be announced.

Only 130 registered voters were present as follows:

Precinct 1 - 51
Precinct 2 - 44
Precinct 3 - 35