



2006 CONCORD ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2006 Annual Town Meeting

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Adjourned Session-May 2, 2006

Mr. Perry called the fifth session of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ARTICLE 50. Televisng All Concord School Committee Meetings (by petition)

There was NO MOTION under this article, but petitioner Charles Blair made a statement indicating that the School Committees have agreed to have their meetings televised, live or on tape, to be shown on the local CCTV network, and will work with CCTV to accomplish the requests made in the article as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 51. Walden Street Police/Fire Station Revovations Design

On a MOTION made by Christopher Whelan that was duly seconded, the following was VOTED BY A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY:

To appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the engineering and architectural services related to renovations at the Walden Street Police/Fire Station, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow \$200,000.

ARTICLES 52 & 53. Voted previously under Consent Calendar.

ARTICLE 54. Cousins Field Improvements- Design

The following MOTION was made by Christopher Whelan and duly seconded:

To appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the design of improvements at the Cousins Field, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow \$75,000.

After discussion, a counted vote was taken and the MOTION FAILED TO PASS (106 voting in favor, 67 opposed; 2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 55. Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements

There was NO MOTION under this article.

ARTICLE 56. Railroad Crossing Improvements (by petition)

A MOTION was made by Valerie DiRenzo that was duly seconded, to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of upgrading the signals and safety mechanisms located at the Commonwealth Avenue and Sudbury Road railroad crossings. Deborah Bier offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that was duly seconded, to form a five-year Task Force to assess the safety of and pro-actively aid planning for future improvements at all five of the Town's at-grade railroad crossings. Both MOTIONS FAILED TO PASS.

ARTICLE 57. Division of the Anne B. Chamberlain Park Trust Fund

There was NO MOTION under this article.

ARTICLE 58. Voted previously under Consent Calendar.

ARTICLE 59. Neighborhood Conservation District Bylaw for Concord (by petition)

A MOTION was made by Win Wilbur that was duly seconded, to establish a Concord Neighborhood Conservation District Bylaw. A MOTION TO AMEND was offered by Lawrence Beaupre and duly seconded, that required 2/3 of the property owners in the proposed district to sign a petition. After discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Beaupre's amendment, which PASSED A MOTION TO AMEND was offered by Steve Carr and duly seconded, that required a "District" to have a minimum of seven houses. After discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Carr's amendment, which FAILED TO PASS. After further discussion, a VOTE was taken on Ms. Wilbur's original motion as amended by Mr. Beaupre, and this FAILED TO PASS, with 59 voting in favor and 205 opposed.

ARTICLES 60 & 61. There was No Motion under these articles.

ARTICLES 62-64. Voted previously under Consent Calendar.

The meeting concluded with the business of the Warrant, and upon a MOTION duly made and seconded, the 2006 Annual Town Meeting adjourned and dissolved at 10:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita S. Tekle

Town Clerk

ATTENDANCE: There 392 registered voters in attendance on 4/24; 599 on 4/25; 888 on 4/26; 365 on 5/1; and 293 on 5/2. During the course of the five nights of Town Meeting, 1,297 different voters were in attendance, representing 11% of the registered voters.