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amendments proposed by the School Committee on the warrant for its next town meeting. At this time, the next scheduled town meeting is annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 8.

Officials contend Wilbraham Middle School can fit all of the district's middle-schoolers next year without modular classrooms. Modular classrooms, they note, were presented to address a "bubble" group of students currently in eighth grade.

Should the articles pass, the School Committee has said Green Meadows would house the district's pre-K program. Several members said they felt the program was better-suited at Green Meadows and would free class space at Mile Tree Elementary School in Wilbraham.

In all cases, the School Committee voted to close Hampden's Thornton W. Burgess Middle School at the end of the current school year, returning the building to the town of Hampden. Should the articles fail Green Meadows will become a K-8 school next year.

Charest informed he had privately met for a second time with Wilbraham Selectmen Chairman Robert Russell, Bontempi, Ganem and Steven Hemman of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools. He said the informal meeting was to bring the stakeholders together to see if there was a possibility for mediation.

As The Times goes to press, the School Committee and both boards of selectmen were scheduled to have a public roundtable discussion Jan. 10 at Minnechaug Regional High School.

Tax Work Off

In other news, selectmen authorized up to five additional positions for the Senior Tax Work Off program. Through the program, 10 resident senior property owners are eligible for a fiscal 2019 property tax abatement up to \$1,000 for work performed this year.

Selectmen approved a Database Administrator for the Town Clerk, a handyperson for the Town House/Senior Center, a cemetery fence painter, a cemetery grave marker and a Clerical Assistant for Town House staff.

The vote was contingent upon the positions not exceeding the town's cap of 10, to be determined by Council on Aging Director Rebecca Moriarty, who administers the program.

Reorganization

Selectmen also voted to reorganize the Board. Flynn noted it has been customary for the chair position to rotate each year to the person in his or her third year of the term. This year that selectman is Charest, who opted, due to professional responsibilities and work as chairman of the Board of Assessors, not to hold the position. Flynn entertained a motion to name Villamaino chair, splitting the chairmanship for roughly half the year, which was unanimously approved.

Selectmen voted to name Flynn chairman of the Board of Health.

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vehicle traffic from traveling to the scene. There were no injuries to the residents or responders. The family did not have any pets.

Firefighters remained on scene battling flare-ups until roughly 7:30 p.m.

Based on his assessment, Gorski said it appears the fire broke out in the basement of the home, though it is still under investigation with the state Fire Marshal.

Had crews been able to immediately begin suppression efforts, he said there likely would have been a different outcome.

"When you have a driveway that's steep and long, and covered with snow, you need to make sure it's accessible to a fire truck and graded properly," Gorski said. He noted that at one point a hole

formed near the fire truck as water began to run downhill, requiring the Highway Department to haul in gravel fill.

Billowing black smoke could be seen and smelled for miles coming from the home located nearly a quarter mile from the street. The smoke could be seen from the East Longmeadow line on Mill Road and wafted from the wind across Main Street toward Goat Rock.

Fire crews from Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, Monson, Somers, Connecticut, and Longmeadow provided mutual aid on scene, primarily transporting water from Mill Pond roughly a mile from the blaze. American Medical Response had an ambulance on scene.

Hampden has no public water

and relies on so-called dry hydrants placed strategically around town at water sources on public land and through arrangements with some private landowners.

Temperatures were nearly 20 degrees Fahrenheit at the time of the blaze. To prevent ice from forming near the staging area, the Hampden Highway Department had a truck on scene to treat the roads.

According to online property records, 133 Somers Road is owned by Richard A. and Patricia Ross. The 1,568-square-foot ranch was built in 1960.

After a rash of fires in late 2016 and early 2017, voters this past May opted to make the fire department full-time. Monday through Friday, with two firefighters and one full-time supervisor.

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ual freezing temperatures have been concerning to Miga.

"I worry about freeze-ups," he said, noting with the Artic-like conditions of the last week, water connections have the potential to freeze and rupture. He added crews need to pay extra attention to the pump station, making sure the generator is operable as the cold can increase the potential for power outages.

Additionally, as temperatures near and dip below zero, crews can't simply get by treating with salt, Miga said. He said at extreme temperatures, crews need to use a chemical treatment. And in circumstances when extra traction is necessary, the department does keep a supply of sand. Sand, he noted, they use less as it needs to be completely cleaned from catch basins to be in compliance with federal stormwater regulations.

"We have different tools in our toolbox," Miga said.

It's a similar story in Hampden, as Highway Superintendent Mark Langone explained his crews have been busy clearing 22 inches of snowfall and had to treat the roads for black ice.

"What kills us are those lingering

storms," he said, requiring multiple treatments over several days and keeping the plows out for extended hours.

Langone noted the department treated its fuel to prevent issues in the severe cold.

The one issue he reports is with private plow contractors and some residents clearing snow from driveways into the roads, sometimes in large piles. While being inconvenient to other motorists and the Highway Department, he said it's also a violation of the town bylaws.

According to the General Bylaws, "No person other than an employee in the service of the town or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the town shall pile, push or plow snow or ice onto a town road so as to impede the flow of traffic on such way." The language, adopted at Town Meeting in 2008, establishes a non-criminal fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second, and \$200 for the third offense for violations. Each day a violation continues counts as a separate offense.

Langone said he intends to work

with the Police Department to step up enforcement of violations to the parking ban, snow plowing and road hazard bylaws.

The road hazard bylaw adopted at Town Meeting in 2009 reads, "No person shall place any object in the public roadway or within the public right of way that may interfere with the safe and convenient travel of the public or maintenance of the roads or property." Those found in violation may be assessed a \$150 fine.

In Wilbraham, Miga noted most people have cooperated with snow removal. Like Hampden, residents are subject to fines for placing snow in a roadway.

While a few years ago communities experienced salt shortages as a result of extreme weather events nationwide, neither Miga nor Langone expects that to be an issue this year, though it's something they intend to watch closely.

"Last year was pretty mild," Miga said, noting supply shortages tend to occur when there are back-to-back heavy winters. "Who knows? If this winter continues this way, supplies will be used up pretty quickly."

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Town of Hampden
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Hampden Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM**, in the Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, MA, on the application of Russell Morton for a Special Permit as required under Section 7.542 for a Common Driveway as required by the Hampden Zoning Bylaw for property located on South Ridge Road (Lot 8H) owned by Mr. Morton of 12 Genevieve Drive, Hampden. Information related to this application is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for review by the public during normal business hours.

For the Board,
John Matthews, Chair,
Hampden Planning Board
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**PUBLIC HEARING:
LIQUOR LICENSE**

The Wilbraham Board of Selectmen will hold a hearing under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 12, on **Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:10PM** at the Town Office Building. Selectmen's Meeting Room, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, to hear public comment on an application to amend a Section 12: Wine and Malt Beverages Service

License submitted by Neighborhood Pizza, Inc., 2481 Boston Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts. The Licensee is seeking to change its dba name from The King and I to Neighborhood Pizza and Pasta House; as well as changing its license category from wine and malt beverages to all alcoholic beverages. Persons wishing to comment on the referenced application will be heard.

WILBRAHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
1/11/18

**MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jay Norma Tryon to Country Bank for Savings dated March 22, 2004 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14043, Page 41, as affected by Note and Mortgage Modification Agreement dated May 1, 2013 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 19797, Page 131 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 p.m. on the 13th day of February, 2018**, on the mortgaged premises believed

to be known as 11 Delmor Circle, Wilbraham, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"The land in Wilbraham, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as lot #9 (nine) as shown on plan entitled "Combined Plan of Surveyors for William Decorie, Land in Wilbraham, Merrill & Sears, July 5, 1945" recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 23, Page 69, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly line of Delmor Circle at the southeast corner of lot #8 (eight) as shown on said plan; and running thence S. 10 degrees 23' 30" W., ninety (90) feet to an iron pin at the northeast corner of lot #20 (twenty) as shown on said plan; thence N. 81 degrees 00' 30" W. along said lot #20 (twenty), one hundred thirty-six and 75/100 (136.75) feet to land of owner unknown; thence along last named land, ninety and 41/100 (90.41) feet to the southwest corner of lot #8 (eight), as shown on said plan; thence S. 81 degrees 00' 30" E along said Lot #8 (eight), one hundred thirty and 25/100 (130.25) feet to the iron pin at the point of

beginning. Easement rights granted to Central Massachusetts Electric Company by instrument dated October 15, 1946 recorded in Book 9185, Page 585.

Subject to easement of way rights in Delmor Circle as granted to the Town of Wilbraham by instrument dated November 6, 1951 recorded in Book 2146, Page 501.

Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor herein by deed of Simon A.R. James and Felicity James dated July 14, 1995 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9185, Page 585."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons

on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE:
FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price on the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. The successful bidder at the sale

shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Country Bank for Savings,
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Mortgage

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