

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008

Greenfield Community Television

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Maloney.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. Councilor McLellan was excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Christine Forgey; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; School Committee Chairman Dalton Athey; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Department of Public Works Superintendant Sandra Shields; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Singer, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Forgey read a proclamation regarding the 63rd Anniversary of the United Nations which was on October 24, 2008.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Chairman Athey discussed:

- ✧ A hand out which outlined the number of students, by grade in the Greenfield School System. The total number of students not including the Early Learning Academy was 1483 as of October 1, 2008.
- ✧ In grades one through five, the average class is between 20 and 25 students per class.
- ✧ The School Committee hired an Administrative Assistant in the Administration Office and an additional person would be hired for Human Resources.
- ✧ He referenced the Fiscal Year 2008 "End of Year Report" given to School Committee Members from Lane Kelly, which the Town Council was copied.
- ✧ The School Committee will hold a meeting (working session) Thursday, October 22, 2008 to discuss accreditation and reporting issues.
- ✧ Greenfield Schools would be audited this year regarding Special Education, Civil Rights, and English as a second language.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Farrell, it was,

MOVED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER AND WASTE WATER PROVIDER (WARN) IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 40 SECTION 4A AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Joseph stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation for approval. He stated this was a mutual aid agreement which the town needed to be a part of to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) funding.

It was unanimously

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER AND WASTE WATER PROVIDER (WARN) IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 40 SECTION 4A AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Farrell, it was,

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF ARGOTEC INC. AS A CERTIFIED PROJECT, AS WRITTEN IN THE CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION, DATED MAY 30, 2008, AND THE FORM OF THE TIF AGREEMENT ATTACHED THEREIN, AS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Guin stated the Economic Development Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation for approval. Councilor Joseph stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation for approval. He requested a friendly amendment on behalf of the committee to add "acquisition," in the fifth whereas in the first line between the words "in" and "improvement".

It was unanimously

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF ARGOTEC INC. AS A CERTIFIED PROJECT, AS WRITTEN IN THE CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION, DATED MAY 30, 2008, AND THE FORM OF THE TIF AGREEMENT ATTACHED THEREIN, AS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION
ARGOTEC INC**

WHEREAS, Argotec Inc has applied for designation as a Certified Project under the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 23A of Massachusetts General Laws; and

WHEREAS, Argotec Inc meets the minimum standards of the Economic Development Incentive Program and the local economic development goals and criteria established as part of the documents creating the Greater Franklin County Economic Target Area and the Argotec #4 Economic Opportunity Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Certified Project will be located in the I91 Industrial Park in the Town of Greenfield, and is within the Argotec #4 Economic Opportunity Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenfield has agreed to offer a TIF Agreement to Argotec Inc; and

WHEREAS, Argotec Inc is going to invest greater than \$12,000,000 dollars in **acquisition**, improvement of building and equipment and retain at least thirty-five (35) full-time jobs for residents of the Greater Franklin County Economic Target Area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town Council of Greenfield approves the Certified Project application of Argotec Inc and the TIF Agreement, attached thereto and made a part thereof, and forwards said application for certification to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council for its approval and endorsement.

Adopted this October 21, 2008 by the Town Council of Greenfield.

President, Town Council

Town Clerk

SEAL

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT
between
Town of Greenfield
And
Argotec, Inc. (TIF Agreement #4)**

This agreement is made this 21 day of October, 2008 by and between the Town of Greenfield, a municipal corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having a principal place of business at 14 Court Square, Greenfield, MA, 01301 acting through its Town Council, (hereinafter "the TOWN"), and Argotec, Inc., 49 Greenfield Street, Greenfield MA (hereinafter "The Owner").

WHEREAS, THE OWNER intends to purchase and expand an existing building located at 53 Silvio Conte Drive, Greenfield, MA, (hereinafter "the PROPERTY") located within the designated I-91 Industrial Park Economic Opportunity Area and obtain certain tax incentives from the Town for said facility; and

WHEREAS, THE TOWN is willing to grant said tax incentives in return for a guarantee of capital investment at the Property and increased employment opportunities for area workers;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

A. THE OWNER’S OBLIGATIONS.

1. The OWNERS shall make investment over the term of the agreement totaling approximately \$11 Million to the PROPERTY.
2. As a result of these investments, the OWNER expects to retain its present ninety-nine (99) full-time employees and add fifty (50) new full-time positions during the life of this TIF. The proposed job expansion set forth herein may vary however, based upon the future economic conditions existing in the Greater Franklin County Economic Target Area (the “Franklin County ETA”) and in the market. Subject to the foregoing, the OWNER shall agree to operate its business and maintain the level of jobs described as long as the TIF Agreement is in effect.
3. The OWNER shall commit to a policy of encouraging employment of non-supervisory employees residing in the Franklin County ETA, so long as such a policy and its implementation does not result in the violation of any law or regulation.
4. If the OWNER decides to sell the facility or to otherwise transfer control of the facility and/or its operations other than to a related entity or to a purchaser which continues the operations of the facility, the OWNER shall give the TOWN at least sixty (60) days notice of said sale or transfer. Said notice shall be given to: Greenfield Town Council, 14 Court Square, Greenfield, MA 01301.
5. The OWNER shall provide to the TOWN an annual report for each year of this agreement. Said report shall be as required by the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council and shall generally contain the following: 1) contact information; 2) employment and wage information; 3) investment information; 4) amount of state tax credits claimed; 5) local property taxes paid and local property taxes exempted.

B. THE TOWN'S OBLIGATIONS.

1. The TOWN shall grant a tax increment financing exemption to the OWNER for the PROPERTY in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 23a Section 3, Chapter 40 Section 59, and Chapter 59 Section 5. The exemption shall be granted and shall apply to the increase in value of the expansions/renovations of the PROPERTY, which may occur during the life of the project. The base year for determining assessed value of the property shall be January 1, 2009. The exemption shall be valid for a period of ten years beginning with the Town’s Fiscal Year 2010, (July 1, 2009).
2. The following exemption percentage and exemption schedule will apply towards the assessed value as determined by the Board of assessors for any additional incremental values added to the PROPERTY within the time period set forth in this agreement. The exemption over the ten-year period of this Agreement shall not exceed 30%.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Exemption</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Exemption</u>
1 (FY 2010)	50%	7 (FY 2016)	20%
2 (FY 2011)	45%	8 (FY 2017)	15%
3 (FY 2012)	40%	9 (FY 2018)	10%
4 (FY 2013)	35%	10 (FY 2019)	5%
5 (FY 2014)	30%		
6 (FY 2015)	25%		

The Tax Increment Financing Negotiation and Administration Committee will bring forth this agreement to the Town Council for ratification on_____. This agreement shall be conditional upon Town Council approval.

C. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Pursuant to 751 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 11.05 (8)(d), this agreement shall be binding upon subsequent owners of the property.
2. The Town of Greenfield reserves the right to review and renegotiate the TIF agreement if the business activity

ceases to be fully operational during the life of the TIF agreement. Upon failure of the OWNERS to fulfill its material obligations of section A1 and A2 under this agreement, the Town reserves the right to apply to the Economic Assistance Council for de-certification of the project.

3. The OWNERS reserve the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior notice to the TOWN (such notice to be given in accordance with Paragraph 4 hereof), upon the sale of its business and/or the facility.

4. This agreement is subject to MGL c. 23A, section 3A-3F inclusive; MGL c 40 section 59; MGL c 6A and St.1993 c 19.

Executed this October 251, 2008.

Town of Greenfield

Argotec, Inc..

By: _____
Mark Maloney, President
Greenfield Town Council

By: _____
Bruce Wilby, President

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Lashier, it was unanimously **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, TO APPROVE ARGOTEC INC AS A CERTIFIED PROJECT, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE

Argotec Inc.
Located in the I91 Industrial Park
CERTIFIED PROJECT

WHEREAS, Chapter 23A, Sections 3A through F as amended by Chapter 19 of the Acts of 1993, established the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP);

WHEREAS, the EDIP is designed to promote increased business development and expansion in Economic Target Areas (ETAs) and Economic Opportunity Area (EOAs) of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC), established by Section 3B of said Chapter 23A, is charged with administering the EDIP, including the review and approval of applications from municipalities for the designation of areas as ETAs and EOAs, as well as the designation of Certified Projects;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Greenfield has been designated by the EACC as an Economic Target Area;

WHEREAS, the EACC approved the I91 Industrial Park EOA within the ETA;

WHEREAS, Argotec Inc has committed to creating over 35 full-time permanent jobs;

WHEREAS, total project investment will be approximately \$12M in acquisition, construction costs and related expenses during the life of this project;

WHEREAS, Argotec Inc filed a Certified Project application with the Municipality of Greenfield, which the Municipality approved;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Greenfield approved a TIF for the company;

WHEREAS, the EACC find that the proposed Certified Project in the Argotec EOA meets the mandatory criteria required in MGL C. 23A;

WHEREAS, the EACC find that the proposed Certified Project has received the appropriate municipal approval fro Greenfield, in accordance with the statute; and

WHEREAS, the EACC find that the proposed Certified Project, if so certified, will have a reasonable chance for increasing employment opportunities for the residents to the Municipality of Greenfield and the ETA, thereby reduction conditions of blight, economic depression and widespread reliance on public assistance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council that:

1. The Argotec Certified Project is approved, as the EACC has received a Certificate of Good Standing from the Department of Revenue.
2. Argotec Inc is eligible for the Massachusetts 5% EOA Tax Credit for qualifying expenditures subject to and in accordance with all applicable rules and regulation.

MOTION by : _____

SECONDED by: _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstentions _____

Absent _____

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lashier, second by Councilor Farrell, it was unanimously

MOVED: MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON QUESTION ONE:

THAT THE GREENFIELD COUNCIL MEMBERS URGED THE VOTERS OF GREENFIELD TO VOTE NO ON QUESTION ONE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. A YES VOTE WOULD ELIMINATE 40% OF THE STATE BUDGET CAUSING UNTOLD HARM TO THE GREENFIELD BUDGET,
2. OUR SCHOOLS WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT AN UNSUSTAINABLE CUTS TO THEIR BUDGET AND COULD INCREASE HIRE SCHOOLS COSTS,
3. IT WOULD PUT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AT RISK BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS,
4. LIMIT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, OUR SENIORS, AND WORKING FAMILIES,
5. WOULD LEAD TO LAYOFFS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, CAUSING LESS SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, OR HIGHER FEES FOR LOCAL SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED,
6. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO REPLACE THE 40% OF LOST REVENUE THE STATE WOULD LOSE. EXCEPT AN INCREASE IN LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES AND HIGHER FEES.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Siano favored a “no vote” on Question One. Councilor Farrell suggested restructuring the Massachusetts Tax system rather than cutting taxes. It was noted if three Councilors objected to this being voted on tonight, the vote would be postponed. Also, if Councilors did not agree to vote on this issue, they could abstain from the vote. Councilor Martin did not have enough information to vote on this issue and would abstain. Councilor Lashier objected to Question One because there was no alternative or system to replace the funds. He would be in favor of a friendly amendment to shorten the resolution as long as the intent of the resolution was to vote “no” on Question One. Councilors Joseph and Martin formally objected to this vote being taken this evening. Councilor Guin stated a yes vote would be devastating to the towns and communities of Massachusetts. President Maloney stated the friendly amendment would be: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS URGE THE VOTERS OF GREENFIELD TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF QUESTION ONE ON TOWN SERVICES AND TO CONSIDER VOTING NO ON QUESTION ONE. Councilor Lashier accepted the friendly amendment. Councilor Martin objected to the Town Council voting on this issue. Councilor Singer suggested replacing “CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF QUESTION ONE ON TOWN SERVICES AND TO CONSIDER VOTING NO” to “CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF VOTING NO”. Councilor Farrell suggested the Town Council not vote on the resolution regarding Question One. President Maloney suggested the Town Council vote on the following: “WE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCILORS ARE PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO QUESTION ONE.” President Maloney further suggested the following friendly amendment “WE THE

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON GREENFIELD, ARE PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO A YES VOTE ON QUESTION ONE.” Or “WE THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ARE PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO THE PASSAGE OF QUESTION ONE.” Councilor Mason would abstain from voting on this issue. President Maloney asked for a show of hands indicating it would be ok to vote on “WE THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ARE PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO THE PASSAGE OF QUESTION ONE.” President Maloney repeated the original motion by Councilor Lashier, noting this was the motion on the floor. Councilor Allis would abstain. Councilor Letourneau would vote in favor of the resolution. Councilor Guin proposed the following language “UNTIL AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO REPLACE THE REVENUE LOST BY QUESTION ONE IS FOUND, THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS A NO VOTE BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO GREENFIELD.” Councilors Lashier and Farrell accepted the proposal as a friendly amendment. Councilors Allis and Mason would abstain.

It was by majority (3 abstained).

VOTED: THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON QUESTION ONE: “UNTIL AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO REPLACE THE REVENUE LOST BY QUESTION ONE IS FOUND, THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS A NO VOTE BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO GREENFIELD.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Lashier, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS: BRUCE AUSTIN – TWO YEAR TERM (TO EXPIRE JUNE, 2010).

DISCUSSION: Councilor Allis reported the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS: BRUCE AUSTIN – TWO YEAR TERM (TO EXPIRE JUNE, 2010).

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Guin, it was unanimously

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ATTACHED NOVEMBER 4, 2008 STATE ELECTION WARRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION**

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN of GREENFIELD

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said (city or town) who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

PRECINCTS 1 - 9

GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
(polling location)

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTSTATEWIDE
SENATOR IN CONGRESSFOR THE COMMONWEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	FIRST DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.	SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	FRANKLIN COUNTY
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE....	FRANKLIN COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state income tax laws.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission’s administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state’s General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed (1) to support legislation establishing health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health or employment status, by creating a single payer health insurance system that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts; and (2) to oppose any laws penalizing the uninsured for failing to obtain health insurance.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of October, 2008.

Town Council President, (as authorized by vote of the Greenfield Town Council)

Town Council: Town of Greenfield

(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

Constable

_____, 2008.
(month and day)

Warrant must be posted by **October 28, 2008**, (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 4, 2008**, State Election).

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - Councilor Joseph stated the committee had met earlier today and discussion was held regarding Town Council Authority to appoint an Auditor per charter section 2-8 (a).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Guin was currently working on the Zoning proposal which should be coming before the Town Council at a future meeting. The committee will also be working with the Town on parking issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Maloney stated a request had been received to accept an M.G.L.c. regarding the removal of trees. This would be considered by the Appointments and Ordinance Committee. A proposal for a Senior Tax Work off Program would be forwarded to the Appointments and Ordinance Committee and Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

President Maloney stated:

- ☒ The School Department had closed their books, which will allow the Town to close the Fiscal Year 08 books.

- ✧ The November 19, 2008 Town Council agenda may include a supplemental budget, Tax Classification Hearing, and vote. If this occurs, a special meeting for a first reading will be needed.
- ✧ Please contact the office if you will be out of town.
- ✧ Senator John Kerry was in town a few weeks ago.
- ✧ Maple Syrup was sent to Florida.
- ✧ Two weeks from today will be the National Election.
- ✧ State cuts will be forthcoming.
- ✧ Veterans Day Parade will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.
- ✧ During the supplemental budget process, it's very important to remember to compare "apples to apples" and do our utmost to keep things clear.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Farrell, it was unanimously **VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:36 P.M.**

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2008

1.	Lashier, Dennis	P						
2.	McLellan, Thomas	---						
3.	Allis, Brickett	P						
4.	Maloney, Mark	P						
5.	Singer, David	P						
6.	Letourneau, Danielle	P						
7.	Martin, William	P						
8.	Joseph, Christopher	P						
9.	Vacant	---						
10.	Farrell, Timothy	P						
11.	Guin, Daniel	P						
12.	Siano, Alfred	P						
13.	Mason, John	P						