



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.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
BARNSTABLE	82,302	61.60%	46,351	34.69%	4,947	3.70%	133,600
BERKSHIRE	46,526	69.87%	17,844	26.80%	2,223	3.34%	66,593
BRISTOL	101,960	41.46%	131,122	53.32%	12,830	5.22%	245,912
DUKES	7,423	69.97%	2,466	23.24%	720	6.79%	10,609
ESSEX	183,739	51.60%	159,266	44.73%	13,066	3.67%	356,071
FRANKLIN	26,475	68.10%	11,295	29.06%	1,104	2.84%	38,874
HAMPDEN	129,161	64.87%	59,634	29.95%	10,318	5.18%	199,113
HAMPSHIRE	56,929	71.13%	20,624	25.77%	2,485	3.10%	80,038
MIDDLESEX	413,971	56.67%	287,128	39.31%	29,391	4.02%	730,490
NANTUCKET	4,160	68.41%	1,698	27.92%	223	3.67%	6,081
NORFOLK	170,058	48.96%	164,183	47.27%	13,113	3.78%	347,354
PLYMOUTH	106,792	42.46%	136,881	54.42%	7,866	3.13%	251,539
SUFFOLK	134,938	49.85%	110,559	40.85%	25,176	9.30%	270,673
WORCESTER	197,918	54.07%	154,657	42.25%	13,473	3.68%	366,048
TOTALS.....	1,662,352	53.57%	1,303,708	42.01%	136,935	4.41%	3,102,995

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (cont.)				
Peru.....	323	134	12	469
PITTSFIELD.....	14,722	5,309	706	20,737
Richmond.....	770	189	16	975
Sandisfield.....	287	133	28	448
Savoy.....	262	134	8	404
Sheffield.....	1,339	458	108	1,905
Stockbridge.....	1,004	203	46	1,253
Tyringham.....	199	69	12	280
Washington.....	240	104	7	351
West Stockbridge.....	700	176	27	903
Williamstown.....	2,812	797	129	3,738
Windsor.....	385	160	12	557
TOTALS.....	46,526	17,844	2,223	66,593

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet.....	2,310	3,050	233	5,593
ATTLEBORO.....	8,942	9,480	663	19,085
Berkley.....	987	2,123	165	3,275
Dartmouth.....	8,370	7,862	578	16,810
Dighton.....	1,161	2,358	79	3,598
Easton.....	4,194	7,595	271	12,060
Fairhaven.....	3,975	4,158	375	8,508
FALL RIVER.....	12,634	16,019	3,175	31,828
Freewtown.....	1,944	2,779	115	4,838
Mansfield.....	4,962	6,231	489	11,682
NEW BEDFORD.....	15,095	16,615	2,617	34,327
North Attleborough.....	6,563	7,262	458	14,283
Norton.....	3,582	5,131	250	8,963
Raynham.....	1,407	5,410	259	7,076
Rehoboth.....	2,760	3,297	243	6,300
Seekonk.....	3,548	3,447	423	7,418
Somerset.....	4,047	5,632	624	10,303
Swansea.....	3,602	4,567	394	8,563
TAUNTON.....	7,906	13,848	978	22,732
Westport.....	3,971	4,258	441	8,670
TOTALS.....	101,960	131,122	12,830	245,912

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Barnstable County				
Barnstable.....	15,831	8,841	537	25,209
Bourne.....	5,498	4,323	358	10,179
Brewster.....	4,346	2,019	302	6,667
Chatham.....	3,267	1,404	131	4,802
Dennis.....	5,798	3,476	299	9,573
Eastham.....	2,560	1,188	95	3,843
Falmouth.....	11,651	7,071	964	19,686
Harwich.....	5,185	2,624	334	8,143
Mashpee.....	4,784	3,064	301	8,149
Orleans.....	3,282	1,242	140	4,664
Provincetown.....	1,772	473	134	2,379
Sandwich.....	7,181	4,579	748	12,508
Truro.....	1,068	329	49	1,446
Wellfleet.....	1,536	579	98	2,213
Yarmouth.....	8,543	5,139	457	14,139
TOTALS.....	82,302	46,351	4,947	133,600

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Adams.....	2,502	1,490	107	4,099
Alford.....	239	62	22	323
Becket.....	629	300	30	959
Cheshire.....	1,166	681	49	1,896
Clarksburg.....	492	389	24	905
Dalton.....	2,519	938	110	3,567
Egremont.....	628	168	51	847
Florida.....	219	200	11	430
Great Barrington.....	2,816	777	181	3,774
Hancock.....	250	127	22	399
Hinsdale.....	782	299	25	1,106
Lanesborough.....	1,154	473	55	1,682
Lee.....	2,149	830	61	3,040
Lenox.....	2,369	596	86	3,051
Monterey.....	465	94	28	587
Mount Washington.....	90	23	5	118
New Ashford.....	89	46	10	145
New Marlborough.....	602	196	40	838
NORTH ADAMS.....	3,743	2,031	174	5,948
Otis.....	580	258	21	859

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Dukes County								
Aquinnah.....	223	71	19	313	9,709	4,442	359	14,510
Chilmark.....	583	122	37	742	443	242	16	701
Edgartown.....	1,665	601	206	2,472	1,234	763	52	2,049
Gosnold.....	44	32	4	80	431	270	8	709
Oak Bluffs.....	1,794	719	175	2,688	15,399	7,372	707	23,478
Tisbury.....	1,739	577	124	2,440	5,777	2,665	198	8,640
West Tisbury.....	1,375	344	155	1,874	577	276	26	879
TOTALS.....	7,423	2,466	720	10,609	10,127	4,316	1,080	15,523
Essex County								
Amesbury.....	4,772	3,596	203	8,571	6,894	2,503	277	9,674
Andover.....	10,646	7,229	469	18,344	6,201	3,947	428	9,976
BEVERLY.....	10,972	9,112	530	20,614	2,851	1,509	140	4,500
Boxford.....	2,872	2,017	92	4,981	348	160	7	515
Danvers.....	6,949	6,823	278	14,050	3,611	2,107	218	5,936
Essex.....	1,310	846	53	2,209	524	274	18	816
Georgetown.....	2,460	2,181	105	4,746	3,204	1,562	128	4,894
GLOUCESTER.....	8,747	6,265	672	15,684	32,266	14,413	5,442	52,121
Groveland.....	2,044	1,765	58	3,867	168	105	3	276
Hamilton.....	2,840	1,778	110	4,728	586	419	15	1,020
HAVERTHILL.....	14,107	12,150	881	27,138	8,254	3,670	365	12,289
Ipswich.....	4,461	3,507	199	8,167	11,878	5,325	485	17,688
LAWRENCE.....	8,691	7,703	3,266	19,660	5,838	2,517	229	8,584
LYNN.....	12,718	16,163	1,075	29,956				
Lynnfield.....	3,376	3,467	141	6,984	129,161	59,634	10,318	199,113
Manchester-by-the-Sea...	2,126	1,229	66	3,421				
Marblehead.....	7,317	4,842	301	12,460	9,557	2,789	591	12,937
Merrimac.....	1,951	1,575	55	3,581	5,284	2,225	224	7,733
Methuen.....	10,791	9,499	819	21,109	505	216	15	736
Middleton.....	2,001	2,277	90	4,368	395	137	9	541
Nahant.....	1,059	1,196	59	2,314	6,414	2,319	196	8,929
Newbury.....	2,386	1,841	102	4,329	439	167	6	612
NEWBURYPORT.....	6,600	4,050	294	10,944	2,383	1,097	104	3,584
North Andover.....	8,190	6,495	377	15,062	2,172	830	101	3,103
PEABODY.....	12,226	13,300	915	26,441	1,448	636	38	2,122
Rockport.....	3,115	1,420	150	4,685	719	401	23	1,143
Rowley.....	1,717	1,678	54	3,449				
Hampden County								
Agawam.....	9,709	4,442	359	14,510				
Blandford.....	443	242	16	701				
Brimfield.....	1,234	763	52	2,049				
Chester.....	431	270	8	709				
CHICOPEE.....	15,399	7,372	707	23,478				
East Longmeadow.....	5,777	2,665	198	8,640				
Granville.....	577	276	26	879				
Hampden.....	2,030	877	87	2,994				
Holland.....	811	500	30	1,341				
HOLYOKE.....	10,127	4,316	1,080	15,523				
Longmeadow.....	6,894	2,503	277	9,674				
Ludlow.....	6,201	3,947	428	9,976				
Monson.....	2,851	1,509	140	4,500				
Montgomery.....	348	160	7	515				
Palmer.....	3,611	2,107	218	5,936				
Russell.....	524	274	18	816				
Southwick.....	3,204	1,562	128	4,894				
SPRINGFIELD.....	32,266	14,413	5,442	52,121				
Tolland.....	168	105	3	276				
Wales.....	586	419	15	1,020				
West Springfield.....	8,254	3,670	365	12,289				
WESTFIELD.....	11,878	5,325	485	17,688				
Wilbraham.....	5,838	2,517	229	8,584				
TOTALS.....	129,161	59,634	10,318	199,113				
Hampshire County								
Amherst.....	9,557	2,789	591	12,937				
Belchertown.....	5,284	2,225	224	7,733				
Chesterfield.....	505	216	15	736				
Cummington.....	395	137	9	541				
Easthampton.....	6,414	2,319	196	8,929				
Goshen.....	439	167	6	612				
Granby.....	2,383	1,097	104	3,584				
Hadley.....	2,172	830	101	3,103				
Hatfield.....	1,448	636	38	2,122				
Huntington.....	719	401	23	1,143				

SALEM	10,327	8,361	628	19,316	Middlefield.....	203	91	6	300
Salisbury	2,083	2,036	103	4,222	NORTHAMPTON	12,510	3,266	565	16,341
Saugus	5,859	7,272	373	13,504	Pelham.....	682	181	34	897
Swampscott	4,110	3,854	227	8,191	Plainfield	297	88	10	395
Topsfield.....	1,970	1,698	191	3,859	South Hadley.....	6,296	2,613	201	9,110
Wenham.....	1,367	909	69	2,345	Southampton.....	2,367	991	70	3,428
West Newbury.....	1,579	1,132	61	2,772	Ware.....	2,737	1,617	201	4,555
TOTALS.....	183,739	159,266	13,066	356,071	Westhampton	771	314	29	1,114
					Williamsburg.....	1,233	418	49	1,700
					Worthington.....	517	228	13	758

Franklin County					TOTALS.....	56,929	20,624	2,485	80,038
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Ashfield.....	830	271	35	1,136	Acton.....	7,555	3,768	312	11,635
Barnardston.....	746	415	84	1,245	Arlington.....	15,437	9,121	930	25,488
Buckland.....	726	311	41	1,078	Ashby	960	879	42	1,881
Charlemont.....	447	231	16	694	Ashland.....	4,918	3,409	153	8,480
Colrain	588	324	31	943	Ayer.....	1,925	1,372	97	3,394
Conway	869	354	35	1,258	Bedford	4,429	2,722	284	7,435
Deerfield	2,222	798	55	3,075	Belmont	8,476	4,822	514	13,812
Erving	478	303	25	806	Billerica	9,616	9,603	327	19,546
Gill	613	284	22	919	Boxborough.....	92	1,853	921	2,866
Greenfield.....	6,043	2,274	254	8,571	Burlington	6,719	5,750	386	12,855
Hawley.....	113	60	3	176	CAMBRIDGE.....	30,338	13,389	3,000	46,727
Heath	294	138	12	444	Carlisle.....	2,189	969	88	3,246
Leverett.....	975	239	42	1,256	Chelmsford	10,592	8,496	495	19,583
Leyden	334	129	12	475	Concord.....	7,071	3,088	423	10,582
Monroe.....	32	27	1	60	Dracut.....	7,435	7,064	385	14,884
Montague.....	2,955	1,333	97	4,385	Dunstable.....	995	838	33	1,866
New Salem	409	190	19	618	EVERETT.....	5,804	6,199	980	12,983
Northfield	1,147	531	67	1,745	Framingham.....	16,261	9,988	836	27,085
Orange	1,889	1,413	85	3,387	Groton	3,612	2,266	259	6,137
Rowe.....	169	85	10	264	Holliston	4,995	3,136	139	8,270
Shelburne	847	330	35	1,212	Hopkinton.....	5,026	3,205	163	8,394
Shutesbury.....	979	219	34	1,232	Hudson.....	5,532	3,911	383	9,826
Sunderland	1,388	459	33	1,880	Lexington.....	11,317	5,897	748	17,962
Warwick.....	273	160	20	453	Lincoln.....	2,396	986	114	3,496
Wendell.....	441	111	16	568	Littleton	3,048	2,035	113	5,196
Whately.....	668	306	20	994	LOWELL.....	15,925	13,791	2,189	31,905
TOTALS.....	26,475	11,295	1,104	38,874	MALDEN.....	10,162	9,211	1,255	20,628
					MARLBOROUGH.....	9,434	6,432	521	16,387
					Maynard	3,345	2,184	145	5,674
					MEDFORD	14,075	11,742	1,247	27,064

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Middlesex County (cont.)								
MELROSE.....	7,945	6,926	534	15,405				
Natick.....	10,855	6,546	754	18,155				
NEWTON.....	28,064	14,723	1,933	44,720				
North Reading.....	4,293	3,970	197	8,460				
Pepperell.....	3,431	2,767	138	6,336				
Reading.....	7,350	6,128	382	13,860				
Sherborn.....	1,811	835	59	2,705				
Shirley.....	1,578	1,354	212	3,144				
SOMERVILLE.....	20,327	10,751	1,983	33,061				
Stoneham.....	6,035	5,796	325	12,156				
Stow.....	2,545	1,391	88	4,024				
Sudbury.....	6,954	3,131	242	10,327				
Tewksbury.....	7,514	7,898	334	15,746				
Townsend.....	2,672	2,285	103	5,060				
Tyngsborough.....	3,139	2,878	144	6,161				
Wakefield.....	7,163	6,612	471	14,246				
WALTHAM.....	13,558	9,744	1,103	24,405				
Watertown.....	9,700	5,842	658	16,200				
Wayland.....	5,338	2,595	235	8,168				
Westford.....	7,418	4,914	250	12,582				
Weston.....	4,186	2,112	205	6,503				
Wilmington.....	5,938	5,829	275	12,042				
Winchester.....	7,265	4,763	480	12,508				
WOBURN.....	9,213	9,212	804	19,229				
TOTALS.....	413,971	287,128	29,391	730,490				
Nantucket County								
Nantucket.....	4,160	1,698	223	6,081				
TOTALS.....	4,160	1,698	223	6,081				
Norfolk County								
Avon.....	800	1,493	131	2,424				
Bellingham.....	4,475	3,694	244	8,413				
Braintree.....	7,383	10,568	881	18,832				
Brookline.....	18,548	8,028	1,395	27,971				
Canton.....	5,204	6,528	412	12,144				
Plymouth County								
Pembroke.....	4,197	5,182	191	9,570				
Plymouth.....	14,350	14,248	443	29,041				
Plympton.....	794	889	30	1,713				
Rochester.....	1,429	1,620	74	3,123				
Rockland.....	3,418	5,027	206	8,651				
Scituate.....	5,714	5,229	291	11,234				
Wareham.....	4,758	5,679	477	10,914				
West Bridgewater.....	1,176	2,715	101	3,992				
Whitman.....	2,462	4,677	110	7,249				
TOTALS.....	106,792	136,881	7,866	251,539				
Suffolk County								
BOSTON.....	119,769	93,875	22,881	236,525				
CHELSEA.....	3,945	3,353	776	8,074				
REVERE.....	6,929	8,812	1,181	16,922				
Winthrop.....	4,295	4,519	338	9,152				
TOTALS.....	134,938	110,559	25,176	270,673				
Worcester County								
Ashburnham.....	1,726	1,608	56	3,390				
Athol.....	2,631	2,055	85	4,771				
Auburn.....	4,775	3,996	179	8,950				
Barre.....	1,375	1,265	69	2,709				
Berlin.....	919	708	26	1,653				
Blackstone.....	1,984	2,112	174	4,270				
Bolton.....	1,794	1,026	75	2,895				
Boylston.....	1,516	1,093	40	2,649				
Brookfield.....	921	810	39	1,770				
Charlton.....	3,404	2,947	135	6,486				
Clinton.....	3,324	2,937	245	6,506				
Douglas.....	2,240	1,943	139	4,322				
Dudley.....	2,676	2,287	102	5,065				
East Brookfield.....	604	559	21	1,184				
FITCHBURG.....	7,532	6,374	526	14,432				
GARDNER.....	4,485	3,754	189	8,428				
Grafton.....	4,978	3,842	207	9,027				

Cohasset	2,602	1,886	141	4,629	Hardwick	828	538	49	1,415
Dedham	6,014	6,085	758	12,857	Harvard	2,143	1,205	141	3,489
Dover	2,178	1,176	74	3,428	Holden	5,946	4,330	189	10,465
Foxborough	4,214	4,720	215	9,149	Hopedale	1,857	1,436	101	3,394
Franklin	8,902	7,525	366	16,793	Hubbardston	1,317	1,199	70	2,556
Holbrook	1,944	3,293	194	5,431	Lancaster	2,092	1,506	76	3,674
Medfield	4,039	3,003	251	7,293	Leicester	2,688	2,679	151	5,518
Medway	3,761	3,152	113	7,026	LEOMINSTER	9,571	8,187	594	18,352
Mills	2,393	2,100	115	4,608	Lunenburg	3,016	2,625	115	5,756
Milton	6,987	7,865	739	15,591	Mendon	1,839	1,332	77	3,248
Needham	10,164	6,532	640	17,336	Milford	6,508	5,299	587	12,394
Norfolk	2,812	2,446	109	5,367	Millbury	3,329	3,039	301	6,669
Norwood	6,696	7,177	544	14,417	Millville	738	748	61	1,547
Plainville	1,898	2,276	123	4,297	New Braintree	273	272	9	554
QUINCY	17,622	20,466	1,777	39,865	North Brookfield	1,277	1,071	50	2,398
Randolph	5,910	7,829	843	14,582	Northborough	4,818	3,181	150	8,149
Sharon	5,456	4,357	361	10,174	Northbridge	4,042	3,369	204	7,615
Stoughton	5,295	7,810	531	13,636	Oakham	561	551	18	1,130
Walpole	6,345	6,993	317	13,655	Oxford	3,349	3,018	144	6,511
Wellesley	9,392	4,495	673	14,560	Paxton	1,453	1,030	113	2,596
Westwood	4,477	3,815	483	8,775	Petersham	507	298	18	823
Weymouth	11,427	15,934	569	27,930	Phillipston	490	462	12	964
Wrentham	3,120	2,937	114	6,171	Princeton	1,312	871	58	2,241
TOTALS	170,058	164,183	13,113	347,354	Royalston	371	304	20	695
Plymouth County					Rutland	2,222	1,929	55	4,206
Abington	2,928	5,024	145	8,097	Shrewsbury	10,409	6,942	478	17,829
Bridgewater	3,660	8,146	304	12,110	Southborough	3,558	2,056	118	5,732
BROCKTON	11,361	19,889	2,503	33,753	Southbridge	3,767	2,694	583	7,044
Carver	2,496	3,463	218	6,177	Spencer	2,886	2,639	144	5,669
Duxbury	5,309	3,919	222	9,450	Sterling	2,615	2,020	79	4,714
East Bridgewater	2,265	4,775	184	7,224	Sturbridge	3,039	2,081	88	5,208
Halifax	1,577	2,429	91	4,097	Sutton	2,740	2,331	203	5,274
Hanover	3,450	4,538	184	8,172	Templeton	1,899	1,789	64	3,752
Hanson	2,067	3,307	108	5,482	Upton	2,459	1,599	77	4,135
Hingham	7,324	5,822	342	13,488	Uxbridge	3,898	3,051	285	7,234
Hull	2,917	2,896	150	5,963	Warren	1,353	883	107	2,343
Kingston	3,240	3,361	135	6,736	Webster	3,567	2,926	212	6,705
Lakeville	2,080	3,524	129	5,733	West Boylston	2,245	1,685	84	4,014
Marion	1,662	1,333	139	3,134	West Brookfield	1,088	885	60	2,033
Marshfield	6,984	7,334	286	14,604	Westborough	5,582	3,201	280	9,063
Mattapoisett	2,013	1,898	136	4,047	Westminster	2,246	1,977	79	4,302
Middleborough	3,939	6,992	510	11,441	Winchendon	2,319	1,885	119	4,323
Norwell	3,222	2,965	157	6,344	WORCESTER	32,817	24,218	4,773	61,808
TOTALS	170,058	164,183	13,113	347,354	TOTALS	197,918	154,657	13,473	366,048

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Northfield accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this town, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve, and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Northfield, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2009, by an additional surcharge of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Northfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Northfield	818	792	135	1,745
TOTALS	818	792	135	1,745

QUESTION 4

Shall this Town amend its acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

This question involves amendment of the Town's acceptance to G.L. c.44B, §§ 3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), by increasing the surcharge imposed on real property from one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) to three percent (3 %) of the tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for: the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space and land for recreational use; the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources; and the creation, preservation and support of community housing. Acceptance of the Act also entitles municipalities to receive an annual distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, which supplements the funds collected pursuant to the surcharge imposed by the Town and increases the available funds for eligible projects.

As approved under Article 2 of the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2001 Annual Town Election, the surcharge was initially fixed at one percent (1 %) of the annual property tax assessed on real property. An increase in the surcharge to one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) was later approved under Article 38 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2006 biennial state election. On a motion made under Article 24 of the April 28, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, the Amherst Town Meeting voted to increase the surcharge to three percent (3 %). If approved, the additional surcharge would be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009.

The Act contains certain mandatory exemptions and also allows municipalities to approve certain optional exemptions. The Town has adopted two such optional exemptions, as follows: (1) any property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Amherst is exempt from the surcharge; and, (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property is exempt from the surcharge. Regardless of whether this question passes or fails, these exemptions will continue to be applicable in the Town of Amherst.

In the Town of Amherst

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Royalston accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Royalston, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2010, by an additional surcharge of 3% (Three percent) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to annual audit.

In the Town of Royalston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Royalston.....	351	312	32	695
TOTALS.....	351	312	32	695

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Amherst.....	5,148	5,316	2,473	12,937
TOTALS.....	5,148	5,316	2,473	12,937

Question 4

Shall the City of Gloucester accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In the City of Gloucester, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one (1%) percent on the annual tax levy on real property commencing in fiscal year 2010 and by matching funds provided by the state. **EXCLUSIONS:** property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low to moderate income senior housing in the City of Gloucester, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall receive a pro rata reduction with respect to the portion exempt. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the City of Gloucester

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
GLOUCESTER.....	8,270	6,094	1,320	15,684
TOTALS.....	8,270	6,094	1,320	15,684

Question 4

Shall the Town of West Springfield accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Community Preservation Act (Section 3-7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts (the Act) establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to 1) acquire, create and preserve land for open space for recreational use; 2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; 3) acquire, create, preserve and support of community housing; and 4) rehabilitation and restoration of open space, recreational land and community housing acquired under the Act.

In the Town of West Springfield the Act will be funded by an excise of one (1%) percent of the annual tax levy on real estate, beginning in fiscal year 2010, and by an undetermined additional amount provided by the Commonwealth, not to exceed the West Springfield excise of one (1%) percent.

The following shall be exempt from the excise established by this act:

Property owned and occupied by a domicile by an person who qualifies for low income housing (persons and family whose annual income is less than 80% of the area's median income) or low or moderate income senior housing (those persons over 60 years of age who would qualify for low or moderate income housing) in the town; and

All class 3 commercial (properties held for business purposes) and class 4 industrial (properties held for manufacturing, processing or fabricating of materials).

A community preservation committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs regarding community preservation and will make recommendations to the town council on spending community preservation funds. The committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members and must include one member from each of the following: the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board and the Housing Authority.

At least ten (10%) percent of the funds that are received each fiscal year must be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the following: 1) open space, 2) historic resources; and 3) affordable housing.

In the Town of West Springfield

Question 4

Shall the Town of Shutesbury accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body (Town Meeting), a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In Shutesbury, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2009, and by matching funds provided by the state. Exclusion 1. Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act. Exclusion 2. \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from this Act. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town Shutesbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Shutesbury	863	284	85	1,232
TOTALS	863	284	85	1,232

Question 4

Shall the Town of Swansea accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties and help meet local families' housing needs. In the Town of Swansea, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2010 and by matching funds provided by the state. Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act and \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property shall be exempt from such surcharge as permitted under Section 3, Subparagraph (c) of said Act. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from this act. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Swansea

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Swansea.....	4,954	3,028	581	8,563
TOTALS.....	4,954	3,028	581	8,563

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
West Springfield.....	6,024	4,909	1,356	12,289
TOTALS.....	6,024	4,909	1,356	12,289

Question 4

Shall the Town of Whately accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Whately, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2010, by an additional surcharge of 3% (three percent) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Whately

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Whately.....	570	378	46	994
TOTALS.....	570	378	46	994

Question 6

Shall the County Manager Plan of Section 18 of the County Charter Procedures Act be adopted for Dukes County, with the provision for a board of commissioners of seven members, elected for concurrent terms and elected at large?

SUMMARY

The proposed charter would retain the current form of Dukes County government (the county manager form with seven county commissioners), except that the commissioners would be elected for concurrent two-year terms, instead of non-concurrent (staggered) four-year terms, as is currently the case.
In the County of Dukes County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah.....	189	65	59	313
Chilmark.....	415	166	161	742
Edgartown.....	1,441	508	523	2,472
Gosnold.....	42	18	20	80
Oak Bluffs.....	1,480	615	593	2,688
Tisbury.....	1,359	577	504	2,440
West Tisbury.....	1,013	409	452	1,874
TOTALS.....	5,939	2,358	2,312	10,609

Question 4

Shall a charter commission be elected to revise the charter of the town of Palmer?

In the Town of Palmer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Palmer.....	3,031	2,027	878	5,936
TOTALS.....	3,031	2,027	878	5,936

Question 4

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?
In the Town of Carlisle

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Carlisle.....	2,344	855	47	3,246
TOTALS.....	2,344	855	47	3,246

Question 4

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred persons?
In the Town of Harvard

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Harvard.....	2,824	544	121	3,489
TOTALS.....	2,824	544	121	3,489

Question 4

Shall the Town of Barre be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds and notes issued in order to construct a Senior Center as voted July 29, 2002, Article 1; to upgrade the Barre Water System as voted June 12, 2006, Article 13; for Phase 1B of the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades as voted June 9, 2003, Article 20; to supplement the amount previously voted upon to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 1B as voted November 21, 2005, Article 2; for the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 1 as voted June 11, 2001 Article 29 and June 17, 2002 Article 22, and as amended July 26, 2004 on Article 3; for the purpose of constructing a municipal sewer collection system (Worcester Road) as voted June 14, 1999 Article 25 and to supplement the amount previously voted for the construction of the municipal sewer system on Worcester Road, Town Farm Road, Debra Lane and Fruitland Road as voted November 13, 2000 Article 7?

In the Town of Barre

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Barre.....	1,169	1,266	274	2,709
TOTALS.....	1,169	1,266	274	2,709

Question 4

Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing, renovating, and expanding Clapp Memorial Library, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Belchertown

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Belchertown.....	4,464	2,969	300	7,733
TOTALS.....	4,464	2,969	300	7,733

Question 4

Shall the city of Melrose, acting through its liquor licensing commission, be granted the authority to issue up to 3 licenses to establishments that would sell wines and malt beverages only for consumption off premises; provided, however, that the sale of wines and malt beverages shall be incidental to the sale of food?

In the City of Melrose

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
MELROSE.....	9,403	5,282	720	15,405
TOTALS.....	9,403	5,282	720	15,405

Question 5

Shall the city of Melrose, acting through its liquor licensing commission, be granted the authority to issue licenses to restaurants having a seating capacity of not fewer than 50 persons nor more than 99 persons for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages only in conjunction with a food establishment permit with full menu service?

In the City of Melrose

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
MELROSE.....	11,541	3,083	781	15,405
TOTALS.....	11,541	3,083	781	15,405

Question 4

Shall the City of Brockton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,130,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of providing additional police officers and police patrols coverage in the Brockton Police Department (\$780,000) and additional firefighters in the Brockton Fire Department (\$350,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?
In the City of Brockton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
BROCKTON	9,883	20,288	3,582	33,753
TOTALS.....	9,883	20,288	3,582	33,753

Question 5

Shall the City of Brockton be allowed to assess an additional \$210,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of providing additional funding to the Brockton Public Libraries for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 for the purpose of providing additional staffing and materials?
In the City of Brockton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
BROCKTON	10,390	19,822	3,541	33,753
TOTALS.....	10,390	19,822	3,541	33,753

Question 4

Shall the Town of East Bridgewater be allowed to assess an additional \$1,250,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the East Bridgewater Capital Stabilization Fund for fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and nine?
In the Town of East Bridgewater

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
East Bridgewater	1,312	5,485	427	7,224
TOTALS.....	1,312	5,485	427	7,224

Question 4

Shall the Town of Littleton be authorized to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct a new police station to be located on town-owned property at 500 Great Road, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto?
In the Town of Littleton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Littleton	2,889	2,021	286	5,196
TOTALS.....	2,889	2,021	286	5,196

Question 4

Shall the Town of Longmeadow be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two-and-one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to procure an owner's manager and to conduct a feasibility study to understand the extent of facility and programming deficiencies at the Longmeadow High School located at 95 Grassy Gutter Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106, located between Williams Street and Bliss Road and to explore the formulation of a solution to those deficiencies?

In the Town of Longmeadow

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Longmeadow.....	5,606	3,506	562	9,674
TOTALS.....	5,606	3,506	562	9,674

Question 4

Shall the Town of Mattapoissett be allowed to exempt from provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued by the Town in order to finance the construction, equipping and furnishing of a new fire station?

In the Town of Mattapoissett

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Mattapoissett.....	1,811	1,978	258	4,047
TOTALS.....	1,811	1,978	258	4,047

Question 6

Shall the City of Brockton be allowed to assess an additional \$2,250,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of providing additional funding to the Brockton Public Schools for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 for the purpose of meeting educational reform funding requirements and transportation?

In the City of Brockton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
BROCKTON.....	12,077	18,163	3,513	33,753
TOTALS.....	12,077	18,163	3,513	33,753

Question 4

Shall the Town of Charlton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design, construct, and equip a new highway operations facility?

In the Town of Charlton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Charlton.....	3,026	2,981	479	6,486
TOTALS.....	3,026	2,981	479	6,486

Question 4

Shall the town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct and originally equip a new police station?

In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Mendon	1,229	1,708	311	3,248
TOTALS.....	1,229	1,708	311	3,248

Question 4

Shall the town of Needham be allowed to assess an additional \$1,887,929 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding operating expenses for the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and nine?

In the Town of Needham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Needham.....	8,900	7,751	685	17,336
TOTALS.....	8,900	7,751	685	17,336

Question 4

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the preparation of design plans for construction of a new Police Station on South Orleans Road, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Orleans

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Orleans	1,812	2,329	523	4,664
TOTALS.....	1,812	2,329	523	4,664

door recreational purposes, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed May 8, 2000; to construct and reconstruct outdoor recreational facilities, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of brick walkways and the acquisition and installation of benches and lighting in City parks and other City recreational areas in the Market Square Bullnose, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed May 8, 2000; to reconstruct and make extraordinary repairs to the City Hall, consisting of the repair of windows and surrounding brownstone on the City Hall, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed May 8, 2000; to reconstruct the City boardwalk for outdoor recreational purposes, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed November 26, 2001; to construct pedestrian walkways to the Boardwalk at the central waterfront for outdoor recreational purposes, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed September 9, 2002; to purchase modular classrooms for the School Department, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed May 12, 2003; to construct and reconstruct outdoor recreational facilities at the Moseley Woods Park and adjacent Water Department land, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed January 12, 2004; for the FY 2005 Capital Improvement Project, consisting of Four Dump Trucks, Hoyt's Lane Drainage, Storm Water Compliance, Bresnahan School Repairs, Nock School Repairs, Fuller Field Repairs, Brown School Repairs, Central Server for the IT Department and SCBA Units/ Cascade for the Fire Department, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed May 9, 2005; for the purchase of fire apparatus for the Fire Department, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed March 10, 2008; and to fund the FY 2008 Capital Improvement Project, consisting of sidewalk repairs and material purchase, Inn Street electrical work, School Building ADA upgrades, security and HVAC improvements, storm water drainage, ADA upgrade to City Hall bathrooms, North Reservation Terrace relocation, and other maintenance and repairs, sidewalks, street drainage repair and paving?

In the City of Newburyport

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
NEWBURYPORT	5,009	5,068	867	10,944
TOTALS.....	5,009	5,068	867	10,944

Question 4

Shall the Town of Spencer be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new ladder truck for Spencer Fire Department?

In the Town of Spencer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Spencer	3,039	2,178	452	5,669
TOTALS.....	3,039	2,178	452	5,669

Question 5

Shall the town of Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the cost of architectural and engineering services related to the Town's Emergency Services Facility, including design, planning, project management, oversight, construction administration and all other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Tisbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Tisbury	1,067	967	406	2,440
TOTALS.....	1,067	967	406	2,440

Question 5

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the purchase of the land located at 353 South Orleans Road (Route 28), Orleans, MA consisting of approximately 5.22 acres, and being a portion of Parcel 8-1 on the Orleans Assessor's Map 68, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Orleans

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Orleans	2,595	1,571	498	4,664
TOTALS.....	2,595	1,571	498	4,664

Question 4

Shall the City of Newburyport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the following list of existing authorized indebtedness: to construct additions, and remodel, reconstruct or make extraordinary repairs to the police station, including original equipment and related site improvements, pursuant to the votes of the City Council passed March 8, 1993 and August 29, 1994; to finance a feasibility study of the structural needs of City Hall and to make extraordinary repairs to City Hall, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed November 8, 1993; to remodel, reconstruct, or make extraordinary repairs to City school buildings, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed May 23, 1994; to acquire a portion of the land off Storey Avenue as shown on the City of Newburyport Assessor's Map 107 as Lot #1 and consisting of 9.8 Acres for general municipal purposes, including the construction of a school, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed March 8, 1999; to acquire all or a portion of a parcel of land on State Street as shown on the City of Newburyport Assessor's Map 13 as Lot 4 and consisting of 16,610 square feet for public parking purposes in fee or rights of easement, pursuant to the vote of the City Council passed March 8, 1999; to reconstruct the City boardwalk for out-