

## ARTICLE VIII The Town Meeting

### **Section 1. Annual and Special Town Meeting.**

An Annual Town Meeting for the consideration of the budget and the transaction of other Town business which voters are authorized to vote upon shall be held on the first Saturday following the second Tuesday in June. Special Town Meetings may be called by the Council.

### **Section 2. When action by Town Meeting required.**

The annual budget, as provided in Article V; any appropriation of \$25,000 or more in addition to or supplementary to the annual budget appropriation; the issuance of bonds or notes, except notes in anticipation of taxes to be paid within the fiscal year in which issued; shall become effective only after it has been adopted at a Town Meeting by the vote of a majority of those present and entitled to vote at such meeting. The Town Meeting shall not increase the amount of any appropriation recommended by the Council and shall not increase the amount of any bond issue above the amount recommended by the Council.

### **Section 3. Application.**

The provisions of this article shall not apply to any appointments of officers, or members of commissions or of boards made by said Town Council, or to the appointment or designation of officers of the Town Council or to rules governing the procedure of the Town Council.

### **Section 4. Method of discontinuing the Town Meeting.**

At any time, not less than 10% of the registered voters of the Town may petition over their personal signatures for a referendum vote on the ballot at a general or special Town election on the proposition of discontinuing the Town Meeting. The proper election officials of the Town shall take such steps as may be necessary to place such question upon the ballot at the next general election or at a special election called for that purpose. If at such general election or special election a majority of the electors of the Town voting on the question shall vote for the discontinuing of the Town Meeting of the Town of Windham, the powers heretofore vested in the Town Meeting shall be conferred upon and exercised by the Town Council.