

TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND
A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO H-5593 AND S-0285
AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF
CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, House Bill 5593, an Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations -- Arbitration -- Continuance of Contractual Provisions, and companion Senate Bill 0285 have been passed in the Rhode Island General Assembly and were transmitted to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, these Bills require that the contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the practical effect of this legislation for Barrington and other municipalities will be to place an unnecessary burden on the bargaining process between town officials and certain unions; and

WHEREAS, contracts with unions represent a significant portion of Municipal and school budgets; and

WHEREAS, these contracts need to be renegotiated from time to time to serve the needs of Barrington's and other town's citizens; and

WHEREAS, these Bills may force the Town of Barrington to adhere to provisions of a contract long after it has expired; and

WHEREAS, these Bills will have the practical effect of retroactively modifying union contracts that are in place to, among other things, potentially make them permanent, or to require perpetual annual raises when those provisions were never the intent of the parties negotiating the agreement; and,

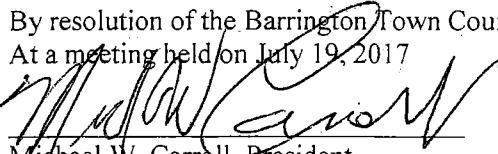
WHEREAS, these proposed changes are significant and were approved despite opposition from the municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barrington Town Council respectfully requests that the Governor veto House Bill 5593 and Senate Bill 0285.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Barrington's State Senators and State Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, all the Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island and the Governor in consideration of their support to defeat this amendment to the General Laws.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect on July 19, 2017.

By resolution of the Barrington Town Council
At a meeting held on July 19, 2017


Michael W. Carroll, President
Barrington Town Council

Vote: Passed unanimously


Attested to by

Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC
Barrington Town Clerk