

Voting Results of 2006 Town-to-Town Campaign on Genetic Engineering
in Western Massachusetts

Town (Population)	Meeting Date	Resolution	Vote	Win / Loss / Refer
Charlemont (1,396)	May 1	"Encourage a local moratorium"* Labeling Liability	vast majority of over 80 (not split)**	W
Shutesbury (1,846)	May 6	Labeling Liability Moratorium	unanimous (not split)**	W
Bernardston (2,215)	May 6	Labeling Liability Moratorium	voice	W R*** R***
Amherst (34,255)	May 8	Labeling Liability Moratorium	voice 115 – 60 82 – 77	W W W
Granby (6,339)	May 8	Labeling Liability Moratorium	voice voice voice	W W W
Ware (10,022)	May 8	Liability Moratorium Labeling	55 – 44 voice voice	W L W
Sandisfield (823)	May 13	"Encourage a local moratorium"* Labeling Liability	(not split)**	W
Williamstown (8,272)	May 16	Labeling Moratorium	voice 74-24	W W
New Salem (988)	June 13	Labeling Liability Moratorium	28-4 33-9 18-12	W W W

* Although this language lacks binding legal authority, it is a statement of moral authority by the town.

** While most towns voted separately (split the article) on the resolutions for labeling, liability, and moratorium, some voted these matters as part of one single article (not split).

*** In Bernardston, the same day the GMO articles were debated, the town voted to establish an agricultural commission. The town passed a motion to refer the articles on liability and a moratorium to the agricultural commission, but they did not to oppose the articles. Later, the head of commission invited the anti-GE petitioner, Gloria Meluleni, onto the newly founded commission.