

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 10, 2010**

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Granby qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School on East State Street on May 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Albert Bail opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 120 were in attendance at the time of opening. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by the Select Board and the residents joined in.

The Moderator calls on the Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, to certify that all the warrants were posted in accordance with the law.

The Clerk responds they have. The warrant for this Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

Committees and Boards present at this ATM:

Select Board: Chairperson, Mary A. McDowell, Members, Wayne H. Tack, Sr. and Mark L. Bail, All Present.

Finance Committee: Chairperson, John Libera, Jr., Members, Robert Glesmann, III, James Hartley, Catherine Myers, and Dana Ritter, All Present.

School Committee: Chairperson, Deborah Buckley, Members, Kevin Boisselle, Dawn Cooke, Arthur Krulewitz, and Michael Quesnel, All Present.

Others in attendance: Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr., Town Administrator, Christopher Martin, Town Administrator's Secretary, Cathy Leonard, and the School Superintendent, Patricia Stevens.

The Moderator calls on David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent and the King Lion from the Granby Lions Club. He is representing the Lions Club to acknowledge the Citizen of the Year Award. This year's recipient goes to Nancy Sedlak, unfortunately, Nancy was unable to attend this meeting to receive this award.

Mr. Desrosiers speaks on the wonderful qualities Nancy has and what she has done for our Community. She worked for the Granby Postal Service until her retirement in 2005. After her retirement she became an election worker, has helped out in the Town Clerk's office, she was elected to the Granby Housing Authority in 2006, appointed to the Council of Aging in 2006, is involved with the Friends of the Elderly, is the Granby Representative for Western Mass Elder Care and has served as a member on the Charter Day Committee. She's also involved with the Annual Thanksgiving project this involves putting together and delivering Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need, and she is very dedicated to her parish the Church of Christ Congregational.

Although Nancy was unable to be here tonight to receive this award in person she receives a round of applause for all her Achievements. She is truly a wonderful example of a Good Citizen.

The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the ATM at 7:05 P.M.

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1: move the Town vote to hear the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees and act thereon. Motion 2nd Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

Mary A. McDowell Chairperson for the Select Board, she speaks briefly on the towns needs and on Kellogg Hall and how the townspeople will vote tonight on the future for this building.

John Libera, Jr., Chairperson for the Finance Committee, he mentions the tough times we are in and the next two years could possible be worse and how all departments had to work with a minimal budget this past fiscal year and this upcoming fiscal year. He also mentions the landfill and how it will no longer be usable by 2013 and we need to find other ways for Capital Funding

There are no other reports from any other Boards or Committees. The Moderator calls for Article 2 of the ATM. He explains that the Articles that contain sections A. B. C. etc will be read in sections and he will ask the voters after every section if they have any questions once the article is read in its entirety he will ask for a vote.

ARTICLE 2: move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2011:

A. To sell, after first giving notice of time and place of sale by posting such notices of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town 14 days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title land of low value procedure, provided the Selectmen or whomever they authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid they deem inadequate.

No discussion

B. To apply for and accept Federal or State grants or monies as may be made available and to allow the Selectmen to expend any funds received as set forth in the appropriate application.

No discussion

C. To enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing year.

No discussion

Motion 2nd

There was no discussion on any of the above and a vote is called.

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3: move the Town vote to authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2011 as follows:

A. The Cemetery Commissioners to dig graves and maintain the equipment and grounds in the cemeteries at a wage rate that is no less than the minimum wage.

No discussion

B. The members of the Board of Assessors to be compensated \$15 per parcel for necessary fieldwork and data collection for services rendered in connection with the revaluation and re-certification process involving one-sixth of the improved parcels in town.

No discussion

C. The members of the Board of Health, or their consultants, to receive compensation at a wage rate of \$35 per inspection or specific required activity.

No discussion

D. The members of the Planning Board, or their appointees, to receive compensation at a wage rate of \$65 per inspection.

No discussion

Motion 2nd

There was no discussion on any of the above and a vote is called.

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 4: move the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to charge a fee of \$65 for each site inspection deemed necessary by a quorum of the Commission. Fees shall be payable to the Town of Granby Conservation Commission and deposited in the Conservation Hatch Fund.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 5: move the Town vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2009 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Michael Curran	\$ 955.
Robert L. & Connie R. Bray	\$ 255.
Jacques A. Cournoyer	\$ 565.
Autumn Bouley & Charlotte Lumbra	\$1,155.
Ami & Kevin Hughes	\$ 565.
Frank Drew Bissell	\$1,155.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

The Moderator once again explains that the following Articles that contain sections A. B. C. etc will be read in sections and he will ask the voters after every section if they have any questions once the article is read in its entirety he will ask for a vote.

ARTICLE 6: move the Town vote to authorize the following Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E½ and to authorize expenditures from these funds for fiscal year 2011 without further appropriation:

- A. An Inspections Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Inspector of Buildings. The Inspector of Buildings may spend \$51,798 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011. *No discussion***
- B. A Recreation Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission may spend \$20,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011. *No discussion***
- C. A Dufresne Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee. The Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$25,000 in revolving**

fund monies in fiscal year 2011.

Discussion

- D. A Charter Day Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Charter Day Committee. The Charter Day Committee may spend \$25,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011.**
No discussion
- E. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Planning Board. The Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011.**
No discussion
- F. An After School Activities Program Revolving Fund that may be spent only upon authorization of the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools may spend \$20,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011.**
No discussion
- G. A Dog Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Dog Officer. The Dog Officer may spend \$10,100 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011.**
No discussion
- H. A Library Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Library Commissioners. The Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2011.**
No discussion

There was a short discussion on Item C. Dufresne Revolving Fund, no discussions on any of the others a motion is called for a vote for items A-H Revolving Funds.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 7: move the Town vote to authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2011.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 8: move the Town vote to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2014 with a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the FY 2007 four-year annual dues assessment.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 9: move the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$216,095 authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 10: move the Town vote to amend the Bylaws of The Town of Granby, Volume II, Chapter XIX Personnel Bylaw, APPENDIX D Compensation Plan Pay Schedules, and

substituting a new APPENDIX D, showing the twelve pay grades and ten steps with a 3% increment between steps to be effective July 1, 2010. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

* See last page for *APPENDIX D*

ARTICLE 11: move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,911 for Forest Fire Warden Expense. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 12: move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts subscriber fees in the amount of \$950.50 for Cable Committee Expense. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 13: move the Town vote to rescind borrowing and spending authority in the amount of \$334,230 for Article #35 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting for the replacement of the West Street School roof. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 14: move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Building Stabilization fund the sum of \$367,110 for the purpose of funding the town's share of the feasibility study at the Granby Jr.-Sr. High School located at 385 East State Street. Motion 2nd

This vote requires a 2/3rd vote

Declared by the Moderator: Passed by 2/3rd Vote -Show of Hands

ARTICLE 15: move the Town vote to rescind borrowing authority for Article #01 of the September 8, 2009 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the feasibility study at the Granby Jr.-Sr. High School located at 385 East State Street. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 16: move the Town vote to authorize the continued repair and renovation of Kellogg Hall. Motion 2nd

FAILS- by Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 17: move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Building Stabilization fund the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of lead paint abatement, exterior repair and repainting of Kellogg Hall. Motion 2nd

FAILS- by Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 18: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,900 for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser for the Police Department. Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 19: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,750, transfer from the Machinery Earnings Account \$20,250, transfer from Article #22 of the 05/12/2008 Annual Town Meeting for a Planer Unit Attachment \$7,500 for a total of \$55,500 for the purpose of purchasing a compact track loader with rotary cutter for the Highway Department. Motion 2nd

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 20: move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 7 (9) the sum of \$295,000 for the purpose of purchasing a vacuum tanker truck for the Fire Department.

Motion 2nd

This vote requires a 2/3rd vote

Declared by the Moderator: Passed by 2/3rd Vote -Show of Hands

ARTICLE 21: move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 7 (25) the sum of \$99,000 for the purpose of making Dufresne Pond dam repairs for the Conservation Commission.

Motion 2nd

This vote requires a 2/3rd vote

Declared by the Moderator: Passed by 2/3rd Vote -Show of Hands

ARTICLE 22: move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 7 (9) the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of purchasing a light dump truck for the Highway Department.

Motion 2nd

This vote requires a 2/3rd vote

Declared by the Moderator: Passed by 2/3rd Vote -Show of Hands

ARTICLE 23: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,300, transfer from Article #33 of the 05/14/2007 Annual Town Meeting for Painting and Scraping \$12,000, transfer from Article #17 of the 05/12/2008 Annual Town Meeting for Library Paving \$15,700 for a total of \$30,000 for the purpose of painting the Granby Public Library.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 24: move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Buildings Stabilization Fund the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of funding a feasibility study and development of a preliminary design for the Granby Public Library.

Motion 2nd

This vote requires a 2/3rd vote

Declared by the Moderator: Passed by 2/3rd Vote -Show of Hands

ARTICLE 25: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 into the General Purpose Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 26: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270,000 into the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

Passed; Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 27: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 into the Municipal Buildings Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 28: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$222,890 as its apportioned

share of the fiscal year 2011 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 29: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,000 to operate the sewer department.

<u>Wages</u>	<u>\$17,160</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>113,440</u>
<u>Debt</u>	<u>138,400</u>
	<u>\$269,000</u>

and that \$189,007 be raised from sewer receipts and \$79,993 be raised from Retained Earnings

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 30: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$357,940 to operate the ambulance department.

<u>Wages</u>	<u>\$303,715</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>48,725</u>
<u>Capital</u>	<u>5,500</u>
	<u>\$357,940</u>

and that \$181,710 be raised from ambulance receipts and \$176,230 be raised from tax levy

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 31: move the Town vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year and to carry out any vote passed under this article.

Motion 2nd

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1 School Department	
Personal Services	\$6,365,891
Expenses	1,210,357
Transportation	803,688
Capital Outlay	0
<i>Passed: Majority-Show of Hands</i>	<u>\$8,379,936</u>
2 Same Motion	
Moderator	
Salary	\$175

	Expenses	75
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</i>	<u>\$250</u>
3	Same Motion	
	Selectmen	
	Salary	\$8,610
	Personal Services	163,612
	Expenses	71,787
	Capital Outlay	5,000
		<u>\$249,009</u>
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</i>	
4	Same Motion	
	Finance Committee	
	Expenses	\$1,677
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
5	Same Motion	
	Town Accountant	
	Personal Services	\$17,226
	Expenses	19,600
		<u>\$36,826</u>
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
6	Same Motion	
	Assessors	
	Salary	\$9,810
	Personal Services	25,229
	Expenses	17,499
	Capital Outlay	0
		<u>\$52,538</u>
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
7	Same Motion	
	Town Treasurer	
	Salary	\$44,098
	Expenses	14,125
		<u>\$58,223</u>
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
8	Same Motion	
	Tax Collector	
	Salary	\$38,382
	Expenses	10,030
		<u>\$48,412</u>

		\$48,412
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
9	Same Motion	
	Personnel Board	
	Expenses	\$447
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
10	Same Motion	
	Town Clerk	
	Salary	\$40,815
	Personal Services	1,200
	Expenses	2,944
		<hr/> \$44,959
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
11	Same Motion	
	Board of Registrars	
	Personal Services	\$1,836
	Expenses	18,710
		<hr/> \$20,546
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
12	Same Motion	
	Board of Appeals	
	Expenses	\$1,580
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
13	Same Motion	
	Public Buildings	
	Personal Services	\$37,233
	Expenses	303,610
	Capital	0
		<hr/> \$340,843
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
14	Same Motion	
	Police Department	
	Personal Services	\$703,694
	Expenses	45,200
		<hr/> \$748,894
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
15	Same Motion	

	Auxiliary Police	
	Expenses	\$1,590
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
16	Same Motion	
	Dispatch	
	Personal Services	\$158,159
	Expenses	26,325
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		\$184,484
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
17	Same Motion	
	Fire Department	
	Personal Services	\$113,040
	Expenses	27,141
	Capital Outlay	13,800
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		\$153,981
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
18	Same Motion	
	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health	
	Personal Services	\$11,000
	Expenses	2,900
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		\$13,900
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
19	Same Motion	
	Emergency Management	
	Expenses	\$1,167
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
20	Same Motion	
	Tree Warden	
	Salary	\$500
	Expenses	150
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		\$650
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
21	Same Motion	
	Highway Department	
	Personal Services	\$259,618
	Expenses	37,770
	Maintenance of Roads	127,320
	Capital	10,000
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\$434,708

Passed: Unanimous-By Voice

22	Same Motion	
	Snow & Ice Control	
	Personal Services	\$48,000
	Expenses	6,500
	Maintenance of Roads	88,900
	Capital	11,000
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		\$154,400

Passed: Unanimous-By Voice

23	Same Motion	
	Cemetery	
	Personal Services	\$7,752
	Expenses	2,478
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		\$10,230

Passed: Unanimous-By Voice

24	Same Motion	
	Board of Health	
	Salary	\$2,535
	Personal Services	20,338
	Expenses	7,605
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		\$30,478

Passed: Unanimous-By Voice

25	Same Motion	
	Council On Aging	
	Personal Services	\$75,361
	Expenses	5,910
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		\$81,271

Passed: Unanimous-By Voice

26	Same Motion	
	Veterans Services	
	Expenses	\$46,000

Passed: Unanimous-By Voice

27	Same Motion	
	Public Library	
	Personal Services	\$92,518
	Expenses	38,389
	Less Grant In Aid	-9,141
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	Net Expenses	<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> 29,248 <hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/> \$121,766
	<i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	
28	Same Motion Retirement of Debt Principal on Permanent Debt <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$222,640
29	Same Motion Interest <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$46,652
30	Same Motion Casualty & Liability Insurance <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$199,271
31	Same Motion County Retirement <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$585,291
32	Same Motion Workers Compensation <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$50,000
33	Same Motion Council of Governments <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$6,181
34	Same Motion Unemployment Compensation <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$26,760
35	Same Motion Group Health/Life Insurance <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$1,371,468
36	Same Motion Reserve Fund <i>Passed: Unanimous-By Voice</i>	\$125,000

Article 31: Passes in its entirety All Items 1-36 passed either by show of hands or by voice.

ARTICLE 32: move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund the sum of \$72,000 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal

year 2011 appropriations.
This vote requires a 2/3rd vote

Motion 2nd

Declared by the Moderator: Passed by 2/3rd Vote -Show of Hands

ARTICLE 33: move the Town vote to authorize the use of \$133,438 of Free Cash for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2011 appropriations.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 34: move the Town vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the Town of Granby.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

All the reports have been heard from the Town Officers and all standing and special committees that had reports to give.

The Moderator motions to adjourn this year's Annual Town Meeting. Motion 2nd

All in favor to adjourned: PASSED – Unanimous- by voice

The business for this ATM is completed and the Moderator officially dismisses this ATM at 8:51 P.M.

There were 138 voters and 9 non-voters that showed up to support and contribute to our town affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine A. Kelly-Regan
Town Clerk