

**RECORD  
TOWN OF GRANBY  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:**

**The Moderator, Albert Bail opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:01 p.m. he calls for a brief recess in order to let more voters check in. The meeting is called back to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 716 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 Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.**

**Committees and Boards present at this STM:**

**Select Board: All present, Wayne H. Tack, Sr., Chair, Mark L. Bail, and Mary McDowell.**

**Finance Committee: All present, John Libera, Jr. Chair, Robert Glesmann, III, John Hartley, Dana Ritter, and Scott Wilson.**

**School Committee: All present, Deborah Buckley, Chair, Kevin Boisselle, Dawn Cooke, Arthur Krulewitz, and Michael Quesnel.**

**School Building Committee: All present. Michael Quesnel, Chair, Joseph Arabik, Dawn Cooke, Daniel Lynch, Frank Marion, Mary McDowell, Sally O'Shea, James Pietras, Dana Ritter, Kenneth Scully and Renee Still.**

**Others in attendance Edward Ryan, Town Counselor, Christopher Martin, Town Administrator, and Patricia Stevens, the Schools Superintendent.**

**The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:11 P.M. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Select board Chair, Wayne H. Tack, Sr. presents this Article to the voters.*

*Mr. Tack stresses to the voter that it's time to follow through with this project and we should stop wasting money and to go forward with this.*

*Michael Quesnel Chair, for the School Building Committee thanks all those that helped with this project and for everyone here to part take in this historical vote.*

*There is a slide presentation for the new school. After this short slide presentation the Finance Committee takes the floor.*

*John Libera, Jr., Chair of the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee recommends the voters not to vote in favor of this project.*

*A statement from Mr. Libera report:*

*"And there is an alternative: the School Building Committee could refocus its efforts based on three principles: the principle of improving the physical conditions of the schools, adding in the principle of programmatic considerations, and strictly adhering to the principle of an affordable budget. Granby would get a completely different solution; but it would be a solution that the taxpayers can live with. This solution would provide Granby a school system the Town can continue to be proud of, as well as the financial possibility of an infrastructure and services it can be equally proud of".*

*"A vote against this project is not a vote against fixing up the schools. A vote against this project is a vote for a better planning process to lead to an affordable solution for the schools. We recommend you vote against this project and save your approval for the realistic solutions that we know are available".*

*We continue to hear from both sides on this Article and it's finally moved to vote on at 8:07*

**ARTICLE 1: move that the Town of Granby appropriate the sum of Forty Five Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven (\$45,260,911) Dollars for the construction of a grade six through twelve Granby Jr./Sr. High School facility located at 385 East State Street, Granby, MA, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Town Treasurer, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town of Granby acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town of Granby incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Granby; provided further that any grant that the Town of Granby may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.52 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Granby and the MSBA.**

*A two-thirds vote is required for this Article to pass.*

*Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
FAILS- by Hand Count  
410-YES-298-NO*

*The final count is 410 in favor of this Article and 298 not in favor of this Article. The total voters that voted for this Article were 708. 472 or more was the required amount for this Article to pass.*

**This Article FAILS by not getting the required 2/3rds needed.**

**MOTION: move to adjourn this Special Town Meeting**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> The STM is officially dismissed at 8:23 P.M.**

**The business for this STM is completed, Albert Bail, Moderator officially dismisses the STM at 8:23 pm. There were 747 registered voters and twenty-two non-voters that were in attendance at this Special Town Meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Katherine A. Kelly-Regan  
Town Clerk**