

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED
& SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13, 2011**

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 June 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: The Moderator, newly elected Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Reconvened Annual Town Meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 100 were in attendance at the time of opening. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by the Select Board Chair, Mark L. Bail 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 portion of the Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees and Boards present at this ATM/STM:

Select Board: All Present, Chair, Mark L. Bail , Members, Mary A. McDowell, and Louis Barry.

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

School Committee: Members, Kevin Boisselle, Dawn Cooke, Michael Quesnel, and Arthur Krulewitz not present Deborah Buckley.

Others in attendance: Town Counselor Assistant, Brian O'Toole, Town Administrator, Christopher Martin, School Superintendent, Isabelina Rodriquez, Andy Piquette, School Business Manager, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, Town Clerk, Patricia Banas, Assistant Town Clerk, Vote Counters & Checkers, Jeanne Crosby, Maureen Costello, Richard Gaj, Sr., Jeanne Merrill, Bill Merullo, Nancy Sedlak and Kevin O'Grady Police Officer.

At this time the Moderator calls on Mark L. Bail, Select Board Chairman, Mr. Bail acknowledges Giles Laplante of 341 Batchelor Street for his heroic deed for alerting the Fire Department on a house fire he spotted as he was driving home. His quick response saved the house from total destruction. Giles gets a standing ovation.

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier recognizes town resident Robert Kazalski:.

Robert Kazalski

I would like to recognize a longtime resident and very dedicated volunteer for all his contributions to our community, Robert Kazalski, or Bob as many of you know him by.

Robert recently retired from service as a member of the United States Air Force. While in the service he received multiple excellence awards, appreciation awards, and the meritorious service medal.

Robert has volunteered in our town and greater area for many causes and organizations. Robert has been a member of the Granby Lions Club since 1989 where he served in multiple board positions as well as President.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Holyoke/Chicopee/Springfield Headstart program from 1990 until very recently.

Robert has been part of the Key Family Member Program, through Westover Air Reserve Base, since 2005.

He volunteered for the US Peace Corps and Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services, and the University of Massachusetts.

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He was on the Board of Directors of Girls Inc., a nonprofit organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

MOST RECENTLY, Robert joined GCAM, Granby's public access television. The last several years, Robert has been serving as a volunteer filming events and scheduling programs as well as a member of the Board of Directors.

Robert believes that one of the effective ways to involve the residents in town affairs is to bring the town government to them, when possible. That is the reason he has been a fixture at many board and committee meetings the last several years as he is this evening, behind the camera.

Participants and viewers alike would remember Robert's voice during many meetings telling everyone to "speak up please" so that their voices can be heard by those who watch them on TV.

After decades in Granby, Robert and his wife Terry made the decision to move closer to, and spend more time with their grandchildren in New York State. They will be leaving Granby in a few weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert for his many years of volunteer work and his contributions to our town. He will be missed

And now, I would like to invite Larry Pietras to the podium to say a few words on behalf of GCAM, Granby Public Access TV. Mr. Pietras present a plaque to Robert for all his services he's done for our community.

Robert gets a standing ovation.

The Moderator recognizes Albert Bail:

Finally, I would like to recognize lifetime resident and volunteer, Mr. Al Bail, for his many years of service on many committees and boards for the Town of Granby—most prominently in his role of town moderator, which he did over the past 5 years.

So, thank you Mr. Bail—you've helped show me how to run a town meeting where all citizens have an equal voice and can be heard.

Now sit back and let your voice be heard in your new role as a member of town meeting.

Thank you Mr. Bail.

Al Bail gets a standing ovation.

The Moderator calls on the committees or boards who have any reports to give.

Mark Bail, Select Board, Chair:

Mark L. Bail, Chairperson for the Select Board, he speaks briefly on the towns needs and on the schools and library needs and that this library project is a great opportunity for our community.

Moderator:

She now informs the voters that at 7:15 p.m. we will take a short recess from this Continued ATM in order to do the STM that is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. as posted accordingly by our Town by-laws as written in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m. with a quorum present 109 were in attendance at the time of opening the STM.

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.

The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:20 P.M.

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to amend the Bylaw of the Town of Granby, Volume II, Chapter XIX Personnel Bylaw, APPENDIX C Classification Plan Grade Assignments by inserting Landfill Monitor Grade 3. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 2. move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of funding the FY2011 Granby Public Schools budget.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$29,000 for

the purpose of funding the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 4. move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Buildings stabilization fund the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of funding a needs assessment and development of a plan to address the needs of municipal offices.

Motion 2nd

This requires a 2/3 vote to pass.

FAILS: Hand Count

57-YES to 31 NO

Required amount to pass 59 or greater.

ARTICLE 5. move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the FY2011 Legal budget.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 6. move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,104.27 for the purpose of funding the FY2011 Snow and Ice Control budget.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

MOTION: move to adjourn this Special Town Meeting Motion 2nd

The business for this STM is completed and the Moderator officially dismisses this STM at 7:47 P.M.

At this time the Moderator reopens the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting is officially resumed for business at 7:47 P.M.

The Moderator calls on John Libera, Chair for the Finance Committee:

John Libera, Jr., Chairperson for the Finance Committee, he mentions the tough times we are in, State Aid is down, how the elected officials will receive no raises and all others will only receive their step raise.

How the residents are going to have to eventually step up and raise the property taxes in order for this town to run efficiently. We will no longer be able to keep cutting back on municipal departments and we no longer can count on the landfill the alternative will be the residents.

There are no other reports from any other Boards or Committees.

The Moderator calls for Article 17 of the ATM. She explains that we are starting on Article 17 that is where we left off from the first portion of the Annual Town Meeting that was held on May 9, 2011.

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ARTICLE 17: move the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$281,703 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: Majority-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 18: move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,610 for Forest Fire Warden Expense. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 19: move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts subscriber fees in the amount of \$942 for Cable Committee Expense. Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 20: move the Town vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus \$62,688.28 for the purpose of funding the following prior year overlay deficits;

Fiscal Year 1992	\$ 2,879.34
Fiscal Year 1994	\$ 2,188.82
Fiscal Year 1996	\$ 4,278.94
Fiscal Year 1997	\$ 5,584.74
Fiscal Year 1999	\$ 4,332.80
Fiscal Year 2002	\$ 2,251.87
Fiscal Year 2003	\$ 1,191.94
Fiscal Years Prior to 1991	\$39,979.83.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority-Show of Hands

**Articles 21 & 22 were voted on at the first half of this year's Annual Town Meeting that was held on May 9, 2011.*

ARTICLE 23: move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Building stabilization fund \$500,000 for the purpose of replacing the East Meadow School

Roof. **Motion 2nd**
2/3 vote required **Declared by Moderator** **Passed: by 2/3 vote –Show of Hands**

ARTICLE 24: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$10,000 for the purpose of replacing the West Street School boiler room floor drains.
Motion 2nd
Passed; Majority-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 25: move the Town vote to transfer from Art #13 ATM 06/15/2009 01-210-5801-ART \$3,478; Art #25 ATM 05/14/2007 01-210-5803-ART \$37; Art #15 ATM 05/12/2008 01-210-5804-ART \$206; Art #18 ATM 05/10/2010 30-210-5805-ART \$515 and transfer from Free Cash \$24,664 for a total of \$28,900 for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department.

Motion 2nd
Passed; Majority-Show of Hands

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ARTICLE 26: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$5,000 for the purpose of purchasing a sound system for Town Meeting.

Motion 2nd
Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 27: the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 7 (3A) \$50,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing an elevator at the Council On Aging building located at 10 West State Street.

2/3 vote required

Motion 2nd
Passed: By Hand Count
57- YES to 17 NO

48 votes or greater to pass Article 27 Passes by 2/3rd

ARTICLE 28: move the Town to transfer from Ambulance Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings \$15,900 for the purpose of purchasing an Auto pulse CPR unit for the ambulance department.

Motion 2nd
Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 29: move the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 7 (9) \$130,000 for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) for the Fire Department.

2/3 vote required **Declared by Moderator** **Passed: By 2/3 Vote- Show of Hands**

ARTICLE 30: move the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 7 (9) \$10,000 for the purpose of protective equipment for the Fire Department. Motion 2nd

2/3 vote required

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 31: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$7,000 for the purpose of purchasing a backup repeater for the Police Department. Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 32: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$20,000 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to prepare a Notice Of Intent (NOI) and commence mandated work in order to obtain the Town's Ms4 Stormwater Discharge Permit. Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 33: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000 for the purpose of any and all costs associated with the foreclosure or collection of taxes owed on property placed in tax title in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 60. Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 34: move the Town vote transfer from Free Cash \$122,200 for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund. Motion 2nd

2/3 vote required

Declared by Moderator

Passed: By 2/3 Vote- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 35: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$350,000 for the purpose of funding the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund. Motion 2nd

2/3 vote required

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

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ARTICLE 36: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$350,000 for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund. Motion 2nd

Motion 2nd

2/3 vote required

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 37: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$218,463 as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2012 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District. Motion 2nd

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 38: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$276,000 to operate the sewer department.

Wages	\$17,160
Expenses	113,857
Debt	<u>144,983</u>
	\$276,000

and that \$226,645 be raised from sewer receipts and \$49,355 be raised from Retained Earnings

Motion 2nd
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 39: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$359,418 to operate the ambulance department.

Wages	\$306,818
Expenses	47,750
Capital	<u>4,850</u>
	\$359,418

and that \$183,188 be raised from ambulance receipts and \$176,230 be raised from Retained Earnings

Motion 2nd
Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 40: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$292,800 to operate the municipal solid waste department.

Wages	\$31,363
Expenses	<u>261,437</u>
	\$292,800

and that \$75,000 be raised from municipal solid waste receipts and \$217,800 be transferred from Free Cash

Motion 2nd
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

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ARTICLE 41: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the specific purposes

hereinafter described and that the same be expended only for such purposes under the direction of the proper official of the Town as follows: Motion 2nd

***The Moderator explains how Article 41 will be addressed. Finance Committee members will read all the department items, Item one School, will be voted on separately after Item one all other Items will be read in batches after each batch is read the Moderator will call for a discussion on those items and then a vote.*

Item	Budget
<i>All Items are listed under same Motion. Motion 2nd</i>	
1 School	
Personal Services	\$6,204,261
Expenses	1,451,809
Transportation	839,109
Capital Outlay	0
<i>No Discussion-Passed: Unanimous Show of Hands</i>	\$8,495,179
 2 Same Motion	
Moderator	
Salary	\$175
Expenses	75
	\$250
 3 Same Motion	
Selectmen	
Salary	\$8,610
Personal Services	169,545
Expenses	69,921
Capital Outlay	5,000
	\$253,076
 4 Same Motion	
Finance Committee	
Expenses	\$1,677
 5 Same Motion	
Town Accountant	
Personal Services	\$17,276
Expenses	19,550
	\$36,826

*No discussion-Items 2 – 5
Passed- Unanimous
Show of Hands*

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6	Same Motion		
	Assessors		
	Salary		\$9,810
	Personal Services		25,980
	Expenses		14,870
	Capital Outlay		0
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			\$50,660
7	Same Motion		
	Town Treasurer		
	Salary		\$44,098
	Expenses		7,950
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			\$52,048
8	Same Motion		
	Tax Collector		
	Salary		\$38,382
	Expenses		10,030
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			\$48,412
9	Same Motion		
	Personnel Board		
	Expenses		\$447
10	Same Motion		
	Town Clerk		
	Salary		\$40,815
	Personal Services		2,200
	Expenses		2,944
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			\$45,959

No discussion- Items 6-10
Passed- Unanimous
Show of Hands

11	Same Motion	
	Board of Registrars	
	Personal Services	\$1,836
	Expenses	16,310
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		\$18,146
12	Same Motion	
	Board of Appeals	
	Expenses	\$1,580
13	Same Motion	
	Public Buildings	
	Personal Services	\$37,269
	Expenses	332,188
	Capital Outlay	4,210
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		\$373,667

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14	Same Motion	
	Police Department	
	Personal Services	\$697,494
	Expenses	48,300
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		\$745,794
15	Same Motion	
	Auxiliary Police	
	Expenses	\$1,590

No Discussion- Items 11-15
Passed- Unanimous
Show of Hands

16	Same Motion	
	Dispatch	

	Personal Services	\$158,693
	Expenses	30,320
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		\$189,013
17	Same Motion	
	Fire Department	
	Personal Services	\$115,964
	Expenses	24,950
	Capital Outlay	13,200
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		\$154,114
18	Same Motion	
	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health	
	Personal Services	\$11,000
	Expenses	2,900
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		\$13,900
19	Same Motion	
	Emergency Management	
	Expenses	\$1,167
20	Same Motion	
	Tree Warden	
	Salary	\$500
	Expenses	150
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		\$650

*No Discussion-Items-16-20
Passed- Unanimous
Show of Hands*

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21 **Same Motion**
 Highway Department

	Personal Services	\$268,035
	Expenses	37,660
	Maintenance of Roads	127,320
	Capital	7,500
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		\$440,515
22	Same Motion	
	Snow & Ice Control	
	Personal Services	\$56,440
	Expenses	6,500
	Maintenance of Roads	90,000
	Capital	11,000
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		\$163,940
23	Same Motion	
	Cemetery	
	Personal Services	\$7,752
	Expenses	2,478
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		\$10,230
24	Same Motion	
	Board of Health	
	Salary	\$2,535
	Personal Services	22,102
	Expenses	7,205
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		\$31,842
	<i>No Discussion- Items – 21-24</i>	
	<i>Passed: Unanimous</i>	
	<i>Show of Hands</i>	
25	Same Motion	
	Council On Aging	
	Personal Services	\$76,742
	Expenses	4,600
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		\$81,342
26	Same Motion	
	Senior Lunch Program	

	Personal Services	\$12,023
27	Same Motion	
	Veterans Services	
	Expenses	\$46,000

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28	Same Motion	
	Public Library	
	Personal Services	\$95,249
	Expenses	38,958
	Less Grant In Aid	-8,513
	Net Expenses	30,445
		\$125,694

*No discussion- Items 25-28
Passed- Unanimous
Show of Hands*

29	Same Motion	
	Retirement of Debt	
	Principal on Permanent Debt	\$265,640
30	Same Motion	
	Interest	\$43,016
31	Same Motion	
	Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$156,614
32	Same Motion	
	County Retirement	\$623,354
33	Same Motion	
	Workers Compensation	\$50,000
34	Same Motion	
	Council of Governments	\$4,636

35	Same Motion	
	Unemployment Compensation	\$32,078
36	Same Motion	
	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,380,896
37	Same Motion	
	Reserve Fund	\$130,000

*No discussion- Items 29-37
Passed- Unanimous
Show of Hands*

ARTICLE 42: move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$57,000 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2012 appropriations.
Motion 2nd
2/3 vote required **Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands**

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ARTICLE 43: move the Town vote to authorize the use of \$68,790 of Free Cash for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2012 appropriations.
Motion 2nd
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 44 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

The Moderator motions to adjourn this portion of the ATM **Motion 2nd**
All in favor to adjourned the second half of this ATM: PASSED – Unanimous- by voice

The business for this portion of the ATM Articles 17-44 (with the exception of Articles 21&

22 that were voted on the first half of the ATM on May 9, 2011) all Articles are completed and the Moderator officially dismisses this years ATM at 9:24 P.M.

There were 109 voters and 12 non-voters who showed up to support and contribute to the second half of this Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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