

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED
& SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 18, 2012**

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 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Reconvened Annual Town Meeting at 7:05 p.m. then recessed for five more minutes to allow voters to check in. The ATM was called to order at 7:10 pm a quorum was present (30 or more) 136 were in attendance at the time of opening.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by the Select Board Chair, Louis Barry 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: Chair, Louis M. Barry, Members, Mary A. McDowell, and Mark L. Bail, All Present sitting with the Select Board was the Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr. and Town Administrator, Christopher Martin.

Finance Committee: Chair, John Libera, Jr., Members, Robert Glesmann, III, Dana Ritter, and Scott Wilson Not Present, James Hartley.

School Committee: Members, Michael Quesnel, and Emre Evren, not present Chair, Deborah Buckley, Dawn Cooke, and Arthur Krulewitz, sitting with the School Committee was the School Superintendent, Isabelina Rodriquez, and Andy Piquette, School Business Manager,

Assessors: Chair, William D. Porter, III, and Gregg Leonard, Not Present Frank Hudgik.

Others in attendance to present articles were:

Russell Anderson, Fire Chief, Albert Bail, Personnel Board Rep, David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent, Lawrence Pietras, Chairman, Cable Committee, Steve R. Nally, Treasurer and Alan Wishart, Police Chief.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Costello, Richard Gaj, Sr., Jeanne Merrill, Debra Plath, Nancy Sedlak, Virginia Snopek and Kevin O'Grady Police Officer on duty.

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

At this time the Moderator calls on John J. Libera, Jr., Finance Chairman:

Mr. Libera reports that the town has a balanced budget for FY 2013.

He talks about State Aid for FY13 that it will increase by 2.8% from FY12 however it's still \$366,344 less than it was in FY 2009.

He continues to speak about State Aid for Schools and General Government.

Mr. Libera mentions although there are increases this does not solve our budgetary problems. Simply towns and cities are not receiving the level of State Aid that is needed.

The Finance Committee is recommending that Granby's allocation for the School budget for next year include a one-time additional amount of 155,532.

He mentions that the School Committee and the Superintendent had thought about an even larger budget, but realized that would not be possible without another override vote. They have made the difficult decision to reduce the budget, even though that requires a reduction in staff. "They should be commended for their efforts".

He mentions that before this additional amount was determined the deadline requirements for posting the Warrant Articles for this ATM necessitated that Article 31, with a place-holder amount of \$230,000, be included to cover contingencies. Now that the correct figure of 155,532 has been calculated and incorporated into the budget and motion to be transferred from a Stabilization Fund. It is the Finance's recommendation that Article 31 be withdrawn.

He concluded that Granby has not yet run out of resources, and it is not in the midst of a crisis. But decisions must be made and must be made soon. The problems will not go away with time.

No other reports were given from any other Boards or Committees.

***To read the full Finance report please refer to the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Reports 2012-2013 or by going on the Website www.granby-ma.gov*

Madam Moderator:

*She now informs the voters that at 7:15 p.m. we will take a short recess from this reconvened 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
She calls for a Motion. Motion 2nd*

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m. with a quorum present, 141 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 transfer from Full-Time Wages account number 01-135-5112-000 to Contract Services account number 01-135-5301-000 the sum of \$17,276.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 2: move the Town vote to increase the asset (whole estate) limit to \$39,000 for single persons and \$42,000 for married couples as allowed under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C relating to the exemption of real estate taxes on property of elderly persons to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3: move the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 17E, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 17D by up to 100% of the percentage increase in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue and to fix that annual increase at 2.5% or 100% of the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

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 7:25 P.M.

At this time the Moderator reopens the reconvened Annual Town Meeting. This portion of the Annual Town Meeting is officially resumed for business at 7:25 P.M.

The first portion of this years ATM was held on May 14, 2012 Articles voted on were Articles 1 - 12.

Article 13 is the first Article to be called on for the second half of this ATM Reconvened on June 18, 2012.

ARTICLE 13: move the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$281,282 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 14: move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$2,940 for Forest Fire Warden Expense.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 15: move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts subscriber fees in the amount of \$933 for Cable Committee Expense.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 16: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000 for the purpose of conducting a wage and classification plan study.

Motion 2nd

Passed: By Majority- Hand Count
72- YES to 53- NO

There is a short discussion on this Article the Moderator calls for a vote. It is undetermined by show of hands and a count is called for. A majority is all that is required for this Article to pass.

The hand count is taken 72 voted YES to 53 voted NO- Article 16 Passes by Majority.

ARTICLE 17: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing a fingerprint/palm scanner for the Police Department.

Motion 2nd

Passed: By Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 18: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing protective gear for the Fire Department.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 19: move the Town vote to transfer from the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing a sally port on the Public Safety Complex located at 259 East State Street for the Police Department.

2/3rd Vote required **Motion 2nd**
Passed: By 2/3rd Vote- Hand Count
86 - YES to 34 – NO

A Vote of 80 or more was required for this Article to pass Article 19 Passed by the required 2/3rd.

ARTICLE 20: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$33,000 for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department.

Motion 2nd
Passed by Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 21: 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) \$134,000 for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck for the Highway Department.

2/3rd Vote required **Motion 2nd**
Passed by 2/3rd – Declared by Moderator
Show of Hands

ARTICLE 22: 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) \$54,000 for the purpose of purchasing a mower for the Highway Department.

2/3rd Vote required **Motion 2nd**
Passed by 2/3rd – Declared by Moderator
Show of Hands

ARTICLE 23: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$167,897 for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund.

2/3rd Vote required **Motion 2nd**
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 24: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of funding the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund.

2/3rd Vote required **Motion 2nd**
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 25: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund.

2/3rd Vote required **Motion 2nd**
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 26: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,901 as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2013 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 27: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$329,567 to operate the municipal solid waste department

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$ 55,067</i>
Expenses	<u>274,500</u>
	\$329,567

and that \$329,567 be raised from municipal solid waste receipts.

Motion 2nd

Passed: By Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 28: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$278,000 to operate the sewer department

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$17,160</i>
Expenses	117,460
Debt	<u>143,380</u>
	\$278,000

and that \$253,000 be raised from sewer receipts and \$25,000 be raised from Retained Earnings

Motion 2nd

Passed: By Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 29: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$384,023 to operate the ambulance department

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$331,423</i>
Expenses	47,750
Capital	<u>4,850</u>
	\$384,023

and that \$207,793 be raised from ambulance receipts and \$40,230 be raised from Retained Earnings and \$136,000 be raised from tax levy

Motion 2nd

Passed: By Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 30: 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:

The Moderator explains that Article 30 is normally a Majority vote however because Item 1 is having a portion of funding out of the General Purpose Stabilization that requires Item 1 School Budget to be voted on as a 2/3rd vote. All other Items under Article 30, Items 2-37 will only require a Majority vote.

Item	Budget
1 School	
Personal Services	\$6,422,032
Expenses	1,456,640
Transportation	911,677
Capital Outlay	0
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	\$8,790,349

and that \$155,532 be transferred from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund and \$8,634,817 be raised from Tax Levy
 2/3rd vote required for Item 1

Motion 2nd
 No Discussion
 Passed: by 2/3rd Majority-Declared By Moderator- Show of Hands

2 Same Motion	
Moderator	
Salary	\$175
Expenses	75
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	\$250

Items 2-6
 Motion 2nd
 No discussion
 Item 2- Passed: Unanimous

3 Same Motion	
Selectmen	
Salary	\$8,784
Personal Services	163,329
Expenses	69,921
Capital Outlay	5,000
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	\$247,034

No Discussion
 Item 3- Passed-Unanimous

4 Same Motion	
Finance Committee	
Expenses	\$1,677

No Discussion
 Item 4- Passed-Unanimous

5 Same Motion	
Town Accountant	
Personal Services	\$0
Expenses	40,550
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	\$40,550

No Discussion
 Item 5- Passed-Unanimous

6 Same Motion	
Assessors	
Salary	\$10,005
Personal Services	27,191
Expenses	14,180
Capital Outlay	0
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	\$51,376

No Discussion
 Item 6- Passed-Unanimous

7	Same Motion	
	Town Treasurer	
	Salary	\$44,980
	Expenses	5,450
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		\$50,430

*Items 7-10
Motion 2nd*

No discussion

Item 7- Passed: Unanimous

8	Same Motion	
	Tax Collector	
	Salary	\$39,150
	Personal Services	14,001
	Expenses	10,030
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		\$63,181

No Discussion

Item 8- Passed-Unanimous

9	Same Motion	
	Personnel Board	
	Expenses	\$447

No Discussion

Item 9- Passed-Unanimous

10	Same Motion	
	Town Clerk	
	Salary	\$41,632
	Personal Services	2,244
	Expenses	2,944
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		\$46,820

No Discussion

Item 10- Passed-Unanimous

11	Same Motion	
	Board of Registrars	
	Personal Services	\$1,900
	Expenses	19,675
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		\$21,575

*Items 11-15
Motion 2nd*

Short Discussion

Item 11- Passed-Unanimous

12	Same Motion	
	Board of Appeals	
	Expenses	\$1,580

No Discussion

Item 12- Passed-Unanimous

13	Same Motion	
	Public Buildings	
	Personal Services	\$37,998
	Expenses	346,959
	Capital Outlay	15,500
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	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$400,457
	Item 13- Passed-Unanimous	
14	Same Motion	
	Police Department	
	Personal Services	\$745,429
	Expenses	49,950
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	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$795,379
	Item 14- Passed-Unanimous	
15	Same Motion	
	Auxiliary Police	
	Expenses	\$1,590
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	
	Item 15- Passed-Unanimous	
16	Same Motion	
	Dispatch	
	Personal Services	\$161,279
	Expenses	\$32,770
	Capital Outlay	4,500
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	<i>Items 16-20</i>	\$198,549
	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 16- Passed-Unanimous	
17	Same Motion	
	Fire Department	
	Personal Services	\$121,772
	Expenses	34,500
	Capital Outlay	13,200
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	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$169,472
	Item 17- Passed-Unanimous	
18	Same Motion	
	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health	
	Personal Services	\$11,000
	Expenses	2,900
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	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$13,900
	Item 18- Passed-Unanimous	

19 Same Motion
 Emergency Management
 Expenses \$6,877

No Discussion
 Item 19- Passed-Unanimous

20 Same Motion
 Tree Warden
 Salary \$500
 Expenses 150

 \$650

No Discussion
 Item 20- Passed-Unanimous

21 Same Motion
 Highway Department
 Personal Services \$274,290
 Expenses 40,950
 Maintenance of Roads 126,500
 Capital 0

 \$441,740

Items 21-23
 Motion 2nd
No Discussion
 Item 21- Passed-Unanimous

22 Same Motion
 Snow & Ice Control
 Personal Services \$58,940
 Expenses 7,000
 Maintenance of Roads 89,500
 Capital 11,000

 \$166,440

No Discussion
 Item 22- Passed-Unanimous

23 Same Motion
 Cemetery
 Personal Services \$15,756
 Expenses 2,478

 \$18,234

Short Discussion
 Item 23- Passed-Unanimous

24 Same Motion
 Board of Health
 Salary \$2,586
 Personal Services 22,599
 Expenses 7,205

 \$32,390

Items 24-27
 Motion 2nd
No Discussion
 Item 24- Passed-Unanimous

25	Same Motion Council On Aging Personal Services Expenses	\$76,742 4,600
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/> \$81,342
	Item 25- Passed-Unanimous	
26	Same Motion Senior Lunch Program Personal Services	\$12,272
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 26- Passed-Unanimous	
27	Same Motion Veterans Services Expenses	\$46,000
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 27- Passed-Unanimous	
28	Same Motion Public Library Personal Services Expenses Less Grant In Aid Net Expenses	\$99,208 38,923 -8,513 <hr/> 30,410
	<i>Items 28-32</i>	<hr/> \$129,618
	Motion 2 nd	
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	
	Item 28- Passed-Unanimous	
29	Same Motion Retirement of Debt Principal on Permanent Debt	\$333,440
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 29- Passed-Unanimous	
30	Same Motion Interest	\$48,384
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 30- Passed-Unanimous	
31	Same Motion Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$166,935
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 31- Passed-Unanimous	

32	Same Motion County Retirement	\$698,893
	<i>No Discussion</i> Item 32- Passed-Unanimous	
33	Same Motion Workers Compensation	\$51,286
	<i>Items 33-37</i> Motion 2 nd <i>No Discussion</i> Item 33- Passed-Unanimous	
34	Same Motion Council of Governments	\$4,636
	<i>No Discussion</i> Item 34- Passed-Unanimous	
35	Unemployment Compensation	\$32,350
	<i>No Discussion</i> Item 35- Passed-Unanimous	
36	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,396,610
	<i>Short Discussion</i> Item 36- Passed-Unanimous	
37	Reserve Fund	\$130,000
	<i>No Discussion</i> Item 37- Passed-Unanimous	

**Article 30- Items 2-37- Same Motion
Required only a Majority Vote to Pass
All Items Passed Unanimously –
By Show of Hands*

ARTICLE 31: move the Town vote to transfer from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$230,000 for the purpose of supplementing the FY2013 Granby Public School budget. **NO MOTION TO BE READ**
Article 31-Let Die –Declared by Moderator

As discussed at the beginning of this meeting the Finance Committee Chairmen, John Libera, Jr. mentions that the figure of \$155,532 was incorporated into the School Budget on Article 30, Item 1 and it is the Finances recommendation to let Article 31 Die. Article 31 has NO Motion Read the Article is declared Dead.

ARTICLE 32: move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$149,800 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2013 appropriations. **Motion 2nd**
2/3 Vote Required **Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands**

ARTICLE 33: move the Town vote to authorize the use of \$100,465 of Free Cash for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2013 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

**The Moderator motions to adjourn this portion of the ATM
All in favor to adjourned the second half of this ATM:**

Motion 2nd

Passed – Unanimous- Show of Hands

The business for this portion of the ATM held on June 18, 2012, all the Articles presented in this portion of the ATM, Articles 13 – 34 have been voted on and completed the Moderator officially dismisses this years ATM at 9:20 P.M.

There were 158 voters and 11 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**