

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013**

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 August 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:04 p.m. The STM was called to order at 7:05 pm a quorum was present (30 or more) 60 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 Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.**

The Committees and Boards present at this 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: Members, Robert Cannon, Robert Glesmann III; James Hartley, and Scott Wilson Present, not in attendance Chairman, John Libera, Jr.

Planning Board: Chair, Pamela Desjardins, Members Lisa Anderson, and James Trompke Not Present, Kevin Brooks and Michael Pandora.

**Others in attendance to represent articles were:
David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent and Treasurer, Steven Nally**

Vote Counters & Checkers: Lisa Anderson, Jeanne Crosby, Richard Gaj, Sr., Debra Plath, and Nancy Sedlak.

Special guest from A-Com: Dennis G. Setzko, P.E.

**The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:07 P.M.
Motion 2nd**

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to accept M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise to take effect on January 1, 2014. Motion 2nd

Passed: Majority- Show of Hands

Select Board Chair, Louis Barry speaks briefly on Article One. He mentions how this Article was brought to the floor back in May and it failed only by a few votes.

The Select Board and Town Administrator felt that many voters misunderstood this law and how this law would affect the local businesses.

Mr. Barry explains, "No businesses will be at a loss, less than 1% will be added to the meals tax. Instead of 6.25% added on the tab it would be 7%, that would be .75cents more on a \$100.00 tab".

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“The State collects the tax and the State reimburses the town”. “The town has nothing to do with handling this process”.

“It was projected that if we had accepted this law in 2012 the town would have received approximately \$20,000.00”

“Please consider adopting this MGL”.

***The Moderator mentions a Majority Vote is all that is required to pass this Article, she Motions for a vote the motion is second.
Article 1 passes by Majority Vote with a Show of Hands.***

ARTICLE 2. 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), \$59,000 for the purpose of purchasing a one-ton dump truck for the Highway Department.
Motion 2nd

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

Only two voters not in favor

David Desrosiers, Highway Superintendent, “This article was voted on back in June and failed by a few votes”. Mr. Desrosiers explains the need for this request and the procurement.

In conclusion he urges the voters to support this article.

Mr. Desrosiers, “The vehicle is a needed part of our operation”. “Our vehicles are essential to maintain the roads open to fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles”. “They are just as important as any other first responder’s vehicle during winter storms”.

“The need has been reviewed by the Capital Improvement Committee, The Select Board and the Finance Committee”. “Replacement of the vehicle is warranted and is economically justified”. Please vote in favor of the article”.

***The Moderator mentions that a two- thirds Vote is required to pass Article 2, she Motions for a vote the motion is second.
Article two Passes: The Moderator Declares Passed by two-thirds by Show of Hands only two voters were not in favor of this article.***

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to transfer from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$35,047 for the purpose of funding engineering services for the preparation of a USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants Program application, preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report and preparation of an Environmental Impact document for a proposed sewer project from School Street and connecting with the existing sewer system at Five Corners.

2/3 Vote is required

Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

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Select Board Member Mark Bail speaks on this Article and how important this is for our town. He points out that if this goes through the MacDuffie School would off set some of the cost, and the two schools on 202 would have sewage hook up and that would be much cheaper in the long run then doing a septic project for the two schools. He mentions we also would have a good chance for receiving grant money towards this project.

The Select Board, Planning Board and the Finance Committee are all in favor of this Article.

The Moderator mentions that Article 3 requires a 2/3 Vote to pass, she Motions for a vote the motion is second.

Article Three Passes: The Moderator Declares Passed by Unanimous Vote- by Show of Hands.

**The Moderator motions to adjourn this STM
All in favor to adjourned:**

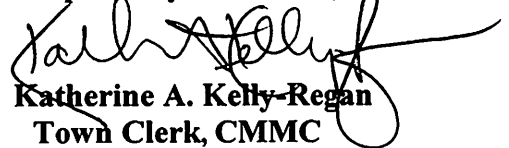
Motion 2nd

Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

The business for this STM held on August 26, 2013 has been completed, all Articles have been voted on and the Moderator officially dissolves this STM at 7:38 P.M.

There were 72 voters and 04 non-voters who showed up to support and participate in this Special Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


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