

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 08, 2017**

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 08, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00p.m.with a quorum present (30 or more) 69 were in attendance at the time of opening. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by the Select Board Chairman, Mark L. Bail, and the Town Officials along with 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: Chair, Mark L. Bail, Members, Louis Barry, and Stephen A. Chojnacki All Present.

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

School Committee: Chair, Emre Evren, Members, Jennifer Curran, Deanne Payne-Rokowski; and James Pietras; Not Present Marie McCourt.

Others in attendance: Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr., Town Administrator, Christopher Martin, Town Treasurer, Steven Nally, Burial Commissioner, Kevin Brooks, Charter Day Chairman, Richard Gaj, Sr., Personnel Board Chair, Albert Bail, and the School Superintendent, Sheryl Stanton.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Maureen Costello, Richard Gaj, Sr., Elaine Lafleur, Jeanne Merrill, Earl Owen, and Debra Plath.

Microphone runner, Virginia Snopek

Public Safety: Stephen Marion, Police Officer on duty

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, acknowledges the Finance Committee members, Select Board members, and the Town Clerk she then calls on George Randall, III of 52 Taylor Street.

Mr. Randall talks about his involvement with the upcoming 250th Celebration that Granby will be honoring in June 2018.

He speaks about the work and the projects he and others have been doing to help make this event very successful. He also mentions how the committee is always looking for volunteers and would love to hear from those that are interested in helping out.

He now introduces Miss Sydni Coderre who was crown "Miss Granby 2018" on May 6, 2017, and mentions the others in her Court, Brooklyn Baron, Carol Gould , Megan Jolivet, Samantha Judicki, and Lindsey Nobes.

Mr. Randall concludes that he will have Miss Coderre and her Court here on June 12, 2017, at the second half of our Annual Town Meeting, and at that time will elaborate on more of the upcoming events for the 250th Celebration. He thanks the voters for their time.

The Moderator now calls on Select Board Chairman, Mark Bail, Mr. Bail acknowledges Select Board member Louis Barry for his dedication to our community, and for his time and service serving on the Select Board for the past six years.

Mr. Barry's term will be ending on May 15, 2017, as he retires from the Select Board. Mr. Bail wishes him well, and the town residents give him a standing ovation.

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

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 8, 2017 consider articles two through eleven and on June 12, 2017 consider articles twelve through twenty-nine.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 2. move the Town hear the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees and act thereon.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

All Annual Reports will be given at the second portion of this year's Annual Town Meeting that will be continued on Monday, June 12, 2017.

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2018.

Motion 2nd

- 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 Select Board or whomever they authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid they deem inadequate.**
- B. To apply for and accept Federal or State grants or monies as may be made available and to allow the Select Board to expend any funds received as set forth in the appropriate application.**
- C. To enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing year.**

Short Discussion

Presented by Louis Barry

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

It is now 7:12 p.m. the Moderator calls for a recess from the ATM in order to do the STM that was scheduled for 7:10 p.m. as posted accordingly by our Town By-Laws as written in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion 2nd to recess.

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 7:12 P.M.

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1 move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,702 for the purpose of funding the cost of bond counsel, printing and

issuance costs for the East Meadow School project.

Motion 2nd

Requires Majority Vote Presented by Steve Nally

Short Discussion Passed by Majority- Declared by Moderator- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 2. move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$178,113.50 for the purpose of funding the School Lunch deficit as of June 30, 2016.

Motion 2nd

Requires Majority Vote Presented by Mark Bail

Short Discussion Passed by Majority- Declared by Moderator- Show of Hands

It was mentioned how this Article was carried forward from the January 9, 2017, STM.

Select Board Chairman, Mark Bail, "we have no choice, if we don't pay for it now out of free cash the State will take it from our taxes".

The school is still studying different choices to correct this problem. A motion is made to vote on Article 2, this requires a Majority vote. Article 2 Passes by majority vote.

ARTICLE 3 move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$228,415 for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

Requires 2/3 Vote

Long Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed by 2/3 Vote-Show of Hands

Declared By Moderator

Emre Evren, 18 Crescent St, and School Committee Chairman, Mr. Evren wishes to move to postpone Articles 3, 4, & 5 of the STM to the June 12, 2017 Continuation of the ATM meeting.

Town Counsel, and the Moderator determined because these articles were not posted on the same warrant it's not possible to continue it to a different meeting.

Mr. Evren then asks if it could be postponed to another STM, at this time there is no Special Town Meeting scheduled, therefore, it is not possible to postpone to another STM meeting. He then request to postpone Indefinitely Articles 3,4,& 5 of the STM.

This creates a long discussion and finally a motion is made to vote to postpone all three Articles together 3, 4, & 5 of the STM.

The Moderator asks the town meeting voters to approve the motion to postpone Article 3, 4 and 5 as one motion verses each Article separately.

The Moderator informs that this is a Majority vote for the Motion to pass.

A vote is taken to see if the Motion will pass in favor of postponing indefinitely Articles 3, 4, & 5 of the STM.

A Show of Hands is taken and it was Declared by the Moderator that the Motion to Indefinitely postpone Articles 3, 4, & 5 –FAILS.

The Moderator now calls back the original motion as presented:

Article 3 as originally presented: move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$228,415 for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund.

A 2/3 Vote is required for this to pass. A vote is taken and by Show of Hands the Moderator declares Article 3 of the STM as originally presented – Passes by 2/3 votes.

ARTICLE 4 move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$228,415 for the purpose of funding the Capital Needs Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

Requires 2/3 Vote

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed by 2/3 Vote-Show of Hands

Declared By Moderator

ARTICLE 5 move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$228,415 for the purpose of funding the Municipal Building Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

Requires 2/3 Vote

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed by 2/3 Vote-Show of Hands

Declared By Moderator

The Moderator Motions to dissolve this STM.

Motion 2nd

Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

The business for this STM is completed and the Moderator officially dismisses this STM at 7:56P.M.

At this time the Moderator reopens the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting is officially resumed for business at 7:56 P.M.

The Moderator calls for Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 4. move the Town vote to authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered as printed in the warrant, for fiscal year 2018:

Motion 2nd

The following are the articles that were listed in the ATM warrant:

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

No Discussion

Presented by Louis Barry

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 5. 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

No Discussion

Only one opposed

Presented by Louis Barry

Passed-Majority-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 6. move the Town vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2016 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Lisa M. Maheu	\$775.
Maureen McCain	\$775.
Arthur H. Vollbrecht	\$1,555.
Linda M. Tripp	\$775.
Jacqueline A. & Edward J. Lemelin	\$ 1,565.
Mellissa A. & Gerald R. Archambault	\$ 1,565.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Kevin Brooks

ARTICLE 7. move the Town vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2018 without further appropriation:

- A. A Parks Oversight Revolving Fund from which the Parks Oversight Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$40,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.**
- B. A Charter Day Revolving Fund from which the Charter Day Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.**
- C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.**
- D. An After School Activities Program Revolving Fund from which the Superintendent of Schools may spend \$20,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.**
- E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$12,358 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.**
- F. Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.**

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Mark Bail

Select Board, Chairman, Mark Bail explains that Revolving Funds are supported by the user fees not our tax dollars.

ARTICLE 8. 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 2018. **Motion 2nd**

No Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Mark Bail

ARTICLE 9. move the Town vote to approve a three-year contract with Rockwell Amusements/New England Rides for Granby Charter Days for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and authorize the Select Board to sign the contract.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion
Presented by Richard Gaj, Sr.

Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 10. move the Town vote to approve a three-year contract with Poppies concessions for Granby Charter Days for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and authorize the Select Board to sign the contract.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion
Presented by Richard Gaj, Sr.

Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 11. 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 nine pay grades and ten steps to be effective July 1, 2017.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion
Presented by Al Bail

Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands

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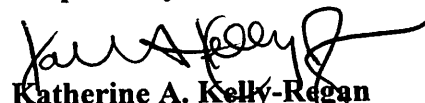
The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, motions to adjourn this portion of the Annual Town Meeting and to reconvened on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School to finish all the business pertaining to this Annual Town Meeting Articles 12 -29.

Motion 2nd

**All in favor to adjourned this portion of the ATM: PASSED –
Unanimous- by Show of Hands**

This portion of the ATM held on May 8, 2017, adjourned at 8:16 pm. There were a total of 80 registers voters and 8 non-voters who attended this Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine A. Kelly-Regan
Town Clerk, CMMC

APPENDIX D COMPENSATION PLAN PAY SCHEDULE

July 1, 2017

	STEP									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	13.57	13.98	14.40	14.83	15.27	15.73	16.20	16.69	17.19	17.71
2	14.66	15.10	15.55	16.02	16.50	17.00	17.51	18.04	18.58	19.14
3	15.83	16.30	16.79	17.29	17.81	18.34	18.89	19.46	20.04	20.64
4	17.10	17.61	18.14	18.68	19.24	19.82	20.41	21.02	21.65	22.30
5	18.47	19.02	19.59	20.18	20.79	21.41	22.05	22.71	23.39	24.09
6	19.95	20.55	21.17	21.81	22.46	23.13	23.82	24.53	25.27	26.03
7	21.55	22.20	22.87	23.56	24.27	25.00	25.75	26.52	27.32	28.14
8	23.27	23.97	24.69	25.43	26.19	26.98	27.79	28.62	29.48	30.36
9	25.13	25.88	26.66	27.46	28.28	29.13	30.00	30.90	31.83	32.78