

**RECORD  
TOWN OF GRANBY  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 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 Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 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 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 67 were in attendance at the time of opening. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by 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 Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees and Boards present at this STM:

Select Board: Chair, Mark L. Bail, Members, Stephen Chojnacki, and Glen Sexton All Present sitting with the Select Board was the Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr. and the Town Administrator, Christopher Martin.

Finance Committee: Chairman, John Libera, Jr., and members Robert Cannon, Robert Glessmann, III, and Scott Wilson, Not Present, James Hartley.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Patricia Banas, Maureen Costello, Earl Owen, Debra Plath, Matthew Skipton, and Virginia Snopek.

Microphone Runner: Oliver Mercier

Police Officer: Stephen Marion

The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:04 P.M.  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

*She now calls on Select Board Chairman, Mark Bail to read Article 1.*

**ARTICLE 1.** move the Town vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume I by inserting Chapter XVII Section 7 Temporary Marijuana Establishment Moratorium as follows:

**“Notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning or General Bylaws to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. The moratorium shall be in effect through November 30, 2018, or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning or General Bylaw amendments that regulate Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning and General Bylaws in response to these new issues.”**

*Only Majority Vote Required  
Short discussion*

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Passed –Majority- Show of Hands  
Only one against**

*Select Board Chairman, Mark Bail explains the purpose of the Temporary Marijuana Establishment Moratorium, after a short discussion a vote is taken the Moderator*

***declares Article 1-Passed by Majority Vote with only one voter against this Article.***

***Handout at the Town Meeting pertaining to Article 1 Temporary Marijuana Establishment Moratorium:***

***Chapter XVII***

***Section 7:***

***Temporary Marijuana Establishment Moratorium***

***Back ground***

***Article # 01 reflects what is being done in many communities though out the Commonwealth given a number of factors including the fact that the creation of this new industry raises novel and complex legal, planning and public safety issues and communities need reasonable time to study and consider the regulation of such Establishments. The State has not promulgated regulations, which will establish the framework for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. Once these regulations are in place, communities will need to be positioned to ensure that their regulations can address Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers on a local level. Local regulatory changes are likely to include Zoning Bylaw amendments but also General Bylaws and possibly other regulations. The State law enacted by the voters provides limited roles for voters to restrict Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.***

***Without amendment, Granby Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws would allow Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers to operate in Town. It would be treated the same as any other retail merchandise. This temporary moratorium will allow time for officials to research, review and put in place appropriate General and Zoning Bylaws and other regulations as determined by the residents of Town.***

***The Attorney General's has approved moratoriums of this nature. This temporary moratorium should provide sufficient time to thoroughly review the issues and develop the regulatory framework communities need. During the time of the moratorium, The Town will need to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt provisions of the General and Zoning Bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives that are also reflective of the opinions of the majority of Town residents on the topic.***

***Bylaw wording***

***To see if, for the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning or General Bylaws to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. The moratorium shall be in effect through November 30, 2018, or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning or General Bylaw amendments that regulate Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning and General Bylaws in response to these new issues.***

**ARTICLE 2. move the Town vote to transfer from account 30-430-5801-ART ATM 05/12/08 #29 SCADA System the sum of \$29,156.40 for the purpose of replacing the generator at the West Street Cemetery pump station.**

***Only Majority Vote Required  
Short discussion***

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Passed –Unanimous- Show of Hands**

*Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers presented Article 2, and he explains the need for a new generator at the West Street Cemetery pump station, and a vote is taken this passes Unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to transfer from account 01-350-5801-ART STM 05/19/11 #24 W.S.S. Boiler Room Drains the sum of \$10,000.00; from account 01-350-5803-ART STM 05/12/14 #04 W.S.S. Boiler Repair the sum of \$15,650.00 and from account 01-350-5805-ART ATM 06/16/14 #15 H.S. Steamer & Kettle the sum of \$5,450.50 for a total of \$31,100.50 for the purpose of funding an engineering study of the West Street School.**

*Only Majority Vote Required  
Long discussion*

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Passed—Majority- Show of Hands  
Declared by Moderator**

*Selectman, Stephen Chojnacki explains the need of this study in order for the town to move forward on the determination of either demolishing all, or part of this building, or to see if there are other alternatives.*

*However, in order to decide what's best for the town's needs it first needs a professional answer, which is doing an engineering study.*

*The discussion goes on for a while and Bryan Hauschild, Sr. Chairman, to the West Street School Building Committee speaks to the voters on how important this study is in order for us to be able to move forward with this project. The Moderator calls for a vote, a vote is taken and the Moderator declares Article 3 passed by a majority vote.*

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

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

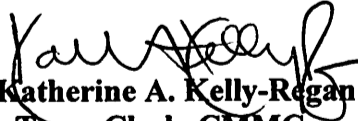
**Passed: Unanimous- By Voice**

**The business for this STM held on December 19, 2017, has been completed, all Articles have been voted on and the Moderator officially dissolves this STM at 7:41 P.M.**

**In attendance were 69 voters, and 7 non-voters that showed up to support and contribute to this meeting.**

*Also to note, this was the first meeting that the town used the electronic PollPads, which is equipment that allows voters to be able to check in at any table regardless of what precinct they belong to. This system has the ability to look up the voter by name or even quicker by scanning a driver's license. The response to this new procedure was very positive.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

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