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MEETING NOTICE
(MGL Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25)

**COMMITTEE OR
CONVENING BODY:**

Board of Selectmen

MEETING PLACE:

Selectmen's Conference Room
Town Hall – 183 Main Street, Groveland, MA

**DATE & TIME OF
MEETING:**

Monday, March 28, 2011 @ 6:15 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS:

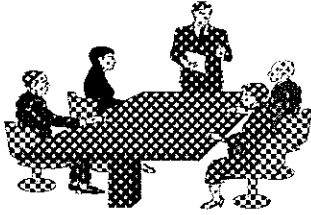
- 1) Accept Minutes of Meetings-March 14-Open & Exec
- 2) Approve Weekly Warrants
- 3) Review Warrant and sign signature pages
I need to forward to Town Counsel and post no
later than April 8, 2011
- 4) Vote Ballot Questions for 2011 Election Ballot
- 5) Please review and accept or reject Property Use Permits
on meeting table
- 6) Review correspondence, if any
- 7) Report of Finance Director, if any
- 8) Finance Board requests you meet with them following
your meeting to discuss the town budget, requests
from town departments, etc.

Signed:

Nancy Lewandowski

Date: March 23, 2011

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48 hours prior to the meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and all Holidays).*



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGENDA**

March 28, 2011

**6:15 P.M - Call meeting to order
All stand for Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Minutes: March 14, 2011-Open & Executive
Approve Warrants:**

PW # 11-32	\$ 108,689.33
DW #11-36A	\$ 20,151.77
BW #11-39	\$ 171,876.29

NEEDS ATTENTION

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AGENDA APPOINTMENTS

**6:45 PM – NO AGENDA APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED FOR
THIS EVENING**

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2011 @ 6:15 P.M.

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 28, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:33 P.M. at Town Hall.

Present Elizabeth A. Gorski, William H. Darke and Chairman Donald Greaney

Approval of Minutes

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2011,
as presented.

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of
March 14, 2011, as presented.

DARKE, GREANEY – “AYE”; GORSKI – “ABSTAIN”

Moved Darke, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of the joint
meeting with the Water/Sewer Commissioners on
December 15, 2010, as presented.

DARKE, GREANEY – “AYE”; GORSKI – “ABSTAIN”

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of the joint
Meeting of with the Water/Sewer Commissioners on
February 10, 2011, as presented.

Approval of Warrants

Moved Greaney, seconded Darke, and it was

VOTED: To approve Payroll Warrant #11-38.

GREANEY, DARKE – “AYE”; GORSKI – “ABSTAIN”

Moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To approve weekly Warrants #BW11-39 and #DW11-36A.

Update on Bagnall Proposed Project

Building Committee member Kim Jackson and Finance Director Labrecque updated the Board on a meeting they attended yesterday at Pentucket; that the meeting was with the State Project Architect. Jackson told the Board he feels they have a good team to work with.

It was suggested that the town could include the remaining windows that were replaced back in the early 90s; that the Architectural design cost would be \$30,000 for \$300,000 worth of windows. It was later corrected that the total cost of replacing the remaining sections of windows is actually \$600,000 and that the town's share would be \$300,000 if these windows were approved for reimbursement. Jackson told the Selectmen that the older windows are of good quality insulated glass and the only difference would be they don't have the aluminum break. The parties also discussed the possibility of doing the outside windows outside of the project to save money.

Free Cash and Special Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Greaney addressed the Finance Director about the deficit in Free Cash for FY '10. Labrecque responded that this deficit came about because the DOR made a mistake several years ago when it certified the town's Free Cash at \$686,000+. Labrecque told the Board that he did not believe the \$686,000 was right but didn't say anything, and when they bought the fire truck for \$400,000 but didn't pay for it until the year after the vote to purchase, this cause the deficit to show. Greaney told Labrecque he feels the State should be called and get their explanation.

Labrecque told the Board that he has fixed the deficit by using excess surplus revenue to make up the \$210,000 deficit and to pay for snow and ice deficit and a few other necessary transfers. Labrecque informed the Board that the Fire Department is anticipating overspending in the firefighters wage account by about \$30,000; that he has several articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to make up for some of that anticipated deficit. Greaney asked the Finance Director whether he knows if the Chief has a plan to fix the potential shortage in the wage account and Labrecque responded that the Chief asked for more money. Selectman Gorski asked whether Labrecque thought this warrants a discussion and he replied that they usually tap from their training account. Selectman Gorski responded that she feels the Board should speak with the Police, Fire and possibly the ambulance to come up with a plan for answering

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medical calls so that budgets aren't running out before fiscal year ends. Selectman Darke stated you can't spend money you don't have and Labrecque responded he is correct.

Labrecque mentioned that Capital Improvement had approved the Fire Chief purchasing a cruiser from the Police Department to be used as his department vehicle. Selectmen told Labrecque they will talk with the Chief about this when he meets with them and Chairman Greaney asked the Board's Assistant to arrange to have the Fire Engineers in for the next scheduled meeting.

The Selectmen agreed they need to speak with the Fire Chief and the Board of Fire Engineers about the overspending of their firefighter wages; that there needs to be a better plan for answering first responder calls so that departments can manage their budgets for the entire fiscal year. The Board asked their Assistant to arrange a meeting with the Board of Fire Engineers and also ask the Police Chief to attend.

Moved Gorski, seconded Darke, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To call a Special Town Meeting for April 25, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Bagnall School and approve the the Warrant therefor as presented.

2011 Annual Election Warrant

Moved Darke, seconded Gorski, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To call the 2011 Annual Election for Monday, May 2, 2011 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at Town Hall, and insert the following three (3) Ballot Questions therein:

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of Groveland be allowed to assess an additional THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE (\$324,863.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the Fiscal Year 2012 Pentucket Regional School District Supplemental Budget Assessment as stated in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article #8 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011?

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of Groveland be allowed to exempt from the limitations of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,162,400) of the total bond issued by the Pentucket Regional School District to pay costs of adding and making extraordinary repairs to the District's Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall Elementary School located at 253 School Street, Groveland, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

QUESTION 3: Shall the public water supply for domestic use in the Town of Groveland continue to be fluoridated?

Explanation: Fluoride was never intended to be ingested; it was instead, created to be swished around in a person's mouth and spit out into a sink. A "YES" vote would signify that the town would like to continue the use of Fluoride in the Groveland water. A "NO" vote would signify that the town would like to eliminate the use of Fluoride in Groveland water. **Question #3 was submitted by petition of registered voters.**

Nomination of Animal Inspector

As required by the State Department of Agriculture, and upon motion duly made by Gorski, seconded by Darke, it was unanimously

VOTED: To nominate Animal Control Officer Christopher Sargent as the Town's Animal Inspector effective April 1, 2011, subject to the State's approval.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant their Assistant presented to them. The Board will meet with the Finance Board following this meeting and will make their decision on whether to remove several Articles at that time. The Board's Assistant told the Board that she would appreciate them making their decisions this evening so that she can complete the Warrant, forward it on to town counsel for review and post no later than April 8, 2011.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, moved Gorski, seconded Greaney, and it was

VOTED: To adjourn.
Adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant