

GRANBY, MASSACHUSETTS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE REPORTS 2011-2012
AND WARRANT ARTICLES**



**Please bring this report to the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday June 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
Granby Jr. - Sr. High School**

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Overview

Granby has a balanced budget for FY 2012. The budget provides for little, or no decrease in services; and it provides for a modest amount of capital spending.

Unfortunately, the State does not seem to have the revenue to help out Cities and Towns any more next fiscal year than it did in the current fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2012 will be the third year in a row the State has cut Granby's Chapter 70 funds, lottery funds, and total State aid to Granby.

The total State aid to Granby for FY 2012 is down 2.3% from this fiscal year, and down 7.8% from FY 2009. State aid for schools is down 1.7% from this fiscal year, and down the same percentage from FY 2009.

The biggest decrease occurs in the State aid for General Government, and here is the measure of the financial pain we are feeling: this State aid for Granby is down 6.1% from FY 2011, and down a whopping 34.3% from FY 2009.

On the positive side, the State has increased Granby's funding for road repair and construction by more than 30%. The new funding level is \$281,703; we can well use these funds.

The Finance Committee is not optimistic about the prospects for any large increases in State funding in the near future. In the last few years, the State has forced the Cities and Towns to become more self-sufficient in creating a balance between their revenues and the services provided to their citizens.

The Budget

The fiscal constraints of previous years are being continued. Town departments have again been asked to operate with minimal increases. Operating budget guidelines for Fiscal Year 2012 call for elected officials to receive no raises, and for Town employees subject to the Personnel Board to receive only step raises (where merited through performance evaluations), and no further increases.

There is a new, costly operation in the budget for FY 2012: paying for the removal of the Town's solid municipal waste. This trash removal is budgeted at \$292,800 for FY 2012.

Total budgeted expenses for the Town are up 2.83%, and total operating expenses are up 3.19%. Without the expense of trash removal, the total budgeted figures would be up only 1.16%, and the total operating expenses would be up only 1.47%.

General Government operating expenses are up 6.48%, mostly due to the new item for trash removal. Without that expense, General Government budgets would be up only 1.34%. Almost two-thirds of the budgets have no increases, or have decreases.

School operating expenses are up only 1.53%. Total School expenses are up 5.95%, including the cost for a new East Meadow School roof.

In addition to some borrowing and the use of some Stabilization Fund money, the Budget requires the use of \$378,254 of Free Cash. \$288,562 of this came from Landfill Revenue.

Trash Disposal

Granby is now required to pay for the disposal of its solid municipal waste (trash), a service that has previously been free according to the terms of the contract between Granby and the operator of the landfill. Trash removal has been budgeted at \$292,800 for FY 2012.

Paying for trash removal is something new for Granby. It can be a complicated financial equation, particularly when the operation is beginning and all the relevant data are not yet available. The Town has made a good start at controlling this expense, but included in the total budgeted amount is a subsidy of \$217,800 from Town revenue. This is a large new expense for Granby, and the Finance Committee recommends that this subsidy be eliminated as soon as possible. The Finance Committee and the Board of Health have asked the SelectBoard to develop and adopt a user fee schedule and principles of operation to eliminate this subsidy we cannot afford.

Considerations for the Future

The Finance Committee has done a study as part of a financial overview of the Town. We are asking questions about what the Town will do after the Landfill closes and we no longer have that large stream of revenue.

We have looked at some measures of the financial health of Granby. Here's the first. Ten years ago, Granby had \$3.1m in its Stabilization Fund. In the last 10 years, Granby has received about \$12.5m in landfill revenue and interest on the balances in its Stabilization Funds. Ten years later, the amount in Granby's Stabilization Funds comes to about \$4.1m. In other words, Granby has spent \$11.5m of its landfill revenue in the past 10 years.

What this means is that Granby has been spending an average of \$1.15m a year from a revenue source that will disappear by the end of calendar year 2012. How can Granby adapt to this coming shortfall?

Here's another measure. Granby's total budget for FY 2012 is \$1,125,254 more than its recurring income, and the budget for operations for FY 2012 is \$575,254 more than its recurring income. The figure for FY 2011 is similar. This amount has to be made up from other sources of income or savings, and the principal source will disappear by the end of calendar year 2012. We ask again: how can Granby adapt to this coming shortfall?

The Finance Committee also offers this perspective on the funding of any replacement for, and maintenance of, Granby's municipal buildings and school buildings. The Municipal Building Stabilization Fund will have about \$2.4m in it to start FY 2012. If Granby were to raise property taxes by 7% through a 30 year debt exclusion override, Granby could borrow about \$8.9m to be paid back over 30 years. That would give the Town a total of \$11.3m of its own capital to spend on all the construction and all the building repairs we would have to make over the next 30 years. Some projects (such as school construction and library construction) could be heavily leveraged using outside funds, and some projects (such as Town Hall construction or renovation) would have to be funded almost entirely by Granby. Granby can afford to do a lot, but it is highly unlikely to be able to do everything. Some very difficult choices await the Town's taxpayers.

Conclusion

Town departments have been cooperative in the multi-year quest for reductions in spending, and we thank them for their understanding. However, the Finance Committee does not believe that any further worthwhile benefits will accrue to the Town if budgets continue to get mercilessly squeezed in the future. Granby's upcoming financial difficulties cannot be remedied by the essentially small cuts to small budgets, nor by withholding compensation increases from deserving employees and elected officials. A more fundamental look at Granby's financial structure is needed, and direction for changes need to come from the collective wisdom of Town residents and elected officials.

Even with fairly large tax increases, it is highly unlikely that Granby will be able to properly fund all the Town services we now receive, and fund new construction and renovation on the scale desired by independent committees dedicated to making recommendations on independent projects.

Granby needs an integrated view of its wants, its needs, and its income. The view should be balanced, and that balancing has to happen soon. The cash train is leaving the station; if Granby is not careful, its savings will soon follow.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Libera, Jr., Chair
Robert A. Glesmann, III, Clerk
James E. Hartley
Scott W. Wilson
Dana K. Ritter

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

FISCAL YEAR 2010

TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$110,000.00
Board of Registrars-Poll Workers Services	3,350.00	
Board of Registrars-Computer Services	650.00	
Highway-R&M Vehicles	9,000.00	
Conservation Commission-Contract Services	2,450.00	
Computer-Contract Services	3,622.25	
Police Department-R&M Vehicles	2,985.00	
Highway-Oil & Bituminous Concrete	20,000.00	
Public Buildings-Building Equipment & Supplies	4,600.00	
Unemployment Compensation	2,853.95	
Legal-Contract Services	4,736.81	
Computer-Hardware	4,793.00	
Health Inspector-Inspections	235.00	
Board of Health-Dead Animal Pickup	100.00	
Animal Inspector-Inspections	380.00	
Animal Inspector-Travel	63.00	
Tree Warden-Wages	159.16	
Fire Department-Wages	5,729.50	
Dispatch-Wages	14,159.42	
Police Department-Wages	10,532.81	
Fire Department-R&M Vehicles and Equipment	\$3,810.00	
Police Department-R&M Vehicles	3,420.00	
TOTAL EXPENDED		<u>\$97,629.90</u>
RETURNED TO GENERAL FUND		<u>\$12,370.10</u>

BUDGET RECAPITULATION

BY FUNCTION

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$872,796	\$2,481,420	\$1,797,636
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,131,819	1,428,566	1,298,028
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	8,888,180	8,602,826	9,223,642
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	780,322	935,933	916,388
HUMAN SERVICES	157,494	157,749	221,207
CULTURE AND RECREATION	121,765	121,766	125,694
FIXED EXPENSES	2,595,019	2,633,263	2,686,234
TOTAL	<u>\$14,547,395</u>	<u>\$16,361,523</u>	<u>\$16,268,829</u>

BUDGET RECAPITULATION

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - TOWN SHARE	\$825,372	\$2,428,192	\$1,749,525
GENERAL GOVERNMENT – SCHOOL SHARE	47,424	53,228	48,111
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,116,030	1,410,464	1,274,058
PUBLIC SAFETY – SCHOOL SHARE	15,789	18,102	23,970
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	8,888,180	8,602,826	9,223,642
PUBLIC WORKS - TOWN SHARE	766,322	921,933	902,388
PUBLIC WORKS - SCHOOL SHARE	14,000	14,000	14,000
HUMAN SERVICES	157,494	157,749	221,207
CULTURE AND RECREATION	121,765	121,766	125,694
STATE ASSESSMENTS - TOWN SHARE	55,468	61,493	66,090
STATE ASSESSMENTS - SCHOOL SHARE	660,100	613,992	724,450
FIXED EXPENSES - TOWN SHARE	1,340,715	1,343,080	1,471,671
FIXED EXPENSES - SCHOOL SHARE	1,254,304	1,290,183	1,214,563
	\$15,262,963	\$17,037,008	\$17,059,369

OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENSES

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,803,055	\$3,816,674	\$3,951,936
CAPITAL EXPENSES	275,096	2,326,405	1,499,301
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$8,877,433	\$8,600,277	\$8,703,421
GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING	1,581,064	1,615,618	1,593,950
CAPITAL EXPENSES	10,747	2,549	520,221
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$14,261,552	\$14,032,569	\$14,249,307
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	285,843	2,328,954	2,019,522

REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
<u>REVENUE SOURCES</u>			
STATE AID	\$6,262,570.00	\$6,205,074.00	\$6,061,807.00
TAX LEVY	8,404,252.74	8,744,618.60	9,069,439.01
LOCAL RECEIPTS	990,260.00	737,500.00	716,500.00
FREE CASH	279,283.00	1,151,138.00	1,200,454.00
STABILIZATION FUND	77,000.00	551,410.00	557,000.00
BORROWING	0.00	459,000.00	190,000.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	271,494.00	333,443.00	411,340.28
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	435,126.00	450,710.00	726,318.00
OFFSET RECEIPTS	2,977.00	2,881.50	2,867.00
TEACHER SALARY DEFERRAL	19,871.73	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	\$16,742,834.47	\$18,635,775.10	\$18,935,725.29
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
GRANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$6,613,559.00	\$6,365,891.00	\$6,204,261.00
EXPENSES	1,227,705.00	1,210,357.00	1,451,809.00
TRANSPORTATION	787,816.00	803,688.00	839,109.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	510,000.00
TOTAL GRANBY SCHOOL	\$8,629,080.00	\$8,379,936.00	\$9,005,179.00
PATHFINDER SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$259,100.00	\$222,890.00	\$218,463.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,843,618.00	\$1,929,525.00	\$1,970,169.00
EXPENSES	945,482.00	715,115.00	952,129.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	336,994.00	2,542,692.00	1,483,468.28
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$3,126,094.00	\$5,187,332.00	\$4,405,766.28
FIXED EXPENSES	\$2,595,019.00	\$2,633,263.00	\$2,686,234.00
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED	\$693,857.00	\$817,175.87	\$812,558.01
STATE ASSESSMENTS	715,568.00	675,485.00	790,540.00
OVERLAY	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
TEACHER SALARY DEFERRAL	39,783.47	19,871.73	0.00
	\$1,519,208.47	\$1,582,532.60	\$1,673,098.01
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$258,000.00	\$269,000.00	\$276,000.00
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND	353,356.00	357,940.00	375,318.00
MUN. SOLID WASTE ENTER. FUND	0.00	0.00	292,800.00
	\$611,356.00	\$626,940.00	\$944,118.00
OFFSET RECEIPTS	\$2,977.00	\$2,881.50	\$2,867.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$16,742,834.47	\$18,635,775.10	\$18,935,725.29

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

The CIP Committee met to review the various departmental capital requests for fiscal year 2012. The Committee's function is to accept and prioritize capital requests from all Town departments that have a life expectancy greater than five (5) years and a cost of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The CIP Committee's responsibility is to prepare a final report of recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their approval and presentation at the annual town meeting.

As was the case in FY2010, the Committee evaluated the proposed projects taking into consideration the financial condition of the Town. While the Town has established a Capital Needs Stabilization Fund, the Committee does not want to expend all of the funds at once but wants to find innovative ways of using these funds to continue granting future requests. While being cognizant of the financial constraints of the Town, this Committee is fully aware that the Town's capital needs do not wait for sound financial times.

After reviewing all requests in light of the Town's fiscal outlook, the Committee is recommending the funding of the following requests:

1. School – East Meadow School Roof Replacement	\$500,000
2. Fire – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	<u>\$130,000</u>
Total	\$630,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Marion, Chairman
Wayne Tack, Member
Donald Zebrowski, Member
Charles Maheu, Member
Joseph Arabik, Member

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 9, 2011 consider articles two through sixteen and on June 13, 2011 consider articles seventeen through forty-four, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will hear the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees and act thereon.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2012:

- 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 Selectmen 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 Selectmen 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.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2012 as follows:

- 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.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2010 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Linda Scribner	\$ 565.
William Scribner	\$1,180.
Mark & Susan Lariviere	\$1,155.
Patricia M. & Leslie S. Reynolds	\$1,000.
John E. & Sharon A. Monast	\$1,155.
David Mazurowski	\$1,155.
Patricia Reynolds	\$1,925.
Teresa E. & Ethan Rideout	\$ 565.
Joyce Mastorakis	\$1,155.
Robert C. Brisebois	\$2,310.
Rollin J. & Jennifer A. DeWitt	\$2,335.

John J. & Barbara J. Christiansen	\$2,335.
James L. & Mary A. Bellerose	\$1,155.
Roger R. Cote	\$ 565.
Robert Bray Jr.	\$ 565.

,or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E½ and to authorize expenditures from these funds for fiscal year 2012 without further appropriation:

- A. An Inspections Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Inspector of Buildings to pay for the wages, expenses, and contracted services required for the operation of the preventive inspections-selectmen department. The Inspections Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenue received from building, electrical, and gas fees, licenses and permits in fiscal year 2012 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Inspections Revolving Fund. The Inspector of Buildings may spend \$51,798 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.
- B. A Recreation Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Recreation Commission to pay for the wages, expenses, contracted services and capital improvement required for the operation of the recreation department programs, activities, events and services. The Recreation Revolving Fund is to be credited with all non-athletic program fees received in fiscal year 2012 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Recreation Revolving Fund. The Recreation Commission may spend \$5,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.
- C. A Dufresne Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee to pay for the wages, expenses, contracted services and capital improvement required for the operation of the Dufresne Recreation Area. The Dufresne Revolving Fund is to be credited with all reservation and security deposit fees and contributions received in fiscal year 2012 for the rental of the facility and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Dufresne Revolving Fund. The Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$25,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.
- D. A Charter Day Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Charter Day Committee to pay for the wages, expenses and contracted services required to celebrate Charter Day. The Charter Day Revolving Fund is to be credited with revenue and contributions received in fiscal year 2012 from Charter Day activities and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Charter Day Revolving Fund. The Charter Day Committee may spend \$25,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.

- E. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Planning Board to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services of the Planning Board. The Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund is to be credited with all application fees and charges received in fiscal year 2012 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund. The Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.
- F. An After School Activities Program Revolving Fund that may be spent only upon authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to pay for maintenance, supply and operation, including wages of personnel of the After School Activities Program. The After School Activities Program Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenues generated by the After School Activities Program in fiscal year 2012 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 After School Activities Program Revolving Fund. The Superintendent of Schools may spend \$20,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.
- G. A Dog Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Dog Officer to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services of the Canine Control Bylaw. The Dog Revolving Fund is to be credited with all dog licensing fees and any other charges received in fiscal year 2012 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Dog Revolving Fund. The Dog Officer may spend \$10,100 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.
- H. A Library Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Library Commissioners to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services for the repair and maintenance of the Library pavilion and to provide library services. The Library Revolving Fund is to be credited with all pavilion user fees and any other charges received in fiscal year 2012 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2011 Library Revolving Fund. The Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2012.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2012, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 Section 23D, which would permit local board members who miss a single session of an adjudicatory hearing before their board to be able to vote on the matter provided they review the evidence submitted at the missed hearing session and file a certificate to said effect, said provisions to be applicable for all types of local adjudicatory hearings, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume III Chapter XXI Zoning Bylaws as follows;

Amend Section 1.2, “Definitions” of the town zoning bylaws to include “Renewable or Alternative Energy: Sources of fuel, electricity or thermal energy that derive from natural sources or serve as an alternative to fossil sources of energy, such as: solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal; Wind; Biomass power conversion or thermal technologies, including R&D related to, or the manufacture of, wood pellets, ultra low emissions high efficiency wood pellet boilers and furnaces; Low Impact Hydroelectric and Hydrokinetic; Ocean thermal, wave or tidal; Geothermal; Landfill Gas; Fuels Cells that use Renewable Energy; Advanced biofuels; Combined Heat and Power; and Electric and hydrogen powered vehicles and associated technologies including advanced batteries and recharging stations”

Add Section 3.063 to “Table 1: Schedule of Use Regulations” in the town zoning bylaws, titled “Accessory uses which are necessary in connection specifically with renewable or alternative energy scientific research, scientific development and related production” and classified as “SPA” under Industrial Zone I.

Add Section 3.095 to “Table 1: Schedule of Use Regulations” in the town zoning bylaws, titled “Research or Development Laboratory specifically for renewable or alternative energy” and classified as “SPA” under Industrial Zone I.

Add Section 3.097 to “Table 1: Schedule of Use Regulations” in the town zoning bylaws, titled “Manufacturing, processing, fabrication, assembly and storage of materials, mechanical products or equipment specifically related to renewable or alternative energy” and classified as “SPA” under Industrial Zone I.

,or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter XXIV of the Town of Granby General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 120 AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code”, including amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will accept the provision of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing municipal solid waste disposal as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2012, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 13

We the undersigned request that the Selectboard be commissioned to study the feasibility of a town wide planner to enhance the Town of Granby's controlled growth and development.

Petitioned Article by Mary A. McDowell

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 14

We the undersigned request that the town of Granby hire a high school graduate for the summer of 2011 to work on data entry for the town website at minimum wage for a maximum of 4 hours per week. The position would run from July 1, 2011 to September 1, 2011.

Petitioned Article by Mary A. McDowell

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaw of the Town of Granby, Volume II, Chapter XIX Personnel Bylaw, APPENDIX C Classification Plan Grade Assignments by inserting Landfill Monitor Grade 6, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Copies of Chapter XIX, Appendix C are available at the Selectmen's Office.)

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will 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 twelve pay grades and ten steps with a 3% increment between steps to be effective July 1, 2011, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Copies of Chapter XIX, Appendix D are available at the Selectmen's Office.)

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$281,703, or a greater or lesser amount, authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,925, or a greater or lesser amount, for Forest Fire Warden Expense, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts subscriber fees in the amount of \$942, or a greater or lesser amount, for Cable Committee Expense, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$62,688.28, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the following prior year overlay deficits;

Fiscal Year 1992	\$ 2,879.34
Fiscal Year 1994	\$ 2,188.82
Fiscal Year 1996	\$ 4,278.94
Fiscal Year 1997	\$ 5,584.74
Fiscal Year 1999	\$ 4,332.80
Fiscal Year 2002	\$ 2,251.87
Fiscal Year 2003	\$ 1,191.94
Fiscal Years Prior to 1991	\$39,979.83

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to rescind spending authority in the amount of \$30,000 for Article #24 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of funding a feasibility study and development of a preliminary design for the Granby Public Library, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the Granby Free Public Library, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$500,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of replacing the East Meadow School Roof, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$10,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of replacing the West Street School boiler room floor drains, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$28,900, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$5,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of a sound system for Town Meeting, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$50,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing an elevator at the Council On Aging building located at 10 West State Street, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$15,900, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing an Auto pulse CPR unit for the ambulance department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$130,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) for the Fire Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$10,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of protective equipment for the Fire Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$7,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a backup repeater for the Police Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$20,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of hiring a consultant to prepare a Notice Of Intent (NOI) and commence mandated work in order to obtain the Town's Ms4 Stormwater Discharge Permit, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$25,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of any and all costs associated with the foreclosure or collection of taxes owed on property placed in tax title in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 60, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$300,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$450,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$450,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,626, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2012 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$276,000, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$359,418, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$75,000, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 41

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year and to carry out any vote passed under this article.

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2010	Budget FY2011	Budget FY2012
1	School			
	Personal Services	\$6,613,559	\$6,365,891	\$6,204,261
	Expenses	1,227,705	1,210,357	1,451,809
	Transportation	787,816	803,688	839,109
	Capital Outlay	0	0	0
		<u>\$8,629,080</u>	<u>\$8,379,936</u>	<u>\$8,495,179</u>
2	Moderator			
	Salary	\$175	\$175	\$175
	Expenses	75	75	75
		<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2010	Budget FY2011	Budget FY2012
3	Selectmen			
	Salary	\$8,523	\$8,610	\$8,610
	Personal Services	164,672	163,612	169,545
	Expenses	73,176	71,787	69,921
	Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	5,000
		<u>\$251,371</u>	<u>\$249,009</u>	<u>\$253,076</u>
4	Finance Committee			
	Expenses	\$1,677	\$1,677	\$1,677
5	Town Accountant			
	Personal Services	\$17,226	\$17,226	\$17,276
	Expenses	19,600	19,600	19,550
		<u>\$36,826</u>	<u>\$36,826</u>	<u>\$36,826</u>
6	Assessors			
	Salary	\$9,713	\$9,810	\$9,810
	Personal Services	24,149	25,229	25,980
	Expenses	18,676	17,499	14,870
	Capital Outlay	0	0	0
		<u>\$52,538</u>	<u>\$52,538</u>	<u>\$50,660</u>
7	Town Treasurer			
	Salary	\$43,661	\$44,098	\$44,098
	Expenses	17,125	14,125	7,950
		<u>\$60,786</u>	<u>\$58,223</u>	<u>\$52,048</u>
8	Tax Collector			
	Salary	\$38,002	\$38,382	\$38,382
	Expenses	10,410	10,030	10,030
		<u>\$48,412</u>	<u>\$48,412</u>	<u>\$48,412</u>
9	Personnel Board			
	Expenses	\$447	\$447	\$447
10	Town Clerk			
	Salary	\$40,312	\$40,815	\$40,815
	Personal Services	1,569	1,200	2,200
	Expenses	3,078	2,944	2,944
		<u>\$44,959</u>	<u>\$44,959</u>	<u>\$45,959</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2010	Budget FY2011	Budget FY2012
11	Board of Registrars			
	Personal Services	\$1,836	\$1,836	\$1,836
	Expenses	12,610	18,710	16,310
		<u>\$14,446</u>	<u>\$20,546</u>	<u>\$18,146</u>
12	Board of Appeals			
	Expenses	\$1,580	\$1,580	\$1,580
13	Public Buildings			
	Personal Services	\$36,951	\$37,233	\$37,269
	Expenses	322,553	303,610	332,188
	Capital Outlay	0	0	4,210
		<u>\$359,504</u>	<u>\$340,843</u>	<u>\$373,667</u>
14	Police Department			
	Personal Services	\$715,805	\$703,694	\$697,494
	Expenses	44,000	45,200	48,300
		<u>\$759,805</u>	<u>\$748,894</u>	<u>\$745,794</u>
15	Auxiliary Police			
	Expenses	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590
16	Dispatch			
	Personal Services	\$148,060	\$158,159	\$158,693
	Expenses	23,766	26,325	30,320
		<u>\$171,826</u>	<u>\$184,484</u>	<u>\$189,013</u>
17	Fire Department			
	Personal Services	\$108,481	\$113,040	\$115,964
	Expenses	24,900	27,141	24,950
	Capital Outlay	20,600	13,800	13,200
		<u>\$153,981</u>	<u>\$153,981</u>	<u>\$154,114</u>
18	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health			
	Personal Services	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
	Expenses	2,900	2,900	2,900
		<u>\$13,900</u>	<u>\$13,900</u>	<u>\$13,900</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2010	Budget FY2011	Budget FY2012
19	Emergency Management Expenses	\$1,167	\$1,167	\$1,167
20	Tree Warden Salary	\$500	\$500	\$500
	Expenses	150	150	150
		<u>\$650</u>	<u>\$650</u>	<u>\$650</u>
21	Highway Department Personal Services	\$247,426	\$259,618	\$268,035
	Expenses	37,770	37,770	37,660
	Maintenance of Roads	130,900	127,320	127,320
	Capital	0	10,000	7,500
		<u>\$416,096</u>	<u>\$434,708</u>	<u>\$440,515</u>
22	Snow & Ice Control Personal Services	\$38,000	\$48,000	\$56,440
	Expenses	6,500	6,500	6,500
	Maintenance of Roads	88,900	88,900	90,000
	Capital	11,000	11,000	11,000
		<u>\$144,400</u>	<u>\$154,400</u>	<u>\$163,940</u>
23	Cemetery Personal Services	\$7,752	\$7,752	\$7,752
	Expenses	2,478	2,478	2,478
		<u>\$10,230</u>	<u>\$10,230</u>	<u>\$10,230</u>
24	Board of Health Salary	\$2,508	\$2,535	\$2,535
	Personal Services	20,745	20,338	22,102
	Expenses	7,970	7,605	7,205
		<u>\$31,223</u>	<u>\$30,478</u>	<u>\$31,842</u>
25	Council On Aging Personal Services	\$75,726	\$75,361	\$76,742
	Expenses	5,545	5,910	4,600
		<u>\$81,271</u>	<u>\$81,271</u>	<u>\$81,342</u>
26	Senior Lunch Program Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$12,023

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2010	Budget FY2011	Budget FY2012
27	Veterans Services Expenses	\$45,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
28	Public Library Personal Services Expenses	\$92,531 38,907	\$92,518 38,389	\$95,249 38,958
	Less Grant In Aid	-9,673	-9,141	-8,513
	Net Expenses	----- 29,234	----- 29,248	----- 30,445
		\$121,765	\$121,766	\$125,694
29	Retirement of Debt Principal on Permanent Debt	\$247,667	\$222,640	\$265,640
30	Interest	\$55,261	\$46,652	\$43,016
31	Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$199,271	\$199,271	\$156,614
32	County Retirement	\$575,476	\$585,291	\$623,354
33	Workers Compensation	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
34	Council of Governments	\$6,181	\$6,181	\$4,636
35	Unemployment Compensation	\$26,790	\$26,760	\$32,078
36	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,314,373	\$1,371,468	\$1,380,896
37	Reserve Fund	\$110,000	\$125,000	\$130,000
TOTAL BUDGET		\$14,049,799	\$13,852,028	\$14,081,975

ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$57,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2012 appropriations, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of \$58,961 of Free Cash, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2012 appropriations, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the Town of Granby.