

GRANBY, MASSACHUSETTS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE REPORTS 2021-2022
AND WARRANT ARTICLES**



**Please bring this report to the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Saturday June 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.
Granby Jr. - Sr. High School**

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Overview

Granby has a balanced budget for FY 2022.

Total State Aid to Granby is projected to be \$6,528,335 for the coming fiscal year.

State Aid for Schools, including School Choice funds, is projected to be \$5,411,520. State Aid for Schools represents about 82.9% of Granby's total State Aid.

State Aid for General Government functions is projected to be \$1,116,815. The financial aid from the State in FY 2021 is so unusual that comparisons to it are meaningless. However, compared to FY 2020, next fiscal year's State Aid is about 2.6% higher. To put this into perspective: from FY 2016 to FY 2019, State Aid declined every year.

Chapter 90 income, which pays for road repairs and improvements, is projected to be \$277,579. These funds are lower than they have been in any year since FY 2011.

As of the writing of this document, a State Budget has not been made final, and some of these figures could change.

The Budget

The budget guidelines for General Government Departments are, once again, very tight for Fiscal Year 2022: recommended raises for elected officials are 2%; and Town employees subject to the Personnel Board receive step raises (where merited through performance evaluations), plus a 2% increase. Guidelines for total budget expenses again call for a maximum 2% increase.

An exception to the guidelines was made for the Police and Fire Departments, who negotiated higher raises in a “catch up” mode. After negotiated raises are accepted, the Town’s choices are to either accept the proposed budget or restructure staffing levels in the Police and Fire Departments.

The Total Budget for FY 2022, except for additions to the Stabilization Funds, is \$23,742,319 which is an increase of \$1,511,910 over the budget approved for Fiscal Year 2021.

The amounts budgeted for General Government are \$10,415,425 for operating expenses (of which \$2,566,946 is for the Schools), and \$1,001,337 for large capital items.

The amount budgeted for all education items is \$12,325,557. This budgeted amount includes \$838,838 for Transportation, \$315,194 for Pathfinder, and \$51,598 for a pickup truck. In addition to this budgeted total, \$791,519 is being allocated for repayment of the loan to fund the East Meadow School construction/renovation project.

The budget proposed for Granby Schools for FY 2022 includes the State mandated amount, plus an additional \$105,797 from the School override vote of May 2004. An additional \$507,486 for Retired Teachers Health Insurance is carried in the General Government budget; an additional \$37,358 for tuition to Smith Vocational School is carried in a warrant article; and \$51,598 for a pickup truck is carried in a warrant article.

The proposed amount for Granby Schools is \$702,239 higher than the State mandated minimum. The Schools also have available additional funds which do not flow through the Town budget.

Granby’s actual budget is usually done in two distinctly separate meetings. The first meeting is the Annual Town Meeting where approximately 95% of the year’s expected expenditures are allocated through the Warrant Articles and the formal budget. The second meeting is a Special Town Meeting called in the Spring where the Town’s Free Cash is allocated. This accommodates projects or items that have either arisen during the fiscal year or were omitted from the previous Annual Town Meeting, pending how much Free Cash would be certified during the year.

The Covid Pandemic has changed things. Granby has not had a Spring Special Town Meeting for these two consecutive years. At last year’s Annual Town Meeting, a projected decrease in State Aid caused Granby to allocate the entire amount of Free Cash to expense items, leaving nothing for the Stabilization Funds. Also, the Town withdrew almost \$100,000 from a Stabilization Fund to pay back past loans. At this year’s Annual Town Meeting, the budget is allocating all but around \$150,000 of Free Cash to expense items. That \$150,000 is going into Stabilization Funds, but the budget is also withdrawing around \$150,000 from a Stabilization Fund to pay back past loans.

Considerations for the Future

Can Granby afford the General Government expenditures to keep increasing at the pace of the last five years?

The annual compound growth rate over the last five years has been:

2.22% for inflation

2.38% for General Government State Aid to Granby

3.64% for Granby's Tax Levy (without the debt exclusion amounts)

In contrast to these, General Government expenses (excluding the amounts spent on behalf of the schools) have increased at an annual compound growth rate of 8.06%.

Can Granby continue to offer both elementary and high school education on a fairly fixed tax base with a declining student population and certain facilities in serious need of modernization?

An estimation of an update from several years ago suggests that it would take a 10% to 15% increase in property taxes for a Junior-Senior High School project ranging from an infrastructure renovation to a new, modern building.

Can Granby attract any large size businesses with minimal water and sewer services?

With a lack of business infrastructure, and a prohibitively high cost of infrastructure development, it would be exceedingly optimistic to expect to attract businesses that would contribute tax revenue in any meaningful way.

The OPEB liability (Other Post-Employment Benefits, not including pension costs) has recently been calculated as more than \$34 million. It is a sobering exercise to calculate the number of years it would take to fund this at the current rate of \$175,000 a year. The answer is many more years than the projected lifetime of all current Granby residents, including those who might expect the benefits promised to them, and anyone to be born in the next 100 years.

We have expressed this opinion before: there needs to be some thinking done by a committee consisting of representatives from various Boards and Committees and Taxpayers in Town. This committee should evaluate the financial pressures and their possible solutions facing the Town with regard to both Governmental and Educational services provided to the Town.

Conclusion

It is time for Granby to sit up and take notice. It is hard to imagine that Granby's current income growth will be able to keep up with its expenditure growth. It is financially essential for Granby to balance these two trends.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Libera, Jr., Chair
Robert A. Glesmann, III, Clerk
Joseph C. Furnia
Richard J. Jolivet
Scott W. Wilson

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS FISCAL YEAR 2020

TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$130,000.00
School – Boiler Repairs	14,100.00	
Ambulance – Personnel Expenditures	62,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDED		<u>76,100.00</u>
RETURNED TO GENERAL FUND		<u>\$53,900.00</u>

BUDGET RECAPITULATION BY FUNCTION

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,733,401	\$1,706,683	\$2,078,502
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,720,593	2,118,271	2,554,579
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	8,898,593	8,864,964	8,592,198
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	1,920,184	2,006,358	2,020,325
HUMAN SERVICES	217,054	239,210	250,112
CULTURE AND RECREATION	158,311	196,295	200,048
FIXED EXPENSES	4,589,325	4,513,675	5,033,049
TOTAL	<u>\$20,237,461</u>	<u>\$19,645,456</u>	<u>\$20,728,813</u>

BUDGET RECAPITULATION

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - TOWN SHARE	\$1,669,963	\$1,639,364	\$2,001,614
GENERAL GOVERNMENT – SCHOOL SHARE	63,438	67,319	76,888
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,681,871	2,077,914	2,514,803
PUBLIC SAFETY – SCHOOL SHARE	38,722	40,357	39,776
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	8,898,593	8,864,964	8,592,198
PUBLIC WORKS - TOWN SHARE	1,897,430	1,983,154	1,998,030
PUBLIC WORKS - SCHOOL SHARE	22,754	23,204	22,295
HUMAN SERVICES	217,054	239,210	250,112
CULTURE AND RECREATION	158,311	196,295	200,048
STATE ASSESSMENTS - TOWN SHARE	55,548	58,107	52,368
STATE ASSESSMENTS - SCHOOL SHARE	1,113,423	1,142,497	1,224,730
FIXED EXPENSES - TOWN SHARE	3,126,337	2,810,067	3,255,043
FIXED EXPENSES - SCHOOL SHARE	1,462,988	1,703,608	1,778,006
	\$21,406,432	\$20,846,060	\$22,005,911

OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENSES

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$6,946,761	\$6,651,403	\$7,568,721
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,146,782	1,701,137	2,000,948
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$8,858,069	\$8,847,222	\$8,534,689
GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING	2,245,325	2,427,952	2,566,946
CAPITAL EXPENSES	40,524	17,742	57,509
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$18,050,155	\$17,926,577	\$18,670,356
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,187,306	1,718,879	2,058,457

REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<u>REVENUE SOURCES</u>			
STATE AID	\$6,365,136.00	\$5,256,305.00	\$6,528,335.00
TAX LEVY	12,557,987.00	12,907,189.91	13,408,305.98
PROP 2½ DEBT EXCLUSION	806,679.00	805,729.00	791,519.34
LOCAL RECEIPTS	701,902.00	622,804.00	654,130.00
FREE CASH	1,618,547.00	1,497,750.00	1,353,314.00
STABILIZATION FUND	120,800.00	99,200.00	152,400.00
BORROWING	0.00	387,000.00	0.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	249,680.16	277,841.02	290,880.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	676,690.00	763,155.00	727,896.00
OFFSET RECEIPTS	1,450.00	435.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	<u>\$23,098,871.16</u>	<u>\$22,617,408.93</u>	<u>\$23,906,780.32</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
GRANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$6,427,458.00	\$6,602,670.00	\$5,684,366.00
EXPENSES	1,283,284.00	1,154,687.00	1,702,202.00
TRANSPORTATION	807,717.00	838,838.00	838,838.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	21,500.00	0.00	51,598.00
TOTAL GRANBY SCHOOL	<u>\$8,539,959.00</u>	<u>\$8,539,959.00</u>	<u>\$8,277,004.00</u>
PATHFINDER SCHOOL DISTRICT			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$3,195,718.00	\$3,306,531.00	\$3,538,172.00
EXPENSES	1,984,736.00	1,433,714.00	1,902,908.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,146,782.00	1,701,137.00	2,000,948.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$7,327,236.00</u>	<u>\$6,441,382.00</u>	<u>\$7,442,028.00</u>
FIXED EXPENSES	\$4,010,182.00	\$4,338,675.00	\$4,694,587.00
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED	\$607,708.16	\$575,152.93	\$680,932.32
STATE ASSESSMENTS	1,168,971.00	1,200,604.00	1,277,098.00
OVERLAY	75,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	<u>\$1,851,679.16</u>	<u>\$1,875,756.93</u>	<u>\$2,058,030.32</u>
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$235,107.00	\$238,827.00	\$237,421.00
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND	359,574.00	386,878.00	400,435.00
MUN. SOLID WASTE ENTER. FUND	415,050.00	470,491.00	482,081.00
	<u>\$1,009,731.00</u>	<u>\$1,096,196.00</u>	<u>\$1,119,937.00</u>
OFFSET RECEIPTS	\$1,450.00	\$435.00	\$0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$23,098,871.16</u>	<u>\$22,617,408.93</u>	<u>\$23,906,780.32</u>

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

The CIP Committee met to review the various departmental capital requests for fiscal year 2022. 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).

As was the case in FY2021, 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 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 considering the Town's fiscal outlook, the Committee is recommending the funding of the following requests:

1. School Department – Pickup Truck	\$51,598
2. School Department – High School HVAC	4,493,200
3. School Department – High School Gymnasium Phase 1	556,002
4. Highway Department – Loader	206,000
5. Highway Department – Tractor	53,000
6. Fire Department – Vehicle	60,000
7. Public Buildings – Truck	73,695
8. Police Department – Radio System	291,500
9. Police Department - Cruiser	<u>54,613</u>
Total	\$5,839,608

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Zebrowski, Chairman
Robert Chauvin Jr., Member
Joseph Arabik, Member
Wayne Tack, Member
Thomas Rousell, Member

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:

ARTICLE 1A. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2022:

- 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.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article allows the Selectboard to sell property taken under tax foreclosure, to apply for grants, accept them and spend them and to sign Chapter 90 contracts with the State for FY2022.

ARTICLE 1B. To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2022 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.

This article sets the rate of compensation for the various elected boards for FY2022.

- ARTICLE 1C. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to charge a fee of \$75 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.

This article sets the fee the Conservation Commission can charge for site inspections when necessary.

- ARTICLE 1D. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2020 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Charles H. Maheu	\$1,565.
Roger E. Boulanger	\$3,145.
Jon J. Gillespie	\$ 775.
Thomas J. Batchelor	\$ 775.
Donald C. Sadler	\$1,565.
Geraldine Carney	\$ 775.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article accepts the perpetual care fees collected by the cemetery commissioners.

- ARTICLE 1E. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2022 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 2022.
- 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 2022.
- C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2022.
- 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 2022.

E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$13,301 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2022.

F. A Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2022.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is the annual authorization of the Town revolving funds as listed in the Town Bylaws.

ARTICLE 1F. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2022 or take any other action in regard thereto.

This allows the various departments to enter into contracts and agreements with another governmental agency to provide a service the department is unable to.

ARTICLE 1G. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to appoint a member of the Board of Selectmen to a position that is under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen as allowed under M.G.L. Chapter 268A Section 21A or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to be in compliance with the Ethics Law. As Selectboard members are appointed to committees that report to them, we need town meeting approval to allow this.

ARTICLE 1H. 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 nine pay grades and ten steps to be effective July 1, 2021 or take any other action in regard thereto.

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

This article set the pay rates for non-union employees for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The cost of living adjustment for FY2022 is 2%.

ARTICLE 1I. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$315,194, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2022 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to pay the assessment to Pathfinder Vocational school of which the Town is a member community and sends students to.

ARTICLE 1J. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$277,579, 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.

This article accepts the Chapter 90 allocation for FY2022 as determined by the State.

ARTICLE 1K. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$175,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is an attempt to fund the town's post-employment benefits liability. As of June 30, 2020, this liability is \$34,036,418. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to rescind borrowing authority for the East Meadow School addition/renovation project as voted under Article #02 of the February 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting or take any other action in regard thereto.

Back when the elementary school project was authorized, the town meeting authorized \$32,208,975 in borrowing to cover the cost of the project. The Town only had to borrow \$13,365,000 leaving an authorized but unissued authorization of \$18,843,975. As the project is closed, all unissued borrowing authority is being rescinded.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$225,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding a settlement with the former Fire Chief or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to fund a settlement agreement with the former Fire Chief. As he was hired under M.G.L. Chapter 48 Section 42, he remains the Fire Chief until he resigns, retires, dies, reaches 65 years of age, or can be terminated for just cause. As the Town has been in litigation with him since July 2020. This would allow the Selectboard to close litigation and move forward with getting the Fire Department fully operational with the proper command structure. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42 as voted at the July 8, 1968 Special Town Meeting or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article seeks to rescind the law commonly known as the Fire Department Strong Chief law. Under M.G.L. Chapter 48 Section 42, he remains the Fire Chief until he resigns, retires, dies, reaches 65 years of age, or can be terminated for just cause. Additionally," ... he shall

have full and absolute authority in the administration of the department, shall make all rules and regulations for its operation, shall report to the selectmen from time to time as they may require and shall annually report to the town the condition of the department with his recommendations thereon...". The strength in this law is that it keeps politics out of the operation of the fire Department. The down-side is that the Selectboard has no authority over the Fire Department, no input regarding the hiring or firing of employees, no review of any policy or regulations the Fire Chief may promulgate.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$100,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding tree removal or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article will fund the tree removal project for trees that are hazardous and create power outages or road blockages during an extreme weather event. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$200,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding Highway Department paving operations or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to fund paving operations for Town roads. With the State not funding the Chapter 90 bond bill at the level needed, the Town does not wish to fall behind in addressing the paving needs for its roads. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 7

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 funding construction of the veterans' memorial or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article will fund the construction of the Veterans Memorial. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual fundraisers have been canceled. The Committee wants to begin construction this year and needs this final amount to complete the funding of the project. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,358, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the tuition for Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School students or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the tuition of two students who are attending Smith Vocational school as Pathfinder either does not offer these courses or did not offer the courses when the student started going here. The proposed funding source is Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the replacement of the 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe whose mileage exceeds 125,000 miles. This vehicle functions as a duty-officer transport on nights and weekends, as the Fire inspector vehicle, an EMS fly-car and for general staff transportation. This is to be replaced with a more durable and multi-functional vehicle. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded. The proposed funding source is Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$54,613, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a marked cruiser for the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to fund a new police cruiser for the Police Department. This is an annual purchase for the Town. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$291,500, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a town-wide communication system for the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to fund the purchase a P25 compatible simulcast communication system for Police, Fire, Ambulance and Town services. The requested equipment will replace the aged and inadequate emergency two way radio communication systems currently used by the Town services. This new system is anticipated to address areas in Town that the current system does not reach. This project was originally scheduled for last year but was not funded due to the uncertainty of municipal revenues due to the COVID pandemic. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$73,695, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a truck with a plow for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Public Buildings Department. The proposed funding source is Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$10,535, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a single person lift for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the purchase of a lift for the Public Buildings Department. Currently, to reach high places to service Town buildings equipment, a ladder is required with someone holding it at the bottom. This will allow for a safer means of accessing this equipment. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$14,605, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a snow thrower attachment for the mower for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the purchase of a snow thrower attachment for the mower for the Public Buildings department. This would allow for easier and faster cleanup at the Public Safety Complex. The funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$17,001, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a zero-turn mower for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the purchase of a zero-turn mower for the Public Buildings department. This would allow for quicker mowing of all Town properties in conjunction with the large mower. The funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$206,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a loader for the Highway Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is for the purchase of a loader for the Highway department. This would replace the 2004 loader that is requiring higher maintenance costs. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded. The funding source is Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$53,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a tractor for the Highway Department or take any other action in regard

thereto.

This article is for the purchase of a tractor for the Highway department. This would replace the 1998 John Deere tractor. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded. The funding source is Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,488, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to replenish the General Purpose Stabilization fund. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,487, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Capital Needs Stabilization Fund or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to replenish the Capital Needs Stabilization fund. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,487, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Stabilization Fund or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to replenish the Municipal Buildings Stabilization fund. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$51,598, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a pickup truck for the School Department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to purchase a pickup truck for the School Department. This truck will replace the 2005 maintenance truck. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded. The proposed funding source is Free Cash.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$482,081, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to fund the curbside collection program in Town. It also funds the costs of bringing our recyclables to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and bringing our waste to the incinerator located in Agawam. The proposed funding sources are Tax Levy in the amount of \$333,041, Municipal Solid Waste Receipts in the amount of \$24,500 and Retained Earnings in the amount of \$124,540.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$237,421, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to fund the sewer department in Town. The funding sources are Sewer Receipts in the amount of \$225,121 and Retained Earnings of \$12,300.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$400,435, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article will fund the ambulance department. The funding sources are Tax Levy in the amount of \$59,000, Ambulance Receipts in the amount of \$316,435 and Retained Earnings in the amount of \$25,000.

Please note: The Ambulance Director’s salary shall not exceed \$82,000 for FY2022.

ARTICLE 25

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 FY2020	Budget FY2021	Budget FY2022
1	School Department			
	Personal Services	\$6,427,458	\$6,602,670	\$5,684,366
	Expenses	1,247,354	1,117,887	1,664,844
	Capital Outlay	0	0	0
		<u>\$7,674,812</u>	<u>\$7,720,557</u>	<u>\$7,349,210</u>
2	Transportation	\$807,717	\$838,838	\$838,838
3	Moderator			
	Salary	\$175	\$175	\$300
	Expenses	75	75	75
		<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$375</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2020	Budget FY2021	Budget FY2022
4	Selectmen			
	Salary	\$9,798	\$9,993	\$10,194
	Personal Services	271,820	207,554	301,353
	Expenses	157,660	161,042	164,680
	Capital Outlay	27,000	15,990	31,000
		<u>\$466,278</u>	<u>\$394,579</u>	<u>\$507,227</u>
5	Finance Committee			
	Expenses	\$1,815	\$1,852	\$1,928
6	Town Accountant			
	Personal Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Expenses	27,050	27,050	27,050
		<u>\$57,050</u>	<u>\$57,050</u>	<u>\$57,050</u>
7	Assessors			
	Salary	\$11,217	\$11,442	\$11,673
	Personal Services	30,520	29,316	27,106
	Expenses	20,109	20,511	20,921
		<u>\$61,846</u>	<u>\$61,269</u>	<u>\$59,700</u>
8	Town Treasurer			
	Salary	\$50,415	\$51,424	\$52,453
	Expenses	9,500	9,800	9,900
		<u>\$59,915</u>	<u>\$61,224</u>	<u>\$62,353</u>
9	Tax Collector			
	Salary	\$43,880	\$44,758	\$51,598
	Personal Services	11,700	11,000	7,000
	Expenses	21,190	21,190	21,600
		<u>\$76,770</u>	<u>\$76,948</u>	<u>\$80,198</u>
10	Personnel Board			
	Expenses	\$500	\$500	\$500
11	Town Clerk			
	Salary	\$55,285	\$56,391	\$58,009
	Personal Services	3,000	22,644	31,804
	Expenses	2,565	2,565	2,705
	Capital	2,195	0	0
		<u>\$63,045</u>	<u>\$81,600</u>	<u>\$92,518</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2020	Budget FY2021	Budget FY2022
12	Personal Services	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Expenses	30,175	38,325	30,475
		<u>\$32,175</u>	<u>\$40,325</u>	<u>\$32,475</u>
13	Board of Appeals			
	Expenses	\$1,640	\$1,640	\$1,640
14	Public Buildings			
	Personal Services	\$182,936	\$219,341	\$208,574
	Expenses	494,644	504,767	569,158
	Capital Outlay	13,500	9,500	13,970
		<u>\$691,080</u>	<u>\$733,608</u>	<u>\$791,702</u>
15	Police Department			
	Personal Services	\$1,013,895	\$1,043,087	\$1,141,807
	Expenses	56,011	49,050	64,297
	Capital Outlay	1,000	1,000	5,100
		<u>\$1,070,906</u>	<u>\$1,093,137</u>	<u>\$1,211,204</u>
16	Auxiliary Police			
	Expenses	\$1,875	\$1,920	\$1,958
17	Dispatch			
	Personal Services	\$215,984	\$220,882	\$255,479
	Expenses	34,546	35,133	41,442
		<u>\$250,530</u>	<u>\$256,015</u>	<u>\$296,921</u>
18	Fire Department			
	Personal Services	\$434,230	\$453,161	\$403,405
	Expenses	40,687	46,817	48,037
	Out of State Travel	2,600	0	0
	Capital Outlay	43,525	50,650	51,250
		<u>\$521,042</u>	<u>\$550,628</u>	<u>\$502,692</u>

Please note: Fire Chief Salary is not to exceed \$10,000 for FY2022.

19	Inspections Department			
	Personal Services	\$65,009	\$66,230	\$67,096
	Expenses	23,573	23,201	24,128
		<u>\$88,582</u>	<u>\$89,431</u>	<u>\$91,224</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2020	Budget FY2021	Budget FY2022
20	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health			
	Personal Services	\$13,260	\$13,525	\$13,795
	Expenses	3,258	3,823	3,899
		<u>\$16,518</u>	<u>\$17,348</u>	<u>\$17,694</u>
21	Sealer of Weights & Measures			
	Expenses	\$2,730	\$3,700	\$3,700
22	Emergency Management			
	Expenses	\$9,272	\$9,272	\$9,772
23	Highway Department			
	Personal Services	\$387,347	\$392,879	\$409,607
	Expenses	112,550	115,950	117,950
	Maintenance of Roads	243,700	344,100	344,100
	Capital	5,000	5,000	5,000
		<u>\$748,597</u>	<u>\$857,929</u>	<u>\$876,657</u>
24	Snow & Ice Control			
	Personal Services	\$74,847	\$75,044	\$81,245
	Expenses	56,000	56,000	56,000
	Maintenance of Roads	122,000	122,000	122,000
	Capital	18,000	20,000	20,000
		<u>\$270,847</u>	<u>\$273,044</u>	<u>\$279,245</u>
25	Cemetery			
	Personal Services	\$21,121	\$23,543	\$24,032
	Expenses	3,661	3,734	3,812
		<u>\$24,782</u>	<u>\$27,277</u>	<u>\$27,844</u>
26	Board of Health			
	Salary	\$2,898	\$2,955	\$3,015
	Personal Services	27,864	28,319	41,820
	Expenses	8,809	8,484	8,651
		<u>\$39,571</u>	<u>\$39,758</u>	<u>\$53,486</u>
27	Council on Aging			
	Personal Services	\$78,603	\$97,334	\$100,749
	Expenses	4,273	4,300	4,300
	Capital	0	5,644	0
		<u>\$82,876</u>	<u>\$107,278</u>	<u>\$105,049</u>

Item No.	Description	Budget FY2020	Budget FY2021	Budget FY2022
28	Senior Lunch Program Personal Services	\$20,857	\$14,924	\$14,877
29	Veterans Services Personal Services Expenses	\$13,050 \$60,700	\$13,050 \$59,200	\$23,000 \$53,700
		<u>\$73,750</u>	<u>\$72,250</u>	<u>\$76,700</u>
30	Public Library Personal Services Expenses Less Grant In Aid Net Expenses	\$127,613 43,219 -12,771 <u>30,448</u>	\$155,723 50,317 -9,995 <u>40,322</u>	\$156,148 59,000 -15,350 <u>43,650</u>
		<u>\$158,061</u>	<u>\$196,045</u>	<u>\$199,798</u>
31	Historical Commission Expenses	\$250	\$250	\$250
32	Retirement of Debt Principal on Permanent Debt	\$525,800	\$514,200	\$577,400
33	Interest	\$479,132	\$472,638	\$465,469
34	Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$239,575	\$250,016	\$280,253
35	County Retirement	\$1,053,436	\$1,206,423	\$1,330,058
36	Workers Compensation	\$152,741	\$169,643	\$193,520
37	Unemployment Compensation	\$49,861	\$52,568	\$47,065
38	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,379,637	\$1,543,187	\$1,670,822
39	Reserve Fund	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
TOTAL BUDGET		\$17,386,158	\$18,019,159	\$18,339,372

This article is to set the departmental budgets for FY2022.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$152,400, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2022 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to cover the debt service on purchases that were approved by the Capital Improvement Committee in prior years.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from account #30-122-5801-000 Bond Premiums To Be Applied \$12,959.42, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2022 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.

When the Town borrowed for the East Meadow building project, when the bids came in, there was a bond premium. Per Department of Revenue regulations, this premium must be amortized over the life of the loan to reduce the amount to be raised by the Debt Exclusion vote.

ARTICLE 28

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.

This article allows the Assessors to issue tax bills to the taxpayers in Granby.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to amend the BYLAWS OF THE TOWN OF GRANBY, VOLUME III CHAPTER XXI – ZONING BYLAW, SECTION III – USE REGULATIONS, Table 1, Schedule of Uses, 3.5 Retail and Services by inserting 3.5.21 Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LSGMSPI) mounted on top of canopy constructed over a parking lot and renumbering the following 3.5.22, 3.5.23 and 3.5.24 or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to change the Zoning Bylaw Schedule of Uses to allow large scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations mounted on top of a canopy constructed over a parking lot.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to amend the BYLAWS OF THE TOWN OF GRANBY as follows:

- A. To delete the existing VOLUME I CHAPTER I – TOWN MEETING, CHAPTER I-a – TOWN MODERATOR, CHAPTER II – BOARD OF SELECTMEN and CHAPTER III – TOWN CLERK and insert a new VOLUME I CHAPTER I – TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS/RECALL, CHAPTER II - SELECTBOARD and CHAPTER III – TOWN ADMINISTRATOR,
- B. To delete the existing VOLUME I CHAPTER IV – TOWN TREASURER,

CHAPTER V – TOWN OFFICIALS AND TOWN BUSINESS and CHAPTER VI – FINANCE COMMITTEE and insert a new VOLUME I CHAPTER IV - BUDGET and CHAPTER V – FINANCE COMMITTEE,

- C. To delete the existing VOLUME I CHAPTER IV-a – TOWN COLLECTOR, CHAPTER VII – COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN, CHAPTER VIII – REGULATIONS OF TRAFFIC & MOTOR VEHICLES, CHAPTER IX - BYLAWS and CHAPTER X - PENALTY and insert a new VOLUME I CHAPTER VI – TOWN CLERK, CHAPTER VII – TOWN TREASURER, CHAPTER VIII – TOWN COLLECTOR, CHAPTER IX – TOWN OFFICIALS AND TOWN BUSINESS and CHAPTER X – COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD,
- D. To delete the existing VOLUME I CHAPTER VIII-A – TAG SALE & FLEA MARKET REGULATIONS, CHAPTER XI- ELECTION OF BOARD OF HEALTH, CHAPTER XII – BOARD OF APPEALS, CHAPTER XIII – GAS INSPECTOR BYLAW and CHAPTER XIV – CANINE CONTROL and insert a new VOLUME I CHAPTER XI – REGULATIONS OF TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, CHAPTER XII – TAG SALE AND FLEA MARKET REGULATIONS, CHAPTER XIII - BYLAWS and CHAPTER XIV - PENALTY,
- E. To delete the existing VOLUME I CHAPTER XV – COUNCIL ON AGING, CHAPTER XVI – BUILDING INSPECTOR, CHAPTER XVII – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY and CHAPTER XVIII - FEES and insert a new VOLUME I CHAPTER XV – BOARD OF APPEALS, CHAPTER XVI – GAS INSPECTOR, CHAPTER XVII – ANIMAL CONTROL, CHAPTER XVIII – COUNCIL ON AGING and CHAPTER XIX – BUILDING INSPECTOR,
- F. To delete the existing VOLUME I CHAPTER XX – HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION BYLAW, CHAPTER XXIII – RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW and CHAPTER XXIV – STRETCH ENERGY CODE and insert a new VOLUME I CHAPTER XX – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, CHAPTER XXI - FEES, CHAPTER XXII – HISTORIC COMMISSION, CHAPTER XXIII – RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW, CHAPTER XXIV – STRETCH ENERGY CODE, CHAPTER XXV - SEVERABILITY and APPENDIX 1 – VIOLATION FEE SCHEDULE,
- G. To re-number VOLUME II CHAPTER XIX - PERSONNEL BYLAWS to VOLUME II CHAPTER XXX - PERSONNEL BYLAWS,
- H. To re-number VOLUME III CHAPTER XXI - ZONING BYLAWS to VOLUME III CHAPTER XXXV - ZONING BYLAWS,
- I. To re-number VOLUME IV CHAPTER XXII - SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS to VOLUME IV CHAPTER XL - SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS,

or take any other action in regard thereto.

This article is to change the existing Bylaws of the Town of Granby. Sections A through F are substantive changes to the existing bylaws. Sections G through I are to renumber the existing bylaw sections to avoid having duplicate section numbers in the document.