# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF GRANBY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

## GRANBY TOWN CLERK REC'D APR 24 2024 PM 150 K K C

### Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the East Meadow Elementary School on East State Street in said Town on Monday, the thirteenth day of May next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 13, 2024 consider articles two through twenty-three and on June 10, 2024 consider articles twenty-four through thirty-two, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:
- ARTICLE 2A. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2025:
  - 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.

- ARTICLE 2B. To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2025 as follows:
  - A. The Cemetery Commissioners to be compensated per the Bylaws of The Town of Granby, Volume II, Chapter XIX Personnel Bylaw, APPENDIX D Compensation Plan Pay Schedules to dig graves, at a pay rate of Grade 3 Step 1, and maintain the equipment and grounds, at a pay rate of Grade 1 Step 1, in the cemeteries.
  - B. The members of the Board of Assessors are 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, are 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, are to receive compensation at a wage rate of \$65 per inspection.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 2C. 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.
- ARTICLE 2D. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2023 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

| Natalie Bys                     | <b>\$</b> 775. |
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| Linda M. Robare                 | <b>\$</b> 775. |
| Carl Ellstrom                   | \$1,565.       |
| Betty Fredette                  | \$1,575.       |
| John & Susan Gaughan            | \$1,575.       |
| Russell F. & Debra A. Gaj       | \$1,575.       |
| Sharon Delaney                  | <b>\$</b> 775. |
| Bryan F. & Barbara A. Hauschild | \$6,355.       |
| Richard R. & Wanda J. Fields    | \$1,565.       |
| Francis Donovan                 | <b>\$</b> 775. |
| John Sullivan                   | \$1,565.       |
| Francis Pike                    | \$3,155.       |
| Helene Brooks                   | <b>\$</b> 775. |
| Kevin L. & Deborah A. Cadieux   | \$1,575.       |
| Barbara White                   | <b>\$</b> 775. |
| John McGrath                    | <b>\$</b> 775. |
| Steven & Beveriy Sabourin       | <b>\$</b> 775. |

or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 2E. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2025 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 2025.
  - B. A Charter Day Revolving Fund from which the Charter Day Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$30,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2025.
  - C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$25,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2025.
  - 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 2025.
  - E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$14,599 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2025.
  - F. A Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2025.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 2F. 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 2025 or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 2G. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectboard to appoint a member of the Selectboard to a position that is under the supervision of the Selectboard as allowed under M.G.L. Chapter 268A Section 21A or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 2H. 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, 2024, or take any other action in regard thereto.

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

- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$303,052, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2025 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 2J. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$272,708.43, 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 2K. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, 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.
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$86,072, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a pickup truck with plow for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$8,750, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a landscape trailer for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$17,856, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the installation of insulation and space heater in the Carnegie pavilion for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$11,933, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the installation of fencing at the COA building or take any other action in regard thereto.

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, ARTICLE 7. transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$12,251, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the installation of fencing at the Brown Ellison field or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, ARTICLE 8. transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$70,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the paving of the Public Library parking lot or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, ARTICLE 9. transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$92,174, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the replacement of the battery backup unit at the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, ARTICLE 10. transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$69,794, 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.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, ARTICLE 11. transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$67,526, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of an unmarked vehicle for the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$70,340, or a ARTICLE 12. greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the replacement of security cameras and servers at the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$38,384, or a ARTICLE 13. greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the replacement of security fobs and controllers at the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$1,300,000, ARTICLE 14. or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a fire engine for the Fire Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$89,000, or a ARTICLE 15. greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a pickup truck for the Highway Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$275,000, or ARTICLE 16. a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$162,750, or ARTICLE 17. a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding paving at the West Street cemetery or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$15,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a mower for the Cemetery Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$83,388, 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.
- ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$41,560.43, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$59,051, 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 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$59,051, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Capital Needs Stabilization Fund or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$59,051, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Stabilization Fund or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$550,652, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$278,332, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer 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, transfer from Free Cash, borrow or bond \$75,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of a generator at the Pleasant Street pump station or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$568,919, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 28. 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.
- ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$220,400, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2025 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$892,394.70 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2025 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from account #30-122-5801-000 Bond Premiums To Be Applied \$11,470.32, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2025 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 32. 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.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places as of the bylaws before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

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Selectboard

I have posted this warrant as of the bylaws of the Town of Granby.

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **TOWN OF GRANBY ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

GRANBY TOWN CLERK REC'D APR 24 2024 PM1:50

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

#### Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the GRANBY JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL at 385 East State Street in said Town on MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY 2024, from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., then and there to cast their votes for the following offices.

FOR THREE YEARS: A Select Board Member, an Assessor, a Board of Health Member, a Moderator, a Town

Collector, a Treasurer, Two School Committee Members, a Commissioner of Burial

Grounds, and Three Public Library Trustees

**FOR FOUR YEARS UNEXPIRED:** 

Housing Authority

**FOR FIVE YEARS:** 

A Housing Authority Member and a Planning Board Member

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places as of the by-laws before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid:

Given under our hands this Twenty Second Day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand Twenty-four.

Richard K. Beaulieu

**Granby Select Board** 

I hereby certify that I have posted the above warrant in five or more public places in the Town of Granby.

Constable: Mark W. Johnson