

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Hampshire, ss:

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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 and town affairs, to meet at the parking areas between the Granby Junior-Senior High School and East Meadow School on East State Street in said Town on Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of July next, at 9:00 A.M. with a rain date of the twenty-seventh day of July 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 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 2021:

- 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 1B. To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2021 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.

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.

ARTICLE 1D. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2018 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Amy LeBlanc	\$1,565.
Francis M & Cheryl D Appleton	\$1,565.
Barbara K & Daniel C Rosazza	\$ 775.
Luke D Cote	\$3,145.
Mary Ann Mugnier	\$3,145.
Noreen H Clark	\$ 775.
Ann K & Leslie Rood	\$ 775.
Steven J Merrill	\$1,575.
Paul M Delp	\$3,145.
Joseph & Rene-Anne Desmarais	\$1,565.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 1E. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2021 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 2021.
- 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 2021.
- C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2021.
- 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 2021.
- E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$13,040 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2021.
- F. A Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2021.

or take any other action in regard thereto.

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 2021, or take any other action in regard thereto.

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.

- 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, 2020 or take any other action in regard thereto.

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

- ARTICLE 1I.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$268,769, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 1J.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$435, or a greater or lesser amount, for Forest Fire Warden Expense or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 1K.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$278,108, 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 1L.** 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.
- ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$14,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of storage containers or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to grant an easement over certain Town property located at 10 MacDonald Avenue to the owner of record for the purposes of access and entering upon said property (a copy of the proposed easement may be inspected at the Town office) or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to grant an easement over certain Town property located at 11 MacDonald Avenue to the owner of record for the purposes of access and entering upon said property (a copy of the proposed easement may be inspected at the Town office) or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 5.** 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.
- ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 97A as voted at the March 12, 1974 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in regard thereto.
- 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 \$150,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding tree removal or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 8.** 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.
- ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$32,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the cost of computers for the Police Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,800, 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 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$51,345, 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.
- 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 \$220,000, or 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.
- 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 \$115,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a mower for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- 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 \$52,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase of a transit for the Public Buildings Department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- 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 \$14,800, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding construction at the old Library building or take any other action in regard thereto.
- 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 \$5,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$470,491, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$238,827, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer department or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$386,878, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 20.** 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 21.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$99,200, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2021 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from account #30-122-5801-000 Bond Premiums To Be Applied \$13,306.98, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2021 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$1,081,950, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2021 appropriations or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 24.** 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.