

TOWN OF Granby, MASSACHUSETTS

2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

July 25, 2020

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Warrant articles on a Consent Agenda are exceptions to the general process of Granby Town Meeting. The Consent Agenda is a new procedure this year for Granby, and its purpose is to save time by dispensing with the reading of and voting on individual articles that can be expected to pass overwhelmingly and instead, voting on them all together with one vote. Thus, a Consent Agenda motion allows for multiple motions under selected warrant articles to be acted upon as one consolidated motion and passed without sponsor presentation and debate. Use of the Consent Agenda process is intended to make Town Meeting more efficient, among other benefits, by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items.

To select articles for the Consent Agenda, the Moderator and Town Administrator and Select Board identify, for Annual Town Meeting consideration, those routine warrant articles that in the past, have generated no controversy, as well as identify new articles they believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without sponsor presentations and debate. Based on these recommendations, a motion that will allow Town Meeting to act on these articles under one motion is drafted.

The Moderator shall call the Consent Agenda by reading the number of each article that is recommended for the Consent Agenda and a summary of the article. If a Town Meeting Member objects to any particular warrant article being included in the Consent Agenda and has a question about such article, they shall raise their card and say “hold” in a loud voice when the article is called. That particular article will be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the order of Town Meeting business to be debated and voted under the usual manner. After the Moderator calls the individual items in the Consent Agenda, she then will call for a motion to approve the remaining articles in the Consent Agenda. If the majority of Town Meeting members vote in favor of the Consent Agenda as moved, all articles remaining on the agenda are passed as a unit.

**THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TAKEN UP AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOLLOWING THE MODERATOR’S OPENING REMARKS, FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON JULY 25, 2020.**

**A TOWN MEETING MEMBER CALLING OUT “HOLD” SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE MODERATOR AND WILL REMOVE AN ARTICLE FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

Please review CONSENT AGENDA MOTION as follows:

# **Consent Agenda**

**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.