

**RECORD  
TOWN OF GRANBY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 09, 2022**

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Granby qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the East Meadow Elementary School on East State Street on May 09, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier calls the ATM to order at 7:04 P.M. a quorum was present (30 or more) there were 66 voters in attendance at the time of opening.

The Moderator calls on the Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, to certify that all the warrants were posted in accordance with the law.

The Clerk responds they have. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Select Board Chair, Jennifer Silva, and the residents joined in.

**The Committees and Boards present at this ATM:**

Select Board: Chair, Jennifer A. Silva, Members, Richard Beaulieu, and Not Present, Glen Sexton, Sitting with the Select Board, Town Counselor, Brian O'Toole and Town Administrator, Christopher Martin.

Finance Committee: Chair, John Libera, Jr., Members, Joseph Furnia, Robert Glesmann, III, Not Present Richard Jolivet, and Scott Wilson.

School Committee: Chairman, Jennifer Bartosz, Members, Jennifer Mallette, Stephanie Parent, Jill Pelletier, and Not Present Audrey Siudak.

Non-residents representing the School Department were Adam Tarquini, business manager, Ali Jordon, High School Principal and Steven Sullivan, School Superintendent.

Others in Attendance to support Town Articles: Maintenance Supervisor, Jeremy Carriere, Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers, Steven Nally, Treasurer, and Police Chief, Kevin O'Grady.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Richard Gaj, Sr., Kristin Kwasnik, Elaine Lafleur, Emily Reed, Virginia Snopek, and Dawn Stolulonis.

Filmed by Alex LaMarche

Police Officer on Duty: Steve Marion

**Lynn Snopek Mercier, Moderator:**

The Moderator now introduces all committees and boards sitting in front at Town Meeting to the far left, the Finance Board; Town Clerk, Town Attorney; Town Administrator; and the Select Board.

“Before I start reading today's Articles, I would like to go over Town Meeting information and procedures.

Please raise your hand if you would like to discuss a motion. When I recognize you, you can then come through the middle aisle to the microphone, or if you are unable to get to the floor mic a microphone will be brought over to you. A voter is allowed to ask one question at a time.

This is a legal business meeting and is being recorded, you must state your name and address before commenting.

All discussion and questions must be directed to me, and I will direct your question to the

appropriate individual.

If you are a non-resident or non-voter, you must sit in the designated area for non-voters.

The Moderator mentions she is looking for individuals that would be interested in serving on the Finance Committee and if so to please let her know.

Madam Moderator mentions this is the first time we are holding a town meeting at the East Meadow School. We are introducing for the first-time electronic voting. Each voter will be assigned an electronic clicker, and when it is time to vote the count will electronically calculate the votes to the Moderator. This electronic system will be particularly useful when there is a need for a 2/3 count.

Madame Moderator continues to explain that we will only use the electronic clickers for certain Articles. Those would be Articles that require a 2/3 votes or Articles that may want to be keep confidential. We will remain using the card for most of the Articles, the reason for this it will make the meeting move quicker showing cards then waiting 20 seconds for a vote.

A handout was given to the voters along with the clickers with instructions on how to use them:

1. Every voter is given a handset for his or her exclusive use. Voting with a handset issued to anyone else is forbidden. The handset has been tested and is powered on.
2. The moderator will announce the start of an electronic vote.  
To cast your vote:  
Press 1 (green button) for YES  
Press 2 (red button) for NO  
You will have 20 seconds to complete your vote.  
You can change your vote during the 20 seconds; simply vote again  
The last choice you pressed is what is tabulated.  
Your handset will display OK when the vote has been received.
3. During the Meeting if you leave your seat to leave the auditorium, leave your handset with one of the Town Meeting workers at the door.
4. After the Meeting, please pass your handset into the Town Meeting workers after the meeting. the handsets will not work anywhere but at THIS town meeting, so please do not exit the building with the handset.

The Moderator now tells the voter that we are going to do a test on the clickers, that this is only for fun and is a random question: "I move the town to adopt an ordinance that dogs are better pets than cats." The voters vote on the clickers and the count is in:  
51-Yes to 15-No- the majority is Dogs are better pets than Cats!

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, now calls on Katherine Kelly-Regan, Town Clerk to speak. The Town Clerk mentions to the voters that next Monday, May 16, is our Annual Town Election, the election will remain at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School and the polls will be open from 9 am – 7 pm. She also mentions that if you are unable to make the polls during the polling hours you can file an absentee ballot until 5 pm on Friday, May 13 in the Town Clerks' office.

The Moderator recognizes Select Board Chair, Jennifer Silva. Ms. Silva thanks the voters for coming out, she mentions the activities that happen over the past year, the retirement of Chief Wishart and the appointment of Kevin O'Grady as the new Police Chief.

She speaks about the 202-water project that at this time it cannot be considered until 2026/2027 she also mentions looking into the West Street School for municipal offices, but we must get MA DEP involved to make sure the water is suitable for the public use, and she speaks about how the town has been looking into a Grant writer.

Ms. Silva says, "let's get the show on the road," and keep the meeting moving forward.

The Moderator now recognizes Mr. Libera of the Finance Committee to speak.

Finance Committee Chair, John Libera, Jr. addresses the voters and explains he will not discuss the report right now and mentions the Finance Committee is in favor on the Finance Articles as presented in the warrant and will discuss those articles when they are being presented.

***\*\*To read the full Finance report please refer to the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Reports 2022-2023, or by going on the Website [www.granby-ma.gov](http://www.granby-ma.gov)***

The Moderator now recognizes Ms. Jennifer Bartosz School Committee Chair to speak:

Ms. Bartosz thanks the Town Administrator, Chris Martin, Select Board member Glen Sexton as the Liaison, and the Finance Committee in the collaboration with development in the FY23 Budget.

She mentions the leadership from both school departments and thanks Superintendent, Stephen Sullivan, and Adam Tarquini,

Ms. Bartosz mentions that there is no need for additional funding for this budget, She speaks briefly on two Capital Improvement Articles that are being presented. One is to improve the ventilation in the kitchen, and the other is to improve the locker rooms. She explains it's not only to improve the school's needs, but the High School is designated as an emergency shelter for the town.

She also mentions how the school committee and the finance committee are contemplating the possibility of regionalizing.

**The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier:**

We will be doing a Consent Agenda— just like we did the last two years. If you are missing any town meeting information you may pick it up at the table next to the check in. You will find the Finance Committee / Capital Expenditures booklet, in addition to other documents. In the booklet, you will find the warrant articles and a brief explanation of each article.

The Moderator, mentions how today's procedure will work:

“Article 1, we will be doing the meeting as a Consent Agenda.

The purpose of the Consent Agenda 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.

So now, I will call out each article on the Consent Agenda and you will hear a brief explanation of the article. If a Town Meeting Member has a question about the article I am calling and or believes that a separate debate or vote on a specific article is necessary, please raise your card and yell "Hold." I will then remove the article from the Consent Agenda and restore it to its original place on the Warrant for debate and discussion. When I have gone through all articles in the Consent Agenda, I will call for a motion for the Consent Agenda. We will then vote, in a single vote, on the remaining articles on the Consent Agenda. If a majority of the members vote in favor, those articles will be considered passed through the Consent Agenda. Any questions?

**The articles in the Consent Calendar include:**

**1A- 1B- 1C- 1D- 1E- 1F- 1G- 1H- 1I- 1J- 1K**

The Moderator now calls on Mr. Martin for the Motion for the Consent Agenda — Second — We

are now ready to vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda items This calls for a Majority vote to pass.

Article 1. move the vote to approve the consent of the agenda as follows: Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Only Majority Vote Required for 1A-1K Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

Declared By The Moderator

**ARTICLE 1A.** move the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2023:

- 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.

*Town Administrator, Christopher Martin explains "this article allows the Select Board 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 FY2023.*

**ARTICLE 1 B.** Removed to be voted on separately

*Seamus Connolly, 21 Ferry Hill Rd, wants to amend Article 1B- Item C, to change the inspection rate for the Board of Health to \$15.00 from the current \$35.00.*

**ARTICLE 1C.** move the Town 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.

*Mr. Martin explains: This article sets the fee the Conservation Commission can charge for site inspections when necessary.*

**ARTICLE 1D.** move the Town vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2021 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Richard P. & Marie S. Hooker	\$ 775.
Susan Booth	\$ 775.
Nancy L. Archambault	\$ 775.
George & Brenda Knight	\$1,565.
Jeffrey Casson & Mary Mislak-Casson	\$1,565.
Lyne & Emile LaLiberte	\$1,565.
Joseph A. & Karen Dumais	\$1,565.
Michael & Valerie Flaherty	\$1,565.

Carlton T. Nash	\$1,565.
Jennifer R. & Glenn E. Boileau	\$3,145.
Suzanne Brunelle	\$ 775.
Renald & Colette Turgeon	\$ 35.
Carol E. & Wilfred V. Roy	\$ 25.
Donald A. & Shirley Rousseau	\$3,145.
Nancy J. & Andrew P. Price	\$ 575.
Cheri & Duane Shephard	\$1,565.
Robert H. Bontempo	\$1,565.
Catherine E. Partidge	\$1,565.
Eric Zepke & Wendy Adams	\$1,565.
Charles & Esther M. Ferguson	\$1,565.
Pamela J. & Anthony J. Morrione	\$1,565.

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

- ARTICLE 1E.** move the Town vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2023 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 2023.
  - 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 2023.
  - C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2023.
  - 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 2023.
  - E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$13,759 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2023.
  - F. A Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2023.

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

- ARTICLE 1F.** move the Town vote to authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2023.

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

- ARTICLE 1G.** move the Town 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.

*This article is to follow the Ethics Law. As Select Board members are appointed to committees that report to them. We need town meeting approval to allow this.*

**ARTICLE 1H.** move the Town 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, 2022.

*This Article set the pay rates for non-union employees for the period July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. The cost of living adjustment for FY2023 is 4%*

**\*Back page for the Appendix D Compensation Plan Pay Schedules**

**ARTICLE 1I.** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$239,651, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2023 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

*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.** move the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$274,389, authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

*This article accepts the Chapter 90 allocation for FY2023 as determined by the State.*

**ARTICLE 1K.** move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash, \$175,000, for the purpose of funding the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability.

*This is the last section of the consent agenda the Town Administrator Mr. Martin explains: This article is an attempt to fund the town's post-employment benefits liability. As of June 30, 2021, this liability is \$36,643,632.*

**The Moderator now asks' the voters if there are any questions on the consent agenda.**

*Seamus Connolly, 21 Ferry Hill Rd, wants to amend Article 1B- Item C, to change the inspection rate for the Board of Health to \$15.00 from the current \$35.00.*

*The moderator explains to the voters that we will vote on the Consent agenda as presented but we will be taking out Article 1B and we will vote on that as a separate article.*

*The Moderator calls for a vote*

**\*Article 1. Items 1A-1K except for Article 1B that was omitted from this vote**

**Motion 2nd**

**Presented by Chris Martin**

**Majority Vote Required- Short Discussion**

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

***The Moderator calls on Mr. Martin to read Article 1B that was removed to be voted on Separately.***

**ARTICLE 1B.** move the Town vote to authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2023 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.

*Mr. Martin explains: This article sets the rate of compensation for the various elected boards for FY2023.*

***The Moderator calls on Seamus Connolly, 21 Ferry Hill Road to present his amendment she informs him this must be in writing.***

***Mr. Connolly's Amendment:***

***I want to amend Article 1B-Section C- to read: the members of the Board of Health, or their consultants, to receive compensation at a wage rate of \$15 per inspection or specific required activity.***

***The Moderator calls for a second, there is no second and the Moderator Declares this Amendment as Failed from lack of a Second.***

***Amendment- FAILS - no Second***

***The Moderator now asks the voters to vote on Article 1B as originally presented:***

**ARTICLE 1B.** move the Town vote to authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2023 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.

***Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- No Discussion  
Article 1B- as originally presented***

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 2** move the Town vote to rescind borrowing authority for the funding of the extension of the water line from South Hadley down Route 202 to Phins Hill and Pleasant Street to Morgan Street project as voted under Article #06 of the February 4, 2019, Special Town Meeting.

*Mr. Martin explains:*

*At the Special Town Meeting on June 4, 2019, the Town authorized borrowing for the water main project along Route 202. As the project has been postponed by the Selectboard at this time, all unissued borrowing authority is being rescinded.*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- Short Discussion*

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 3** move the Town vote to approve the three-year contract with the Fanelli Amusement Company for the provision of amusement rides for the annual Charter Day celebration.

*Mr. Martin explains:*

*This article is seeking Town approval of a three-year contract with Fanelli Amusement Company for the provision of rides for the Town's annual charter day celebration.*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- No Discussion*

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 4** move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$1,337,414 for the purpose of funding the renovation of the Junior – Senior High School gymnasium HVAC and boys/girls locker rooms to be expended upon the unanimous vote of a Selectboard/Finance Committee sub-committee.

*Mr. Martin explains:*

*This article will fund the first phase of renovations of the Junior – Senior High School gymnasium and locker rooms. The gymnasium currently lacks the proper airflow and air circulation for safe occupancy of the space. This space is the most heavily used of all spaces in the school district. Additionally, the high school is also the designated emergency shelter. With this designation, the school must be equipped with functioning showers. Currently, the showers in each of the locker rooms are inoperable and need replacement.*

*This Article requires a Majority Vote.*

*This was our first Vote using the Electronic Devices. Madame Moderator quickly explains again how to use the devices. She calls for a vote.*

*The Count is 62-YES to 18-NO*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- Long Discussion  
Declared by Moderator Passed*

**Passed: Majority-Electronic Vote  
Count- 62-YES to 18-NO**

**ARTICLE 5** move the Town vote to transfer from the School Lunch Revolving fund \$200,000 and transfer from Free Cash \$850,000 for a total of \$1,050,000 for the purpose of funding the renovation of the Junior – Senior High School kitchen and cafeteria rooms to be expended upon the unanimous vote of a Selectboard/Finance Committee sub-committee.



**Mr. Martin explains:**

***This article will fund renovations of the Junior – Senior High School kitchen and cafeteria. The kitchen and cafeteria currently lack the proper airflow and air circulation for safe occupancy of the space and has been deemed inoperable for the 2021-2022 school year. All meals are currently prepared in the East Meadow kitchen and served in a small classroom space adjacent to the kitchen. The school is also limited to the number of staff and students who can eat in the cafeteria due to lack of airflow and ventilation. The school has modified their schedule to include an additional lunch to accommodate all students and have implemented specific protocols to increase airflow and improve ventilation.***

***This Article requires a Majority vote.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- Short Discussion***

***Declared by Moderator Passed***

**Passed: Majority-Electronic Vote  
Count- 64-YES to 16-NO**

**ARTICLE 6** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$36,440 for the purpose of funding the replacement of hydraulic rescue tools for the Fire Department.

**Mr. Martin explains:**

***This article is to purchase new rescue tools. The current hydraulic tools (rescue Jaws) are about twenty years old, and it is difficult to obtain parts***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 7** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$59,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a car for the Fire Chief.

**Mr. Martin explains:**

***This article will fund the purchase of a new car for the Fire Chief. The current vehicle is seven years old with 115,000 miles on it. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

***3 Opposed***

**Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 8** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$47,458 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a tractor for the Public Buildings Department.

**Mr. Martin explains:**

***This article is for the purchase of a tractor to be able to properly maintain the playing fields at Brown Ellison and Dufresne Park and perform more cost-effective landscaping duties for all town-owned property.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

***3 Opposed***

**Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 9** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,316 for the purpose of funding the construction of an equipment storage structure for the Public Buildings Department.

*Mr. Martin explains:*

*This article is for the construction of a storage structure for the storage of equipment under a cover and out of the elements.*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin*

*Majority Vote Required- No Discussion*

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 10** move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 § 7 Clause 1- \$305,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a street sweeper for the Highway Department.

*Explanation- This article is to fund a new street sweeper for the Highway Department. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded.*

*Brief discussion from the Highway Superintendent to support this Article.*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin*

*2/3<sup>rd</sup> Votes Required- Short Discussion*

*Declared by Moderator Passed*

*51 was needed to pass this Article*

**Passed: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> -Electronic Vote  
Count- 57-YES to 20-NO**

**ARTICLE 11** move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 § 7 Clause 1 \$35,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase of an asphalt recycler and hot box trailer for the Highway Department.

*Explanation-This article is to fund the purchase an asphalt recycler and hot box trailer. This unit will maintain asphalt at the proper temperature and avoid the need to throw out asphalt due to it becoming too cold to use.*

*Brief discussion from the Highway Superintendent to support this Article.*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin*

*2/3<sup>rd</sup> Votes Required- Short Discussion*

*Declared by Moderator Passed*

*53 was needed to pass this Article*

**Passed: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> -Electronic Vote  
Count- 64-YES to 16-NO**

**ARTICLE 12** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$56,362 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a marked cruiser for the Police Department.

*Explanation-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.*

*Brief discussion from the Chief Of Police, Kevin O'Grady in support of this Article.*

**Motion 2nd**

*Presented by Chris Martin*

*Majority Vote Required- Short Discussion*

**Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 13** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the purpose of funding the FY23 services of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.

*Mr. Martin explains- his article will allow the Town to remain a member of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. This will allow us to have sampling and testing done in Town. The Board of Health request this.*

*Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- No Discussion*

**Motion 2nd**

**Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 14** move Town vote to raise and appropriate \$58,866 for the purpose of funding the tuition for Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School students.

*Mr. Martin explains-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.*

*Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- Short Discussion*

**Motion 2nd**

**Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 15** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$515,922 to operate the municipal solid waste department

Wages	\$ 5,000
Expenses	<u>510,922</u>
	\$515,922

and that \$24,500 be raised from municipal solid waste receipts, \$158,381 be raised from Retained Earnings and \$333,041 be raised from Tax Levy.

*Explanation- 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 McNamara transfer station located in Springfield.*

*Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- No Discussion*

**Motion 2nd**

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 16** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$244,710 to operate the sewer department

Wages	\$ 10,973
Expenses	173,530
Debt	<u>60,207</u>
	\$244,710

and that \$232,410 be raised from sewer receipts and \$12,300 be raised from Retained Earnings.

***Explanation- This article is to fund the sewer department in Town.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

**Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 17** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$389,855 to operate the ambulance department.

Wages	\$283,506
Expenses	91,625
Capital	<u>14,724</u>
	\$389,855

and that \$389,855 be raised from ambulance receipts.

***Explanation- This article will fund the ambulance department.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin  
Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 18** move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 § 7 Clause 1, \$399,575 for the purpose of funding the purchase of an ambulance for the Ambulance Department.

***Explanation-This article is to fund a new ambulance for the Ambulance Department. The vehicle being replaced will be either auctioned off or traded.***

***Anthony Cerini, 3 Cedar Dr, he mentions this is the time to replace this vehicle since it could take up to 2 years for it to get delivered, this is the best time to do this.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin  
2/3<sup>rd</sup> Votes Required- Short Discussion  
Declared by Moderator Passed  
49 was needed to pass this Article***

**Passed: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> -Electronic Vote  
Count- 60-YES to 14-NO**

Lynn Snopek Mercier, Moderator now recognizes John Libera, Jr. Chairperson for the Finance Committee:

*Mr. Libera gives the Finance Report he goes over the Budget, Considerations for the Future, and in his conclusion, he mentions "With inflation on the rise, it is hard to imagine that Granby's current income growth will be able to keep up with its expenditure growth. Income and expenditures must be balanced. It is Granby's choice whether to have this balance happen suddenly and painfully, or to have this balance happen in a planned and measured fashion. You can read The Finance Report in the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Reports 2022-2023 by going to the Town Website at [www.granby-ma.gov](http://www.granby-ma.gov).*

ARTICLE 19 move the Town 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 19 Presented by John Libera, Jr., Finance Chairman, Items 1-40      Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Majority vote Required on all items-Short Discussion on Item 1*

*All Items 1- 40 Passed:*

*Items 1, 13,19,30, & 35 Passed- By Majority-Declared By Moderator-Show of Hands*

*All other Items in Article 19 Passed - By Unanimous-Declared By Moderator- Show of Hands*

Item	Budget
1 School Department	
Personal Services	\$6,178,391
Expenses	2,059,463
Capital Outlay	<u>0</u>
<b>Passed-Majority</b>	<b>\$8,237,854</b>
 2 <b>Same Motion-Items 2-5</b>	
School Department	
Transportation	\$891,060
 3 Same Motion	
Moderator	
Salary	\$300
Expenses	<u>2,675</u>
	\$2,975
 4 Same Motion	
Selectmen	
Salary	\$10,602
Personal Services	248,771
Expenses	190,980
Capital Outlay	<u>26,000</u>
	\$476,353
 5 Same Motion	
Finance Committee	
Expenses	\$1,967
<b>Passed- Unanimous Items 2-5</b>	
 6 <b>Same Motion- Items 6-9</b>	
Town Accountant	

	Personal Services	\$30,000
	Expenses	<u>31,150</u>
		\$61,150
7	Same Motion	
	Assessors	
	Salary	\$12,141
	Personal Services	41,108
	Expenses	<u>21,345</u>
		\$74,594
8	Same Motion	
	Town Treasurer	
	Salary	\$54,552
	Expenses	<u>9,950</u>
		\$64,502
9	Same Motion	
	Tax Collector	
	Salary	\$53,592
	Personal Services	14,100
	Expenses	<u>22,032</u>
	Cont'd Tax Collector -Total	\$89,724
	<b><i>Passed- Unanimous Items 6-9</i></b>	
10	Same Motion-Items 10-13	
	Personnel Board	
	Expenses	\$500
11	Same Motion	
	Town Clerk	
	Salary	\$62,930
	Personal Services	36,862
	Expenses	2,905
	Capital	<u>0</u>
		\$102,697
12	Same Motion	
	Board of Registrars	
	Personal Services	\$2,000
	Expenses	<u>39,425</u>
		\$41,425
13	Same Motion	
	Planner/Conservation Agent	
	Personal Services	\$86,005
	Expenses	<u>1,900</u>
		\$87,905
	<b><i>Passed-Unanimous Items 10-12-Passed Majority- Item 13</i></b>	
14	Same Motion-14-17	
	Board of Appeals	

	Expenses	\$1,640
15	Same Motion	
	Public Buildings	
	Personal Services	\$220,465
	Expenses	607,964
	Capital Outlay	41,525
		<u>869,954</u>
16	Same Motion	
	Police Department	
	Personal Services	\$1,234,271
	Expenses	\$68,950
	Capital Outlay	1,000
		<u>1,304,221</u>
17	Same Motion	
	Auxiliary Police	
	Expenses	\$0
	<i>Passed- Unanimous Items 14-17</i>	
18	<b>Same Motion-Items 18-21</b>	
	Dispatch	
	Personal Services	\$281,862
	Expenses	42,690
		<u>324,552</u>
19	Same Motion	
	Fire Department	
	Personal Services	\$524,291
	Expenses	47,197
	Capital Outlay	59,250
		<u>630,738</u>
20	Same Motion	
	Inspections Department	
	Personal Services	\$68,439
	Expenses	24,610
		<u>93,049</u>
21	Same Motion	
	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health	
	Personal Services	\$13,795
	Expenses	3,899
		<u>17,694</u>
	<i>Passed-Unanimous Items 18,20,21-Passed Majority- 19</i>	
22	<b>Same Motion-Items 22-25</b>	
	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
	Expenses	\$3,700
23	Same Motion	

	Emergency Management Expenses	\$9,985
24	Same Motion Highway Department Personal Services Expenses Maintenance of Roads Capital	\$427,636 118,100 344,100 6,300 <hr/> \$896,136
25	Same Motion Snow & Ice Control Personal Services Expenses Maintenance of Roads Capital	\$81,849 56,000 122,000 20,000 <hr/>
	<i>Passed- Unanimous Items 22-25</i>	\$279,849
26	<b>Same Motion-Items 26-29</b> Cemetery Personal Services Expenses	\$31,337 3,940 <hr/> \$35,277
27	Same Motion Board of Health Salary Personal Services Expenses	\$3,135 43,493 8,670 <hr/> \$55,298
28	Same Motion Council on Aging Personal Services Expenses Capital	\$104,441 4,350 0 <hr/> \$108,791
29	Same Motion Senior Lunch Program Personal Services	\$20,191
		<i>Passed- Unanimous Items 26-29</i>
30	<b>Same Motion-Items 30-33</b> Veterans Services	



	Personal Services	\$20,000	
	Expenses	<u>51,200</u>	
		\$71,200	
31	Same Motion		
	Public Library		
	Personal Services	\$165,868	
	Expenses	57,961	
	Less Grant In Aid	<u>-15,363</u>	
	Net Expenses	<u>42,598</u>	
		\$208,466	
32	Same Motion		
	Historical Commission		
	Expenses	\$250	
33	Same Motion		
	Retirement of Debt		
	Principal on Permanent Debt	\$592,400	
		<i>Passed-</i>	
		<i>Unanimous</i>	
		<i>Items 31-33</i>	
		<i>Passed</i>	
		<i>Majority- 30</i>	
34	<b>Same Motion-Items 34-37</b>		
	Interest	\$445,371	
35	Same Motion		
	Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$295,248	
36	Same Motion		
	County Retirement	\$1,457,927	
37	Same Motion		
	Workers Compensation	\$131,861	
			<i>Passed-Unanimous Items</i>
			<i>34,36,37-Passed Majority- 35</i>
38	<b>Same Motion-Items 38-40</b>		
	Unemployment Compensation	\$24,241	
39	Same Motion		
	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,606,637	
40	Same Motion		
	Reserve Fund	\$243,767	
			<i>Passed-</i>
			<i>Unanimous</i>
			<i>Items 38-40</i>

**Article 19-Items 1-40  
TOTAL BUDGET**

**\$19,861,149**

***This article is to set the departmental budgets for FY2023. Presented by John Libera, Jr.***

***Article 19-All Items 1- 40 Passed- Brief discussion on Item 1.***

***Items 1, 13,19,30, & 35 Passed- By Majority-Declared By Moderator-Show of Hands***

***All other Items in Article 19 Passed - By Unanimous-Declared By Moderator- Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 20** move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$152,400 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2023 appropriations.

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

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***2/3<sup>rd</sup> Votes Required- Short Discussion***

***Declared by Moderator Passed - Count- 50-YES to 5-NO***

***37 was needed to pass this Article***

**Passed: By 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Votes-Electronic Vote**

**ARTICLE 21** move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash \$612,524 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2023 appropriations.

***Explanation-This article is to use Free Cash to reduce the Tax Levy.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 22** move the Town vote to transfer from account #30-122-5801-000 Bond Premiums To Be Applied \$12,483.65 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2023 appropriations.

***Mr. Martin explains- 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.***

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**ARTICLE 23** move the town vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the Town of Granby.

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

**Motion 2nd**

***Presented by Chris Martin***

***Majority Vote Required- No Discussion***

**Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  
Declared By Moderator**

**The Moderator now calls for a Motion to Dissolve this year's ATM- Motion.  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**All in favor to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting:**

**Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**

**The business for the Annual Town Meeting held on May 09, 2022, has been voted on, and completed.**

**The Moderator officially dissolves this year's ATM at 9:20 P.M.**

**There were 82 voters and 12 non-voters who showed up to support and contribute to this years' Annual Town Meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Katherine A. Kelly-Regan  
Town Clerk, CMMC**

**\*See back page for Appendix D Compensation Plan Pay Schedules**

**APPENDIX D COMPENSATION PLAN PAY SCHEDULE**

July 1, 2022

	<b>STEP</b>									
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>1</b>	15.13	15.58	16.05	16.53	17.03	17.54	18.07	18.61	19.17	19.75
<b>2</b>	16.34	16.83	17.33	17.85	18.39	18.94	19.51	20.10	20.70	21.32
<b>3</b>	17.65	18.18	18.73	19.29	19.87	20.47	21.08	21.71	22.36	23.03
<b>4</b>	19.06	19.63	20.22	20.83	21.45	22.09	22.75	23.43	24.13	24.85
<b>5</b>	20.58	21.20	21.84	22.50	23.18	23.88	24.60	25.34	26.10	26.88
<b>6</b>	22.23	22.90	23.59	24.30	25.03	25.78	26.55	27.35	28.17	29.02
<b>7</b>	24.01	24.73	25.47	26.23	27.02	27.83	28.66	29.52	30.41	31.32
<b>8</b>	25.93	26.71	27.51	28.34	29.19	30.07	30.97	31.90	32.86	33.85
<b>9</b>	28.00	28.84	29.71	30.60	31.52	32.47	33.44	34.44	35.47	36.53