

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED
JUNE 11, 2018**

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Granby qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School on East State Street on June 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Reconvened Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. The ATM was called to order at 7:01 pm a quorum was present (30 or more) 192 were in attendance at the time of opening.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Select Board Chair, Stephen Chojnacki, and the residents joined in.

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 this portion of the Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees and Boards present at this ATM:

Select Board: Chairman, Stephen A. Chojnacki, Members Glen N. Sexton and Jay Joyce. Sitting with the Select Board; Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr. and Town Administrator, Christopher Martin.

Finance Committee: Chair, John Libera, Jr., Members, Robert Cannon, Robert Glesmann, III, and Scott Wilson, Not Present, James Hartley.

School Committee: Chair, Emre Evren, Members, Jennifer Bartosz, Jennifer Curran, Deanne Payne-Rokowski, and Michael Simpson, All Present. Sitting with the School Committee was the Schools Superintendent Sheryl Stanton, and Business Manager Mark Chapulis.

Others presenting Articles for this half of the ATM: Fire Chief, John Mitchell, also in attendance was the Town Treasurer, Steven Nally

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Patricia Banas, Richard Gaj, Sr., Kristin Kwisnek, Elaine Lafleur, Jeanne Merrill, Earl Owen, James Pietras, and Virginia Snopek.

Filmed by: Alex LaMarche

Microphone runners: Charles Mercier and Gabriella Mercier

Police Officer on Duty: Stephen Marion

The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier, introduces all committees and boards that are Sitting up front, the Finance Committee, the Select Board, the Town Administrator, the Town Counselor, and Town Clerk.

Madam Moderator announces to the voters that there is a Daycare Room located in room 106.

The Moderator then calls on those who wish to speak before the Town Meeting is opened for business, and then to hear reports from any Boards or Committees

She now acknowledges George Randall, III:

Mr. Randall mentions the incorporation of the Town of Granby, June 11, 1768.

He praises the Boards, Committees, and the residents that helped put together the 250th parade that was held on June 10th.

He then mentions all the wonderful events that occurred over the pass year, and he also acknowledges all those that made Charter Days another successful Town event.

He talks about the Miss Granby Pageant, the two Barn dances, the quilting group, and the beautiful quilt paintings that right now are being displayed on many of our local barns.

He thanks all those who gave their time and efforts in this very important 250th celebration.

Madam Moderator now calls on the Select Board Chairman, Stephen Chojnacki, Mr. Chojnacki mentions the retirement of Mark Bail who served on the Select Board for three terms. Mr. Bail gets a standing ovation.

Mr. Chojnacki has the residents take notice to a beautiful framed picture of our Town Charter that was presented to our town for our 250th celebration by Governor Charles Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Senator Eric Lesser, State Rep. John Scibak and State Rep. Solomon Goldstein-Rose.

The Moderator now calls on John Libera, Jr. to present the Finance Report.

John Libera, Jr, Chairman to the Finance Committee is called to the floor for his report. He mentions we will be starting with a balance budget for FY19. He talks about State Aid and its projected to decrease by \$34,316 for this coming FY. He also mentions this is the third straight year it has decreased.

His Conclusion: Granby is on sound financial footing for another year. The real problems are in the near future, and close enough to be of concern. Those problems are also serious enough to warrant the attention of all the Taxpayers of Granby.

***To read the full Finance report please refer to the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Reports 2018-2019, or by going on the Website www.granby-ma.gov*

The first portion of this years ATM was held on May 14, 2018, Articles voted on were Articles 1- 18.

Article 19 will be the first Article to be called on for the second half of this ATM that is Reconvened on June 11, 2018.

*Madam Moderator calls on Select Board member Glen Sexton to read Article 19
It is now 7:21 there's a long discussion on this article.*

ARTICLE 19.move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$403,122 to operate the municipal solid waste department.

Wages	\$ 5,000
Expenses	<u>398,112</u>
	\$403,112

and that \$13,071 be raised from municipal solid waste receipts \$57,000 be raised from Retained Earnings and \$333,041 be raised from Tax Levy.

Motion 2nd

Long Discussion

Presented by Glen Sexton

Passed-Majority-Show of Hands

Declared by Moderator

Mr. Sexton explains to the voters that this amount is necessary to fund the curbside collection program for the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 20. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$266,457 to operate the sewer department.

Wages	\$ 10,560
Expenses	164,797
Capital	30,000
Debt	<u>61,100</u>
	\$266,457

and that \$224,157 be raised from sewer receipts and \$42,300 be raised from Retained Earnings.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

Presented by Glen Sexton

The sewer systems is 5 Corners up through Smith Avenue, Leo Drive, and High Street, and this amount is necessary to fund the sewer department for the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 21. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$305,137 to operate the ambulance department.

Wages	\$176,501
Expenses	67,060
Capital	6,300
Debt	<u>55,276</u>
	\$305,137

and that \$253,137 be raised from ambulance receipts, \$52,000 be raised from Retained Earnings.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Presented by Fire Chief John Mitchell

Passed-Majority-Show of Hands

Declared by Moderator-1 opposed

It's now 7:49 p.m. and we start on the school budget:

ARTICLE 22: move the Town vote to raise, and appropriate 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.

Item1.

Item

Budget

1	School Department	
	Personal Services	\$6,034,255
	Expenses	1,677,160
	Capital Outlay	<u>9,708</u>
		\$7,721,123

Motion 2nd

Long Discussion

Item 1- At 7:51 p.m., Emre Evren School Committee Chairman, asks the voters to support funding the Public Schools in an amend to Article 1:

Mr. Evren motion to Amend:

Amendment:

I would like to amend article 22 item 1 related to the school budget and change the total amount to \$7,906,761 by transferring \$185,638 from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purposes of covering operating expenses.

He explains same as last year's situation that the State Funding has the lack of funds and the school needs financial help from the town to maintain a quality of education for the children.

After almost an hour of discussion it's asked to move the question.

The Moderator tells the voters that a Majority vote is required in order to allow this amendment to be voted on. by show of hands the Moderator Declares Passed by Majority in favor to vote on this amendment.

Lynn Mercier, Moderator now explains how this Amendment will affect the school budget.

Being that it's requesting money from the Stabilization Fund the whole school budget

must be voted on as if it was all coming out of stabilization therefore if the 2/3 vote isn't passed the school budget will be zeroed.

She makes a Motion to suggest to bifurcate the vote, in that way you will not jeopardize the whole budget. What this means is the voters will vote on the original school budget for a Majority to pass, and take another vote with the additional money from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund that requires a two-thirds vote.

The Moderator now calls for a vote on Article 22, Item 1.

The vote is taken in two steps first vote as originally presented. Motion 2nd Article 22, Item 1 as presented passes by majority vote. Show of Hands

She now calls on the vote counters to count the votes for Emre Evren's Amendment; this requires a 2/3 vote in order to pass. Mr. Evren's Amendment is to add an additional \$185,638 to the School Budget. Motion 2nd

The final outcome is 149 YES- 31 NO. There were 180 voters that voted on this Amendment. The Amendment required 120 or more votes to pass the Amendment passes by 2/3rd vote:

The final results for Article 22; Item 1 School Budget was voted on and passed as: To amend the article related to the school budget to change the total amount to \$7,906,761 through a transfer of funds from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$185,638 for the purposes of covering operating expenses.

In Conclusion the School Departments Budget, Article 22, Item 1 Passed as follows:

1	School Department	
	Personal Services	\$6,034,255
	Expenses	1,677,160
	Operating Expense (Amendment)	185,638
	Capital Outlay	9,708
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		\$7,906,761

Article 22, Items 2-41 are now being presented to vote on at 8:52 pm nearly one hour of discussion was on Article 22, Item 1.

Article 22, Items 2-41- Same Motion-
Motion 2nd

*Items 2-13, presented by John Libera, Jr.

Same Motion Items 2-5

2	School Department	
	Transportation	\$813,543
	Short Discussion	
	Item 2- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

3	Moderator	
	Salary	\$175
	Expenses	75
	No Discussion	<hr/>
		\$250
	Item 3- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

4	Selectmen	
	Salary	\$9,699
	Personal Services	196,708
	Expenses	145,136

	Capital Outlay	25,332
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 4- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	\$376,875
5	Finance Committee	\$1,815
	Expenses	
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 5- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Items 2-5</i>	
	<i>Short Discussion on Items 2 & 4</i>	
	<i>Same Motion Items 6-9</i>	
6	Town Accountant	
	Personal Services	\$30,000
	Expenses	27,000
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 6- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$57,000
7	Assessors	
	Salary	\$11,103
	Personal Services	38,112
	Expenses	18,104
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 7- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$67,319
8	Town Treasurer	
	Salary	\$49,915
	Expenses	9,300
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 8- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$59,215
9	Tax Collector	
	Salary	\$43,445
	Personal Services	11,000
	Expenses	21,202
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 9- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$75,647
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Items 6-9</i>	
	<i>Short Discussion on Item 6</i>	
	<i>Same Motion Items 10-13</i>	
10	Personnel Board	
	Expenses	\$500
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 10- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
11	Town Clerk	
	Salary	\$54,201
	Personal Services	3,000
	Expenses	2,455
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 11- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$59,656
12	Board of Registrars	
	Personal Services	\$2,000
	Expenses	31,575
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 12- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$33,575

13	Board of Appeals	
	Expenses	\$1,580
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 13- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Items 10-13</i>	
	<i>No Discussions</i>	
	<u><i>*Items 14-22-Presented by Robert Glesmann, III</i></u>	
Item		
14	Public Buildings - <u><i>Same Motion Items 14-17</i></u>	
	Personal Services	\$135,382
	Expenses	437,694
	Capital Outlay	62,530
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	\$635,606
	Item 14- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
15	Police Department	
	Personal Services	\$993,705
	Expenses	53,150
	Capital Outlay	1,000
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$1,047,855
	Item 15- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
16	Auxiliary Police	
	Expenses	\$1,754
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 16- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
17	Dispatch	
	Personal Services	\$211,831
	Expenses	35,840
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$247,671
	Item 17- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Items 14-17</i>	
	<i>Short Discussion on Item 14</i>	
	<i>Same Motion –Item 18 voted on as one item</i>	
18	Fire Department	
	Personal Services	\$430,574
	Expenses	39,210
	Out of Travel State	2,600
	Capital Outlay	38,350
	<i>Long Discussion</i>	\$510,734
	<i>Item 18</i>	
	Item 18- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Item 18</i>	
	<i>Long Discussion</i>	
	<i>Same Motion Items 19-22</i>	
	<u>Item 19-Inspections Department</u>	
	Personal Services- \$59,464	
	Expenses <u>22,805</u>	

\$82,269

No Discussion

Item 19- Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands

Item

20	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health	
	Personal Services	\$13,000
	Expenses	3,194
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
	Item 20- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$16,194

21	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
	Expenses	\$2,730
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 21- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

22	Emergency Management	\$8272
	Expenses	<u>\$6,000</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$14,272
	Item 22- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Moderator asks if any discussion Items 19-22
No Discussions

**Items 23-30-Presented by Scott Wilson*

Same Motion items 23-26

23	Highway Department	
	Personal Services	\$335,027
	Expenses	110,050
	Maintenance of Roads	<u>222,600</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$667,677
	Item 23- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

24	Snow & Ice Control	
	Personal Services	\$84,701
	Expenses	49,000
	Maintenance of Roads	119,700
	Capital	<u>16,000</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$269,401
	Item 24- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

25	Cemetery	
	Personal Services	\$20,706
	Expenses	<u>3,019</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$23,725
	Item 25- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

26	Board of Health	
	Salary	\$2,868
	Personal Services	26,701
	Expenses	<u>8,775</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$38,344
	Item 26- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Moderator asks if any discussion Items 23-26
No Discussions

Same Motion Items 27-30

27	Council On Aging	
	Personal Services	\$95,145
	Expenses	<u>3,534</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$98,679
	Item 27- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
28	Senior Lunch Program	
	Personal Services	\$19,314
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 28- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
29	Veterans Services	
	Personal Services	\$13,500
	Expenses	<u>\$60,700</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$73,750
	Item 29- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Item		Budget
30	Public Library	
	Personal Services	\$122,712
	Expenses	43,672
	Less Grant In Aid	-11,619
	Net Expenses	<u>32,053</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	\$154,765
	Item 30- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Moderator asks if any discussion Items 27-30
No Discussions

**Items 31-41-Presented by Robert Cannon*

Same Motion-items 31-34

31	Historical Commission	
	Expenses	\$250
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 31- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
32	250th Parade	
	Expenses	\$0
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 32- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
33	Retirement of Debt	
	Principal on Permanent Debt	\$515,800
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 33- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
34	Interest	\$493,478
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 34- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Moderator asks if any discussion Items 31-34
No Discussions

- 35 *Same Motion-items 35-38*
Casualty & Liability Insurance \$218,500
No Discussion
Item 35- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands
- 36 **County Retirement** \$997,795
No Discussion
Item 36- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands
- 37 **Workers Compensation** \$146,688
Short Discussion
Item 37- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands
- 38 **Council of Governments** \$2,318
Short Discussion
Item 38- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands

Moderator asks if any discussion Items 35-38
Short Discussions on Items 37 & 38

- 39 *Same Motion-Items 39-41*
Unemployment Compensation \$51,909
Short Discussion
Item 39- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands
- 40 **Group Health/Life Insurance** \$1,527,518
Short Discussion
Item 40- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands
- 41 **Reserve Fund** \$130,000
Short Discussion
Item 41- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands

Moderator asks if any discussion Items 39-41
Short Discussions on Items 39-41

TOTAL BUDGET \$17,442,732

**Total Budget changed from 17,257,094 to 17,442,732 because of the Amendment on Article 22, Item 1 School Department*

ARTICLE 23: move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$120,800 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2019 appropriations. Motion 2nd

2/3 Votes Required

No Discussion

Presented by Jay Joyce

Passed-Unanimous –Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator

Select Board member Jay Joyce explains that this is to pay for the debt payment on capital projects that had been approved by the Capital Improvements Committee in prior years.

ARTICLE 24: 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.
No Discussion
Presented by Stephen Chojnacki

Motion 2nd

Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

Select Board Chairman, Stephen Chojnacki explains this allows the Board of Assessors to issue tax bills to cover these approved expenses for Fiscal year 2019.

The Moderator now motions to adjourn this portion of the ATM

Motion 2nd

All in favor to adjourned the second half of this ATM:
Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands

The business for this portion of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 11, 2018, Articles 19 – 24, have been voted on, and completed (*first portion of the ATM was voted on May 14, 2018 Articles 1-18*).

The Moderator officially dissolves this years ATM at 9:26 P.M.

There were 209 voters and 17 non-voters who showed up to support and contribute to the second half of this Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Kelly-Regan
Town Clerk, CMMC