

**RECORD  
TOWN OF GRANBY  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 04, 2019**

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 at 385 East State Street on Monday, February 04, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 181 were in attendance at the time of opening. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Select Board Chairman, Stephen A. Chojnacki, and the Town Officials along with 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 Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees ,Boards, and Officials present at this STM:

Select Board: Chair, Stephen Chojnacki, Members, Glen Sexton, and Jay Joyce, All Present, sitting with the Select Board was the Town Counselor, Brian O'Toole, and the Town Administrator, Christopher Martin.

Finance Committee: Chairman, John Libera, Jr., and members Robert Glessmann, III, and Scott Wilson, Not Present, Robert Cannon, and Richard Jolivet

Planning Board: Chair, Glen Sexton, Lillian Camus, and James Trompke, Not Present Robert Sheehan, Jr.

Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan- to present Article 2  
Lou Barry- Parks Oversight Committee- to present Article 5  
Also in attendance the Town Treasurer, Steven Nally, and the Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Maureen Costello, Patricia Banas, Kristin Kwisnek, Elaine Lafleur, Jeanne Merrill and Virginia Snopek

GCAM-Filming the meeting- Alex LaMarche

Microphone Runner: Oliver Mercier

Police Officer: Stephen Marion

Article One listed on the warrant:

*Warrant: To see if the Town vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume I by inserting Chapter XVII Section 10 Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems Moratorium, or take any other action in regards thereto.*

*(Copies of the amendment are available in the Board of Selectmen's Office)*

The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier announces that Article One has been withdrawn from this meeting and that there will be no discussion or comments on this Article, it's not on the floor for debate.

She now calls for Article 2 of the STM at 7:06 P.M.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ARTICLE 2.** move the Town vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume I Chapter XVIII FEES Section 1 Town Clerk by deleting the current fee list and inserting new fee list.

*Only Majority Vote Required*  
*Presented by Katherine A. Kelly-Regan*  
*Short discussion*

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

Passed Unanimously - Show of Hands

*Ms. Katherine Kelly-Regan explains that the town clerk fees haven't been increased since 2003-16 years, and after comparing with our neighboring communities Granby has the lowest fees, this increase would just bring us to what our neighboring communities are charging. A vote is taken and Article 2 passes Unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 3.** move the Town vote to accept Mass. General Law Chapter 64N, Section 3, as amended.

*Only Majority Vote Required*  
*Presented by Glen Sexton*  
*Short Discussion*

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

Passed Majority-Show of Hands

*Mr. Sexton explains that by accepting MGL Ch 64N, Sec 3 this will allow the town to collect 3 % sales tax on any sales of Marijuana. At this time we have no shops or farms but it's just to have on the books for future sales. A vote is taken and Article 3 passes by Majority.*

**ARTICLE 4.** move the Town vote to transfer from account 30-171-5801-ART Dufresne Dam Repair the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the removal of trees and woody vegetation at the Forge Pond dam and dike.

*Only Majority Vote Required*  
*Presented by-Stephen Chojnacki*  
*Short discussion*

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

Passed Majority-Show of Hands

*A question is asked," why can't our Highway Department do this work", the answer was we do not have the proper equipment to handle such a project. Another question was "did this go out for bid" and the answer was yes three quotes and this being the lowest bid. A vote is taken and Article 4 passes by majority.*

**ARTICLE 5.** move the Town vote to transfer from account 30-192-5817-ART Demolish Aldrich Hall the sum of \$13,500 for the purpose of funding electrical work at Dufresne Park.

*Only Majority Vote Required*  
*Presented by Lou Barry*  
*Short discussion*

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>

Passed Majority-Show of Hands

*Mr. Barry explains we need to do this in order to make the park and playground safer. A vote is taken and Article 5 passes by Majority.*

**ARTICLE 6. move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 8 Clause 5 the sum of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of funding the extension of the water line from South Hadley down Route 202 to Phins Hill and Pleasant Street to Morgan Street.**

*2/3 Votes Required  
Presented by Jay Joyce  
Long discussion*

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Passed By 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Votes--Declared by Moderator- Show of Hands**

*Mr. Joyce held a 15 minutes slide presentation explaining how this would affect Granby and what the cost would be to do this project. There was a long discussion with the voters.*

*Mr. John Libera, Jr, Finance Committee Chairman, tells the voters that he and the Finance Committee recommends to Vote in Favor for this project.*

*He mentions that this is a good time to do this project before the State does any work or pavement to Route 202. Once the State starts to do changes we cannot do anything for 5 years unless deemed an emergency and that would be very costly to the town, therefore we should take this opportunity now.*

*The Moderator moves the question for a vote a 2/3 Vote is required to pass this Article. With a show of hands the Moderator Declares Article 6 passed by the required 2/3 Votes.*

**The Moderator motions to adjourn this STM  
All in favor to adjourned:**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Passed: Unanimous- By Voice**

**The business for this STM held on February 4, 2019, has been completed, all Articles have been voted on and the Moderator officially dissolves this STM at 8:05 P.M.**

**There were 185 voters, and 23 non-voters that showed up to support and contribute to this meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

