

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 14, 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 May 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 130 were in attendance at the time of opening. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Select Board Chairman, Mark L. Bail, 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 Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

Committees and Boards present at this ATM:

Select Board: Chair, Mark L. Bail, Members, Stephen A. Chojnacki, and Glen Sexton All Present.

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 Curran, Deanne Payne-Rokowski; and Michael Simpson; also the School Superintendent, Sheryl Stanton Not Present Marie McCourt (resigned),

Others in attendance: Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr., Town Administrator, Christopher Martin, Town Treasurer, Steven Nally, Burial Commissioner, Kevin Brooks, Fire Chief, John Mitchell, Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers, Personnel Board Chair, Albert Bail, Police Chief, Alan Wishart,

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Patricia Banas, Maureen Costello, Richard Gaj, Sr., Kristin Kwisnek, Jeanne Merrill, Earl Owen, Debra Plath, and Virginia Snopek.

GCAM-Filming the meeting- Alex LaMarche-

Microphone runner, Charlie Mercier

Public Safety: Zach Gilley, Police Officer on duty

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, acknowledges the Boards and Committees sitting up front, she introduces the School Committee along with the School Superintendent, the Finance Committee, the Select Board, along with the Town Administrator and Town Counselor, and the Town Clerk.

Madam Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, explains the rules and proper procedures for participating in town meeting. She also informs the voters about the town meeting brochure that explains town meeting procedures, and encourages the voters to take one, and she indicates that the brochures are located in the back of the gym along with the other town meeting materials that we will be voting on this evening.

The Moderator now calls on the Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, the clerk announces that the voting for the Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, here at the High School in the Gymnasium, and parking for the polls will be in the back parking lot, and voters are to enter through the back gym doors. The polls will be open from 7 am – 8 pm, and she reminds the voters that if they are not able to be in town for that day the last day to apply for an absentee ballot will be Friday, May 18, 2018, in the Town Clerks office from 9 am – 5 pm.

Mark Bail, Select Board Chairman, now gives out the Golden Cane award. This award goes to the Towns oldest Man and oldest Woman. He explains that Ethel Donahue who is the

oldest woman in town is unable to attend, and Gordon Davey the oldest man is also unable to attend. Accepting Mr. Davey's award is his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Davey, and his daughter, Joan Hodgkins. Mrs. Elizabeth Davey and her daughter Joan Hodgkins graciously accept the Golden Cane for Mr. Gordon Davey.

Mrs. Davey thanks the Towns people for this beautiful cane and says her husband will be very proud to receive this prestigious award, she thanks the town very much for this honor.

John Libera, Jr. Finance Committee Chairman, tells the voters that the Finance Committee agree and are all in favor of these Articles as written for this portion of the Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the ATM at 7:05 P.M.

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 14, 2018 consider articles two through eighteen and on June 11, 2018 consider articles nineteen through twenty-four.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Stephen Chojnacki

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 2. move the Town hear the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees and act thereon.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier

Passed-Unanimous- Show of Hands

All Annual Reports will be given at the second portion of this year's Annual Town Meeting that will be continued on Monday, June 11, 2018.

It is now 7:07 p.m. the Moderator calls for a recess from the ATM in order to do the STM that was scheduled for 7:10 p.m. as posted accordingly by our Town By-Laws as written in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion 2nd to recess.

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.

John Libera, Jr. Finance Committee Chairman, tells the voters that the Finance Committee is all in favor of these Articles as written for this Special Town Meeting.

The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:08 P.M.

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to approve and authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors to sign the Payment In Lieu Of Tax (PILOT) agreement between the Town of Granby and Granby Solar LLC.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

Mr. Bail explains that the Pilot will be for twenty years and will generate \$821,982. The annual payment is based on \$8,500 per mega-watt, increasing 2% each subsequent year until the end of the agreement.

ARTICLE 2: move the Town vote to transfer from Retained Earnings the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of funding the Ambulance Department Personal Services budget for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Fire Chief Mitchell

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to transfer from account number 01-423-5131-000 the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding the Police Department Personal Services budget (\$17,000) and Expense budget (\$3,000) for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Police Chief Wishart

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 4. move the Town vote to transfer from account number 01-423-5131-000 the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of funding the Dispatch Department Personal Services budget (\$500) and Expense budget (\$1,000) for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Police Chief Wishart

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 5. move the Town vote to transfer from account number 01-122-5120-000 the sum of \$18,000 for the purpose of funding the Legal Department for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Majority Vote required

Presented by Stephen Chojnacki

Declared by Moderator

Passed- Majority- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 6. move the Town vote to transfer from account number 01-912-5300 000 the sum of \$16,728 for the purpose of funding the tuition for a Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School student for FY2018

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Majority Vote required

Presented by Mark Bail

Declared by Moderator

Passed- Majority- Show of Hands

Mr. Bail explains that accordance with M.G.L. CH 74,Sec 8, the Town is required to allow a student to continue a course of study in another vocational school if that course is not offered at the vocational school at which the town has an agreement with. The student is considered a tuition student at the new vocational school.

ARTICLE 7. move the Town vote to transfer from account number 01-132-5780-000 the sum of \$49,163.03 for the purpose of funding the School Department Personal Services budget for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Majority Vote required

Presented by School Committee, Chairman, Emre Evren

Declared by Moderator

Passed- Majority- Show of Hands

Mr. Evren explains this is for the second grade teacher that was hired because of the population increase in that grade. There are now 55 students in the second grade. In order to give the children the proper attention and learning they deserve it was necessary to add an additional teacher.

ARTICLE 8. move the Town will vote to transfer from account number 01-192-5290-000 the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of funding the Public Buildings Department Personal Services budget for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 9. move the Town vote to transfer from account number 01-543-5770-000 the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of funding the Veterans Department Personal Services budget for FY2018.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Stephen Chojnacki

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

Mr. Chojnacki explains that our Veteran Agent John O'Connor retired from the South Hadley-Granby-Easthampton Veterans District. In order to continue services to our Veterans the Town was allowed to hire our own local Veteran Service officer. He also mentions that this transaction is only transferring funds and the departmental budget is not being overspent.

ARTICLE 10. move the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,400,000 for the purpose of funding the replacement of the High School roof, roof skylights and roof ventilator units.

Motion 2nd

Long Discussion

Majority Vote required

Presented by Glen Sexton

Declared by Moderator

Passed- Majority- Show of Hands

There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons between the difference of Free Cash and Borrowing. Free Cash is used for a one- time project not for operating budgets. Therefore, using Stabilization Funds are not being suggested for this project. The Town wishes to avoid borrowing and increasing taxes. A vote is taken and it passes by Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 11. move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$28,019 for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Glen Sexton

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

Mr. Sexton explains this is a routine article in which the Town commits Free Cash to our reserves for future projects or unforeseen expenditures.

The Moderator Motions to dissolve this STM.

Motion 2nd

Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

The business for this STM is completed and Madam Moderator officially dismisses the STM at 7:36P.M.

At this time Madam Moderator reopens the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting is officially resumed for business at 7:37 P.M.

The Moderator calls for Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2019.

- 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.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion
Presented by Glen Sexton

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 4. move the Town vote to authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered as printed in the warrant, for fiscal year 2019:
Motion 2nd

The following are the articles that were listed in the ATM warrant:

- 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.*

No Discussion
Presented by Mark Bail

Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 5. move the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to charge a fee of \$65 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.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion
Presented by Mark Bail

Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 6. move the Town vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2017 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Sergey & Tatyana Tishchenko	\$1,555.
Madeleine J. Bachand	\$765.
Curtis Osgood	\$775.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion
Presented by Burial Commissioner Kevin Brooks

Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands

ARTICLE 7. move the Town vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2019 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 2019.**
- 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 2019.**
- C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2019.**
- 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 2019.**
- E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$12,605 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2019.**
- F. Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2019.**

Motion 2nd

No Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Glen Sexton

ARTICLE 8. 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 2019.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Stephen Chojnacki

Mr. Chojnacki explains that this allows the Town departments to enter into inter-municipal agreements with surrounding agencies for services.

***Before Article 9 was presented Mark and Al Bail recognize George Knight as he Retires from the Housing Authority after 25 years of service from 1993- 2018.*

ARTICLE 9. 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, 2018.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Personnel Board Chairman, Al Bail

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ARTICLE 10. move the Town vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,375 for Forest Fire Warden Expense.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion **Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**
Presented by Fire Chief Mitchell

ARTICLE 11. move the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$278,714 authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

ARTICLE 12. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 for the purpose of funding the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

Mr. Bail explains this is an attempt to begin funding the Town's liability for these benefits.

ARTICLE 13. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$307,795 as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2019 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Presented by Mark Bail

Majority Vote Required-One against

Passed- Majority- Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator

A question is asked how many students and does this amount include transportation and tuition?

Dr. Paist Superintendent for Pathfinder answers currently 18 students and yes transportation and tuition.

A vote is taken and it passes by majority all in favor except one against.

ARTICLE 14. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,532 for the purpose of funding the tuitions for Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School students.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Majority Vote Required

Presented by Mark Bail

Passed- Majority Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator

Same question is asked for Smith Vocational, does this include transportation and tuition?

Mark Bail answers only tuition. A Vote is taken and this article passes by Majority.

ARTICLE 15. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$44,022 for the purpose of purchasing a marked cruiser for the Police Department.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Majority Vote Required

Presented by Police Chief Wishart

Passed- Majority- Show of Hands
3 Against

ARTICLE 16. move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1 \$225,000 for the purpose of purchasing a Mini Pumper / Rescue vehicle for the Fire Department.

Motion 2nd

Long Discussion

2/3 Vote Required to Pass

Presented by Fire Chief Mitchell

**Passed-by 2/3 Votes-Declared by Moderator - Hand Count-
94 YES to 29 NO**

There was a lengthy discussion on the needs for this vehicle the Moderator calls the vote counters to come forward and count.

The final results: 94 Yes- 29-No, in order for Article 16 to pass by the required 2/3 votes it had to have 82 or more votes.

Madam Moderator declares Article 16 -Passed by the required 2/3 votes.

ARTICLE 17. move the Town vote to borrow in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 1 \$150,000 for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck for the Highway Department.

Motion 2nd

Long Discussion

2/3 Vote Required to Pass

Presented by Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers

Passed by 2/3 Required Votes-Declared by Moderator-Show of Hands

Only 5 Against- the Moderator Declares Article 17- Passed by the required 2/3 votes

Before Article 18 is presented a voter turns in an earring and the Moderator announces if anyone has lost an earring. If it's not claimed it will be turned over to the schools lost in found in the main High School office.

Article 18 is now presented.

ARTICLE 18. move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$80,500 for the purpose of purchasing a Durapatcher for the Highway Department.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Presented by Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers

Majority Vote Required-One against

**Passed- Majority- Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator**

Madam Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, motions to adjourn this portion of the Annual Town Meeting and to Reconvened on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School to finish all the business pertaining to this Annual Town Meeting Articles 19 -24.

Motion 2nd

All in favor to adjourned this portion of the ATM: PASSED –

Unanimous- by Show of Hands

This portion of the ATM held on May 14, 2018, adjourned at 8:48 pm. There were a total of 138 registers voters and 16 non-voters who attended this Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine A. Kelly-Regan
Town Clerk, CMMC

APPENDIX D COMPENSATION PLAN PAY SCHEDULE

July 1, 2018

	STEP									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	13.84	14.26	14.69	15.13	15.58	16.05	16.53	17.03	17.54	18.07
2	14.95	15.40	15.86	16.34	16.83	17.33	17.85	18.39	18.94	19.51
3	16.15	16.63	17.13	17.64	18.17	18.72	19.28	19.86	20.46	21.07
4	17.44	17.96	18.50	19.06	19.63	20.22	20.83	21.45	22.09	22.75
5	18.84	19.41	19.99	20.59	21.21	21.85	22.51	23.19	23.89	24.61
6	20.35	20.96	21.59	22.24	22.91	23.60	24.31	25.04	25.79	26.56
7	21.98	22.64	23.32	24.02	24.74	25.48	26.24	27.03	27.84	28.68
8	23.74	24.45	25.18	25.94	26.72	27.52	28.35	29.20	30.08	30.98
9	25.64	26.41	27.20	28.02	28.86	29.73	30.62	31.54	32.49	33.46