

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 08, 2016**

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 February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Due to the large amount of voters entering in the building the Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:19 p.m. The STM was officially called to order at 7:20 pm a quorum was present (30 or more) 428 were in attendance at the time of opening.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by the Select Board Chair, Mark L. Bail 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 Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees and Boards present at this STM:

Select Board: Chair, Mark L. Bail, Members, Mary A. McDowell, and Louis M. Barry, All Present sitting with the Select Board was the Assistant Town Counselor, Brain J. O'Toole 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 Curran, P. Marie McCourt, Deanne Payne-Rokowski, and James Pietras All Present.

School Building Committee: Chair, Mark Bail, Vice Chair, Joseph Rokowski, Members, Jonathan Cavallo, Emre Evren, Judith Houle, Andrea Kennedy, John Libera, Jr., Christopher Martin, Lynn Snopek Mercier, James Morrissey, James Pietras, Not Present Kenneth Scully.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Patricia Banas, Jeanne Crosby, Maureen Costello, Richard Gaj, Sr., Elaine Lafleur, Jeanne Merrill, Debra Plath, and Virginia Snopek.

Microphone Runner- Gabriella Mercier & Oliver Mercier

Police Officer: Stephen Marion

Lynn Snopek Mercier, Moderator, now recognizes George Randall, III, 52 Taylor St, Mr. Randall tells the residents about the upcoming 250th Town Charter Parade. The parade will be held in June of 2018, and he is asking the residents to assist in research.

He expresses that if anyone has pictures, newspaper clippings, anything that can be used to help continue the history of the town. Mr. Randall is working on a continuation from the last book that was printed for the Bicentennial Celebration back in 1968. He expresses that if anyone has such items even if they think it's nothing, it may be something that he finds interesting to include in the book, and he stresses to the residents to please hand it in for him to view. Also, if anyone is interested to help or to be part of this committee to please notify him in this matter, he thanks the residents for their time.

Lynn Snopek Mercier, Moderator, now recognizes all the Town Officials that are involved with running this meeting tonight, the Select Board, Town Counsel, Finance

Committee, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, School Committee, the School Superintendent, and the School Building Committee members.
She then mentions that everyone needs to be seated, and if you are not a registered voter you must be seated in the designated area for non-voters.
She reminds the voters that comments for this meeting must pertain to the warrant and what is being voted on. If comments are made not pertaining to the article she will call the Article out of order.

The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:25 P.M.
Motion 2nd

She now calls on Select Board member Louis Barry to read Article one to the voters.

ARTICLE 1: move the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard, to convey, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 3 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) the following parcels held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Granby for the consideration of \$2,590:

Assessor's Map 11B, Parcel 12(10±acres), Book 1090, Page 400

Assessor's Map 11B, Parcel 13(6±acres), Book 1262, Page 171

Assessor's Map 11B, Parcel 14(5±acres), Book 1077, Page 75

Assessor's Map 12A, Parcel 16 (18.24 acres), Book 10865, Page 65

Assessor's Map 12A, Parcel 24 (5.29 acres), Book 1467, Page 1.

And further to authorize the Selectboard, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 3 of the MGL to convey to DCR the following described parcels at such time and upon such terms as the Selectboard shall determine:

Assessor's Map 10C, Parcel 18, (10± acres), deed reference to be determined

Assessor's Map 12A, Parcel 28, (12.24 acres) Book 10257, Page 327

Assessor's Map 12A, Parcel 35, (15± acres), deed reference to be determined.

Motion 2nd

This Vote only requires a Majority Vote

Passed- By 2/3rd Vote - Show of Hands
2/3 Vote Declared By Moderator

There is a short discussion on why this is being sold so cheaply. Selectman, Barry tells the voters it's land lock and goes by what the taxes are and there is no access because of the conservation land lock by State Property.

There is a motion to vote, it's 2nd and the vote is Passed, Declared 2/3rd vote by Moderator, although a Majority vote was all that was required for this Article to pass.

The Moderator now calls on Select Board Chairman, Mark Bail:

Mr. Bail speaks about this project and how he is very excited for this meeting. He speaks on how hard everyone has been working over the pass 2 ½ years, at this time he introduces the School Building Committee members and mentions a special thank you to Lillian Camus for taking the minutes and Dr. Judith Houle, School Superintendent for her diligent work dealing with this project.

Mark Bail now reads Article2:

ARTICLE 2: the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,208,975 for the new construction of an approximate 31,730 gross square foot addition and thorough renovation of the existing 37,030 gross square foot East Meadow Elementary School, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, for a combined Pre-K through sixth grade school with an approximate total gross square footage of 68,760 with all new construction/renovation work to occur at the current East Meadow Elementary School site located at 393 East State Street, Granby MA, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility

for the instruction of school children for least 50 years, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any grant that the Town of Granby may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.63 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Granby and the MSBA.

Motion 2nd

This requires a 2/3rd Vote

There is a motion to Amend Article 2 by John Libera, Jr., 139 Taylor St, and Finance Committee Chairman:

ARTICLE 2 the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,208,975 for the new construction of an approximate 31,730 gross square foot addition and thorough renovation of the existing 37,030 gross square foot East Meadow Elementary School, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, for a combined Pre-K through sixth grade school with an approximate total gross square footage of 68,760 with all new construction/renovation work to occur at the current East Meadow Elementary School site located at 393 East State Street, Granby MA, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for least 50 years, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred from the Municipal Building Stabilization Fund, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$32,208,975 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any grant that the Town of Granby may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.63 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Granby and the MSBA.

The Moderator Motions to see if the voters will vote on this amendment for Article 2
Motion 2nd

Passes to vote on Article 2 as amended

Unanimous- Show of Hands

Before a vote is taken on Article 2, as amended there is a lengthy discussion. The voters wish to know how much will this effect their taxes and what will happen to the current West Street School. What will the term be for the bond if voted through as the Amended Article?

The answer was if the town takes a 30 year Bond it would be an increase rate of 7.6%, an example was given, if your home is worth \$229,000 and your paying \$4,304 it would increase to \$4,630 a year that would be \$326.00 more a year. After over one hour of discussion a motion to forward this Amendment was made by Joseph Rokowski, 124 Maximilian Dr, and a member to the School Building Committee.

The Moderator instructs the voters that in order to move to the previous question and discontinue any more discussion a 2/3 vote is required.

Motion to move Question- Motion 2nd –

Motion to move question passes: – Unanimous-Show of Hands

The Moderator instructs the voters that to request to Vote on an Article Amendment it requires a majority vote.

*A Motion is taken to vote on Article 2 as Main Motion as Amended
Motion 2nd*

*Main Motion to vote on Article 2 as Amended Passes by Majority
Declared by Moderator—Show of Hands*

She now informs the voters that we are ready to take a vote on Article 2 as Main Motion Amended, and that vote will require a 2/3rd vote to pass.

ARTICLE 2 AS AMENDED: the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$34,208,975 for the new construction of an approximate 31,730 gross square foot addition and thorough renovation of the existing 37,030 gross square foot East Meadow Elementary School, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, for a combined Pre-K through sixth grade school with an approximate total gross square footage of 68,760 with all new construction/renovation work to occur at the current East Meadow Elementary School site located at 393 East State Street, Granby MA, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for least 50 years, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred from the Municipal Building Stabilization Fund, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$32,208,975 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any grant that the Town of Granby may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 63.63 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Granby and the MSBA.
Motion 2nd

The Moderator calls on the Vote Counters they go to their stations to count, and the vote is tallied up:

This requires 2/3rd vote to Pass

*Passes as Amended by 2/3rd vote-Hand Count
Declared by Moderator*

Yes-387 No-35 this Article required 282 or more votes to pass, the Moderator Declares this Amended Article Passed by 2/3 Votes

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

Motion 2nd

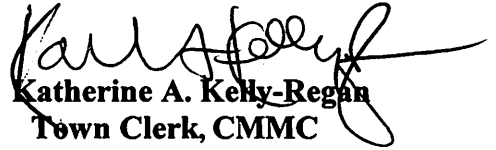
Passed: Unanimous- Show of Hands

The business for this STM held on February 08, 2016 has been completed, all Articles have been voted on and the Moderator officially Dissolves this STM at 9:06 P.M.

This was a good turn out especially since there was a snowstorm that day, there were 436 voters and 15 non-voters who showed up to support and participate in this Special Town Meeting.

In order for Article 2 to move forward it is contingent on the vote at the ballot box that will be held along with the Presidential Primary on March 01, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine A. Kelly-Regan
Town Clerk, CMMC