

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Granby Junior-Senior High School on East State Street in said Town on Monday, the eighth day of May next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 8, 2017 consider articles two through eleven and on June 12, 2017 consider articles twelve through twenty-nine, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will hear the reports of Town Officers and all standing and special committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2018:

- 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.**

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2018 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.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2016 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Lisa M. Maheu	\$ 775.
Maureen McCain	\$ 775.
Arthur H. Vollbrecht	\$1,555.
Linda M. Tripp	\$ 775.
Jacqueline A & Edward J. Lemelin	\$1,565.
Melissa A. & Gerald R. Archambault	\$ 1,565.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditures from these revolving funds for fiscal year 2018 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 2018.
- 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 2018.
- C. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund from which the Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.
- 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 2018.
- E. A Dog Revolving Fund from which the Police Chief may spend \$12,358 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.
- F. A Library Revolving Fund from which the Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2018.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2017, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve a three-year contract with Rockwell Amusements/New England Rides for Granby Charter Days for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and authorize the Select Board to sign the contract, or take any other action in regards thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve a three-year contract with Poppies concessions for Granby Charter Days for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and authorize the Select Board to sign the contract, or take any other action in regards thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will 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, 2017, or take any other action in regard thereto.

(Copies of Chapter XIX, Appendix D are available at the Select Board's Office.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,920, or a greater or lesser amount, for Forest Fire Warden Expense, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$281,047, or a greater or lesser amount, authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$175,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$50,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing engineering services for an engineering study of the West Street School building, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$26,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a Transit vehicle for the School Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$45,565, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the School Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$60,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of replacing exterior doors at the Junior Senior High School, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$41,046, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a marked cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$72,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

- ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$50,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of developing a Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) and an Operation and Maintenance Plan for Town building in accordance with EPA regulations, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$337,004, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2018 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$379,811, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$226,432, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$550,083, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will 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 27.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$158,400, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2018 appropriations, or take any other action in regard thereto.
- ARTICLE 28.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 or a greater or lesser amount to be expended for the purchase and installation of a digital sign to be located on town property, the location to be determined at a later date; the purpose of which is to improve communication between the town of Granby and it's residents regarding town programs and services, community events, and public safety concerns.

As petitioned by Joseph Furnia and others.

- ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the Town of Granby.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places as of the bylaws before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

Mark L. Bail

Louis M. Barry

Stephen A. Chojnacki
Board of Selectmen

I have posted this warrant as of the bylaws of the Town of Granby.

Date

Constable

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRANBY
TOWN WARRANT**

Hampshire, ss:

To one of the constables of the Town of Granby in the County of Hampshire:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the **GRANBY JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL** at 385 East State Street in said Town on **MONDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2017**, from **7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**, then and there to cast their votes for the following offices.

FOR THREE YEARS: A Select Board Member, an Assessor, a Board of Health Member, **Two** School Committee Members, a Commissioner of Burial Grounds, and **Three** Public Library Trustees.

FOR FIVE YEARS: A Housing Authority Member and a Planning Board Member

UNDERRIDE QUESTION

"Shall the Town of Granby be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen by an amount equal to **\$30,000?**

Yes _____

NO _____

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places as of the by-laws before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid:

Given under our hands this **Third Day of April** in the year of our Lord two thousand Seventeen.

Mark L. Bail

Louis M. Barry

Stephen A. Chojnacki
Granby Board of Selectmen

I hereby certify that I have posted the above warrant in five or more public places in the Town of Granby.

Date

Constable