

# GRANBY, MASSACHUSETTS

## FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS 2012-2013 AND WARRANT ARTICLES



Please bring this report to the  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday June 18, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.**  
Granby Jr. - Sr. High School

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# **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013**

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## Overview

Granby has a balanced budget for FY 2013.

State Aid to Granby is higher for next year. After three years of reductions in total State Aid, Granby will receive a 2.8% increase for FY 2013 compared to this fiscal year. That positive development masks the reality that our projected total State Aid for next year is \$366,334 less than it was in FY 2009.

The projected State Aid for Schools is 2.2% higher than this year, but is \$4,951 less than the Aid in FY 2009. State Aid for General Government is 6.8% higher than this year, but is \$361,383 less than the Aid in FY 2009. We are glad to take the increases, but this does not solve our budgetary problems. Town and Cities are simply not receiving the level of State Aid that is needed.

For the current fiscal year, the State increased Granby's funding for road repair and construction by a generous amount. Apparently, a bit too generous. The State is reducing that funding by \$421 for FY 2013. The amount for next year is projected to be \$281,282.

## The Budget

Tight fiscal constraints are being continued. Town departments have again been asked to operate with minimal increases in their expenses. Operating budget guidelines for Fiscal Year 2013 call for elected officials to receive 2% raises (after no raises in the FY 2012 budget), and for Town employees subject to the Personnel Board to receive step raises (where merited through performance evaluations), plus a 2% increase. Guidelines for other budget expenses call for no increases.

Some good news about the FY 2013 budget is that it does not require the use of any landfill revenue. However, this required severe restrictions on non-compensation expenditures by Town departments, rejection of requests for increases in staff, and a postponement of requests for some worthy capital expenditures. This cannot continue indefinitely.

Total operating expenses for the Town are up 3.6%. Total budgeted expenses for the Town are up only 1%. The reason the total increase is so small is because the FY 2012 budget was inflated by the cost of the East Meadow School roof which represented 2.6% of that budget.

General Government operating expenses are up 3.6%, and total expenses are up 4.6%.

Operating expenses for Schools are up the same 3.6% as the General Government. Total direct and allocated expenses for the Schools are down by .8%. Again, that's principally because the new roof for East Meadow School inflated the FY 2012 budget.

For the past few years, the allocation for the Schools has been the required net school spending plus the override funds previously voted for the Schools plus transportation. We are recommending that Granby's allocation for the School budget for next year include a one-time additional amount of \$155,532.

The School Committee and the Superintendent had thought about an even larger budget, but realized that would not be possible without another override vote. They have made the difficult decision to reduce the budget, even though that requires a reduction in staff and a rethinking about what the Schools do. Their efforts have been unparalleled in recent Granby history, and they should be commended for those efforts.

The Superintendent and a representative from the School Committee met with the Finance Committee and detailed their plans. In the course of that discussion, it became clear they would need two years of restructuring to get back to the affordable guidelines for their budget. With assurances from them that they would be back on track (or require an override vote) by FY 2014, the Finance Committee agreed to support their requested budget of \$8,790,349. This is the budget presented by the Superintendent at the Public Forum and requires that an amount of \$155,532 above the guidelines be voted for the School budget. We hope you agree.

Before this additional amount was able to be determined exactly, the deadline requirements for publishing the Warrant Articles for the Annual Meeting necessitated that Article 31, with a place-holder amount of \$230,000, be included to cover contingencies. Now that the correct figure of \$155,532 has been calculated, we have incorporated that into the budget motion to be transferred from a Stabilization Fund. Consequently, Article 31 is no longer needed, and we will recommend that it be withdrawn.

## Considerations for the Future

There are some very difficult financial decisions that will have to be made by the Town of Granby. For over a decade, Granby has relied on, and spent, extraordinary infusions of landfill revenue that will not be available in the future. Measures of these expenditures have been detailed in the Finance Committee's past reports. Instead of repeating that mass of data, the expression of our concern for Granby's financial future will be kept short and to the point.

The first concern is about operations: within three or four years, if Granby's Government and School operations proceed as usual, Granby will no longer have the ongoing income to meet its ongoing expenses.

The second concern is about capital: Granby has, and will have, the need for large capital expenditures. The school buildings need significant repairs or replacing; Town offices are inadequate; Town roads will slowly but surely deteriorate; and the trucks and equipment will wear out.

These concerns are matched by the difficult financial decisions to be made.

The first decision is about operations: will Granby raise taxes for operating expenses, or cut the services the Town offers? An override will be required to avoid cuts in delivered services. If cuts need to be made, the only non-required budgets that can produce significant savings are the ones for the Schools, Police, Highway, Fire, and Library. To be blunt: Granby's expenses are driven by the numbers of employees required to deliver the services we receive, and the Town must decide whether or not it is willing to pay for these current staffing levels.

Any continuing use of Stabilization Funds to pay for ongoing expenses is not a solution. Stabilization Funds can be drained dry, and this will not change the hard decision that has to be made. Granby will not escape the "tax or cut" decision. The Town has two options:

1. face that decision with some savings still intact to pay for capital expenditures, or
2. face that decision with an empty savings account.

The second decision is about capital: will Granby manage its capital accounts to avoid the slow deterioration of its capital assets? This will require overrides to pay for significant capital expenditures such as updating or replacing buildings. It will also require diversion of some funds currently spent on operations to pay for smaller capital expenditures, creating even more pressure on services.

The reality behind these two decisions is the same: the cessation of income from the landfill means that the taxpayers of Granby are going to be choosing between paying a lot more, or receiving a lot less.

## Conclusion

Granby has not yet run out of resources, and it is not in the midst of a crisis. Barring a sudden, extraordinary, unforeseen event, the problems are solvable and they are manageable. But decisions must be made, and must be made soon. The problems will not go away with time; but with time, the pain of making the decisions can only increase.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Libera, Jr., Chair  
Robert A. Glesmann, III, Clerk  
James E. Hartley  
Dana K. Ritter  
Scott W. Wilson

## RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS FISCAL YEAR 2011

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$125,000.00</b>
Fire Department - Repair & Maintenance Radios and Pagers	3,289.50	
Police Department - Repair & Maintenance Cruisers	3,100.00	
Town Clerk - Part Time Wages	300.00	
Public Safety Complex - Expenses	3,944.79	
Police Department - Repair & Maintenance Cruisers	5,952.00	
Town Clerk - Part Time Wages	1,150.00	
Selectmen - Part Time Wages	2,111.67	
Computer Department - Repairs & Maintenance	558.65	
Legal Department - Legal Fees	7,370.49	
Town Clerk - Educational Incentive	1,000.00	
Public Buildings - Building Repairs	17,892.66	
Snow & Ice Control - Snow Removal Expenses	958.35	
Fire Department - Repair & Maintenance Equipment	1,872.27	
Council On Aging - Telephone	232.72	
Unemployment Compensation	3,997.24	
Building Inspector - Expenses	6,571.49	
Ambulance Department - Wages	31,711.77	
Dispatch - Wages	17,200.11	
Police Department - Wages	15,786.29	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>		<b>\$125,000.00</b>
<b>RETURNED TO GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## BUDGET RECAPITULATION BY FUNCTION

	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,481,420	\$1,797,636	\$1,918,274
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,428,566	1,298,028	1,412,993
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	8,602,826	9,223,642	9,201,250
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	935,933	916,388	1,095,696
HUMAN SERVICES	157,749	221,207	172,004
CULTURE AND RECREATION	121,766	125,694	129,618
FIXED EXPENSES	2,633,263	2,686,234	2,862,534
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,361,523</b>	<b>\$16,268,829</b>	<b>\$16,792,369</b>

## BUDGET RECAPITULATION

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - TOWN SHARE	\$2,428,192	\$1,749,525	\$1,871,232
GENERAL GOVERNMENT – SCHOOL SHARE	53,228	48,111	47,042
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,410,464	1,274,058	1,379,701
PUBLIC SAFETY – SCHOOL SHARE	18,102	23,970	33,292
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	8,602,826	9,223,642	9,201,250
PUBLIC WORKS - TOWN SHARE	921,933	902,388	1,081,696
PUBLIC WORKS - SCHOOL SHARE	14,000	14,000	14,000
HUMAN SERVICES	157,749	221,207	172,004
CULTURE AND RECREATION	121,766	125,694	129,618
STATE ASSESSMENTS - TOWN SHARE	61,493	66,090	60,263
STATE ASSESSMENTS - SCHOOL SHARE	613,992	724,450	691,599
FIXED EXPENSES - TOWN SHARE	1,343,080	1,471,671	1,554,088
FIXED EXPENSES - SCHOOL SHARE	1,290,183	1,214,563	1,308,446
	\$17,037,008	\$17,059,369	\$17,544,231

## OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENSES

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,816,674	\$3,951,936	\$4,026,494
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,326,405	1,499,301	1,865,446
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$8,600,277	\$8,703,421	\$9,199,750
GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING	1,615,618	1,593,950	1,699,179
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,549	520,221	1,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$14,032,569	\$14,249,307	\$14,925,423
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,328,954	2,019,522	1,866,946

## REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b><u>REVENUE SOURCES</u></b>			
STATE AID	\$6,205,074.00	\$6,061,807.00	\$6,238,364.00
TAX LEVY	8,744,618.60	9,069,439.01	9,374,834.68
LOCAL RECEIPTS	737,500.00	716,500.00	701,500.00
FREE CASH	1,151,138.00	1,200,454.00	1,156,362.00
STABILIZATION FUND	551,410.00	557,000.00	635,332.00
BORROWING	459,000.00	190,000.00	188,000.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	333,443.00	411,340.28	344,858.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	450,710.00	726,318.00	855,590.00
OFFSET RECEIPTS	2,881.50	2,867.00	2,543.00
TEACHER SALARY DEFERRAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>\$18,635,775.10</b>	<b>\$18,935,725.29</b>	<b>\$19,497,383.68</b>
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>			
GRANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$6,365,891.00	\$6,204,261.00	\$6,652,032.00
EXPENSES	1,210,357.00	1,451,809.00	1,456,640.00
TRANSPORTATION	803,688.00	839,109.00	911,677.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	510,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL GRANBY SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$8,379,936.00</b>	<b>\$9,005,179.00</b>	<b>\$9,020,349.00</b>
PATHFINDER SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$222,890.00	\$218,463.00	\$180,901.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,929,525.00	\$1,970,169.00	\$2,044,269.00
EXPENSES	715,115.00	952,129.00	818,870.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,542,692.00	1,483,468.28	1,865,446.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$5,187,332.00</b>	<b>\$4,405,766.28</b>	<b>\$4,728,585.00</b>
FIXED EXPENSES	\$2,633,263.00	\$2,686,234.00	\$2,862,534.00
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED	\$817,175.87	\$812,558.01	\$889,019.68
STATE ASSESSMENTS	675,485.00	790,540.00	751,862.00
OVERLAY	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
TEACHER SALARY DEFERRAL	19,871.73	0.00	0.00
	<b>\$1,582,532.60</b>	<b>\$1,673,098.01</b>	<b>\$1,710,881.68</b>
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$269,000.00	\$276,000.00	\$278,000.00
AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND	357,940.00	375,318.00	384,023.00
MUN. SOLID WASTE ENTER. FUND	0.00	292,800.00	329,567.00
	<b>\$626,940.00</b>	<b>\$944,118.00</b>	<b>\$991,590.00</b>
OFFSET RECEIPTS	\$2,881.50	\$2,867.00	\$2,543.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$18,635,775.10</b>	<b>\$18,935,725.29</b>	<b>\$19,497,383.68</b>



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# **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013**

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The CIP Committee met to review the various departmental capital requests for fiscal year 2013. The Committee's function is to accept and prioritize capital requests from all Town departments that have a life expectancy greater than five (5) years and a cost of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The CIP Committee's responsibility is to prepare a final report of recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their approval and presentation at the annual town meeting.

As was the case in FY2012, the Committee evaluated the proposed projects taking into consideration the financial condition of the Town. While the Town has established a Capital Needs Stabilization Fund, the Committee does not want to expend all of the funds at once but wants to find innovative ways of using these funds to continue granting future requests. While being cognizant of the financial constraints of the Town, this Committee is fully aware that the Town's capital needs do not wait for sound financial times.

After reviewing all requests in light of the Town's fiscal outlook, the Committee is recommending the funding of the following requests:

1. Police Department – Sally Port	\$100,000
2. Highway Department – Heavy Dump Truck	\$134,000
3. Highway Department - Mower	<u>\$ 54,000</u>
Total	\$630,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Marion, Chairman  
Wayne Tack, Member  
Donald Zebrowski, Member  
Charles Maheu, Member  
Joseph Arabik, Member

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## WARRANT ARTICLES

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### ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to conduct the business of the meeting as follows; on May 14, 2012 consider articles two through twelve and on June 18, 2012 consider articles thirteen through thirty-four, or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

### ARTICLE 2

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

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

### ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct the following activities for fiscal year 2013:

- 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 Selectmen 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 Selectmen 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.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will authorize the various departments to receive compensation for services rendered for fiscal year 2013 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.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## 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.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts in calendar year 2011 for perpetual care of cemetery lots:

Joan Charette	\$ 575.
Monique L. & James P. Curran	\$1,000.
Gail J. Roy	\$ 565.
Anita Hassenfratz	\$ 575.
Lincoln E. White	\$ 575.
Susan Clark Konieczny	\$1,165.
Peggy E. Gay	\$ 565.
Maryann Munger	\$2,335.

,or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 53E½ and to authorize expenditures from these funds for fiscal year 2013 without further appropriation:

- A. An Inspections Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Inspector of Buildings to pay for the wages, expenses, and contracted services required for the operation of the preventive inspections-selectmen department. The Inspections Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenue received from building, electrical, and gas fees, licenses and permits in fiscal year 2013 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Inspections Revolving Fund. The Inspector of Buildings may spend \$53,288 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.
- B. A Recreation Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Recreation Commission to pay for the wages, expenses, contracted services and capital improvement required for the operation of the recreation department programs, activities, events and services. The Recreation Revolving Fund is to be credited with all non-athletic program fees received in fiscal year 2013 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Recreation Revolving Fund. The Recreation Commission may spend \$5,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.
- C. A Dufresne Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee to pay for the wages, expenses, contracted services and capital improvement required for the operation of the Dufresne Recreation Area. The Dufresne Revolving Fund is to be credited with all reservation and security deposit fees and contributions received in fiscal year 2013 for the rental of the facility and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Dufresne Revolving Fund. The Dufresne Ad-Hoc Committee may spend \$25,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.
- D. A Charter Day Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Charter Day Committee to pay for the wages, expenses and contracted services required to celebrate Charter Day. The Charter Day Revolving Fund is to be credited with revenue and contributions received in fiscal year 2013 from Charter Day activities and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Charter Day Revolving Fund. The Charter Day Committee may spend \$25,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.
- E. A Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Planning Board to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services of the Planning Board. The Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund is to be credited with all application fees and charges received in fiscal year 2013 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Planning Board Fees Revolving Fund. The Planning Board may spend \$50,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.
- F. An After School Activities Program Revolving Fund that may be spent only upon authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to pay for maintenance, supply and operation, including wages of personnel of the After School Activities Program.

The After School Activities Program Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenues generated by the After School Activities Program in fiscal year 2013 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 After School Activities Program Revolving Fund. The Superintendent of Schools may spend \$20,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.

- G. A Dog Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Dog Officer to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services of the Canine Control Bylaw. The Dog Revolving Fund is to be credited with all dog licensing fees and any other charges received in fiscal year 2013 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Dog Revolving Fund. The Dog Officer may spend \$10,288 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.
- H. A Library Revolving Fund that may be spent by the Library Commissioners to pay for any or all expenses or contracted services for the repair and maintenance of the Library pavilion and to provide library services. The Library Revolving Fund is to be credited with all pavilion user fees and any other charges received in fiscal year 2013 and with the remaining balance of the fiscal year 2012 Library Revolving Fund. The Library Commissioners may spend \$2,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013.

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

#### **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will authorize Town departments to enter into agreements in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 4A for the fiscal year 2013, or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

#### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a Full Day Kindergarten Tuition Revolving Fund that may be spent only upon authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to pay for maintenance, supply and operation, including wages of personnel of the Full Day Kindergarten Program. The Full Day Kindergarten Tuition Revolving Fund is to be credited with all revenues generated by the Full Day Kindergarten Program in fiscal year 2013. The Superintendent of Schools may spend \$75,000 in revolving fund monies in fiscal year 2013, or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to place on the next available election ballot the following question:

“Shall the Town of Granby cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?”

, or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## 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 twelve pay grades and ten steps with a 3% increment between steps to be effective July 1, 2012, or take any other action in regard thereto.

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

*(Addressed at May 14, 2012 meeting)*

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Granby Volume III, Chapter XXI Zoning Bylaws as follows;

Amend Section 1.2 “Definitions” of the town zoning bylaws to include :

“Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LSGMSPI) - A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250kwDC”.

“On Site Solar Photovoltaic Installation - A Solar Photovoltaic Installation that is constructed at a location where other uses of the underlying property occur”.

“Rated Nameplate Capacity - The maximum rated output of electric power production of the photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC)”.

“Solar Photovoltaic Array - An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels”.

Amend Section III Table 1: Schedule of Use Regulations in the town zoning bylaws and insert a new Land Use Classification as follows:

BYLAW NUMBER	LAND USE CLASSIFICATION	STANDARDS & CONDITIONS	ZONING DISTRICTS									
			RS	RM	GB	GB-2	I	I-2	MD	FWD	WSP	AP
3.088	Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LSGMSPI)	Subject to Section 6.2 & 6.3 Special Permit Planning Board with Site Plan Approval (SP/PB-SPA) and	SP/PB-SPA	N	N	N	SPA	SPA	SPA	N	SP/PB SPA	SP/PB SPA

Amend Section V following Subsection 5.98.6 with a new Subsection 5.99 as follows:

**5.99 Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation**

- 5.99.1 Purpose
  - 5.99.1.a Site Plan Review Authority
  - 5.99.1.b Zoning Enforcement Authority
- 5.99.2 Applicability
- 5.99.3 General Siting Standards
- 5.99.4 General Requirements for all Large -Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations
  - 5.99.4.a Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations
  - 5.99.4.b Building Permits and Building Inspections
  - 5.99.4.c Fees
- 5.99.5 Site Plan Review
  - 5.99.5.a General
  - 5.99.5.b Required Documents
- 5.99.6 Site Control
- 5.99.7 Operation & Maintenance Plan
- 5.99.8 Utility Notification
- 5.99.9 Design Standards
  - 5.99.9.a Lighting
  - 5.99.9.b Signage
  - 5.99.9.c Utility connections
  - 5.99.9.d Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts
  - 5.99.9.e Facility Access and Conditions
  - 5.99.9.f Appurtenant Structures
- 5.99.10 Safety and Environmental Standards
  - 5.99.10.a Emergency Services
- 5.99.11 Monitoring and Maintenance
  - 5.99.11.a Solar Photovoltaic Installation Conditions
- 5.99.12 Abandonment or Decommissioning
  - 5.99.12.a Removal Requirements
  - 5.99.12.b Abandonment
  - 5.99.12.c Financial Surety

Amend Section VI Administration and Enforcement, Subsection 6.3 Site Plan Approval, subsection 6.33 Required Site Plan Content as follows:

In the first paragraph following “simple circumstances” insert “and see also Section 5.99.5.b for additional requirements for LSGMSPI”.

All as set forth in the attached Report and Recommendation of the Planning Board dated April 23 2012, which is incorporated herein and available at the Office of the Select Board

,or take any other action in regard thereto.

*(Addressed at May 9, 2011 meeting)*

### **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$281,282, 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 appropriate as offset receipts fire permit fees in the amount of \$1,610, or a greater or lesser amount, for Forest Fire Warden Expense, or take any other action in regard thereto.

### **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as offset receipts subscriber fees in the amount of \$933, or a greater or lesser amount, for Cable Committee Expense, 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 \$25,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of conducting a wage and classification plan study, 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 \$15,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a fingerprint/palm scanner for the Police 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 \$15,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing protective gear for the Fire Department, 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 \$100,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of constructing a sally port on the Public Safety Complex located at 259 East State Street 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 \$33,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police 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 \$134,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond \$54,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of purchasing a mower for the Highway Department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$137,415, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$275,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$275,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of funding the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,799, or a greater or lesser amount, as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2013 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$329,567, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the municipal solid waste department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## **ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$278,000, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the sewer department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$384,023, or a greater or lesser amount, to operate the ambulance department, or take any other action in regard thereto.

## ARTICLE 30

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.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget FY2011</b>	<b>Budget FY2012</b>	<b>Budget FY2013</b>
1	Personal Services	\$6,365,891	\$6,204,261	\$6,422,032
	Expenses	1,210,357	1,451,809	1,456,640
	Transportation	803,688	839,109	911,677
	Capital Outlay	0	0	0
		<u>\$8,379,936</u>	<u>\$8,495,179</u>	<u>\$8,790,349</u>

**\*To be funded by \$8,634,817 from Tax Levy and \$155,532 from Stabilization Fund**

2	Moderator			
	Salary	\$175	\$175	\$175
	Expenses	75	75	75
		<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>
3	Selectmen			
	Salary	\$8,610	\$8,610	\$8,784
	Personal Services	163,612	169,545	163,329
	Expenses	71,787	69,921	69,921
	Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	5,000
		<u>\$249,009</u>	<u>\$253,076</u>	<u>\$247,034</u>
4	Finance Committee			
	Expenses	\$1,677	\$1,677	\$1,677
5	Town Accountant			
	Personal Services	\$17,226	\$17,276	\$0
	Expenses	19,600	19,550	40,550
		<u>\$36,826</u>	<u>\$36,826</u>	<u>\$40,550</u>

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget FY2011</b>	<b>Budget FY2012</b>	<b>Budget FY2013</b>
6	Assessors			
	Salary	\$9,810	\$9,810	\$10,005
	Personal Services	25,229	25,980	27,191
	Expenses	17,499	14,870	14,180
	Capital Outlay	0	0	0
		<u>\$52,538</u>	<u>\$50,660</u>	<u>\$51,376</u>
7	Town Treasurer			
	Salary	\$44,098	\$44,098	\$44,980
	Expenses	14,125	7,950	5,450
		<u>\$58,223</u>	<u>\$52,048</u>	<u>\$50,430</u>
8	Tax Collector			
	Salary	\$38,382	\$38,382	\$39,150
	Personal Services	0	0	14,001
	Expenses	10,030	10,030	10,030
		<u>\$48,412</u>	<u>\$48,412</u>	<u>\$63,181</u>
9	Personnel Board			
	Expenses	\$447	\$447	\$447
10	Town Clerk			
	Salary	\$40,815	\$40,815	\$41,632
	Personal Services	1,200	2,200	2,244
	Expenses	2,944	2,944	2,944
		<u>\$44,959</u>	<u>\$45,959</u>	<u>\$46,820</u>
11	Board of Registrars			
	Personal Services	\$1,836	\$1,836	\$1,900
	Expenses	18,710	16,310	19,675
		<u>\$20,546</u>	<u>\$18,146</u>	<u>\$21,575</u>
12	Board of Appeals			
	Expenses	\$1,580	\$1,580	\$1,580
13	Public Buildings			
	Personal Services	\$37,233	\$37,269	\$37,998
	Expenses	303,610	332,188	346,959
	Capital Outlay	0	4,210	15,500
		<u>\$340,843</u>	<u>\$373,667</u>	<u>\$400,457</u>

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget FY2011</b>	<b>Budget FY2012</b>	<b>Budget FY2013</b>
14	Police Department			
	Personal Services	\$703,694	\$697,494	\$745,429
	Expenses	45,200	48,300	49,950
		<u>\$748,894</u>	<u>\$745,794</u>	<u>\$795,379</u>
15	Auxiliary Police			
	Expenses	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590
16	Dispatch			
	Personal Services	\$158,159	\$158,693	\$161,279
	Expenses	\$26,325	\$30,320	\$32,770
	Capital Outlay	0	0	4,500
		<u>\$184,484</u>	<u>\$189,013</u>	<u>\$198,549</u>
17	Fire Department			
	Personal Services	\$113,040	\$115,964	\$121,772
	Expenses	27,141	24,950	34,500
	Capital Outlay	13,800	13,200	13,200
		<u>\$153,981</u>	<u>\$154,114</u>	<u>\$169,472</u>
18	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health			
	Personal Services	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
	Expenses	2,900	2,900	2,900
		<u>\$13,900</u>	<u>\$13,900</u>	<u>\$13,900</u>
19	Emergency Management			
	Expenses	\$1,167	\$1,167	\$6,877
20	Tree Warden			
	Salary	\$500	\$500	\$500
	Expenses	150	150	150
		<u>\$650</u>	<u>\$650</u>	<u>\$650</u>
21	Highway Department			
	Personal Services	\$259,618	\$268,035	\$274,290
	Expenses	37,770	37,660	40,950
	Maintenance of Roads	127,320	127,320	126,500
	Capital	10,000	7,500	0
		<u>\$434,708</u>	<u>\$440,515</u>	<u>\$441,740</u>

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget FY2011</b>	<b>Budget FY2012</b>	<b>Budget FY2013</b>
22	Snow & Ice Control			
	Personal Services	\$48,000	\$56,440	\$58,940
	Expenses	6,500	6,500	7,000
	Maintenance of Roads	88,900	90,000	89,500
	Capital	11,000	11,000	11,000
		<u>\$154,400</u>	<u>\$163,940</u>	<u>\$166,440</u>
23	Cemetery			
	Personal Services	\$7,752	\$7,752	\$15,756
	Expenses	2,478	2,478	2,478
		<u>\$10,230</u>	<u>\$10,230</u>	<u>\$18,234</u>
24	Board of Health			
	Salary	\$2,535	\$2,535	\$2,586
	Personal Services	20,338	22,102	22,599
	Expenses	7,605	7,205	7,205
		<u>\$30,478</u>	<u>\$31,842</u>	<u>\$32,390</u>
25	Council On Aging			
	Personal Services	\$75,361	\$76,742	\$76,742
	Expenses	5,910	4,600	4,600
		<u>\$81,271</u>	<u>\$81,342</u>	<u>\$81,342</u>
26	Senior Lunch Program			
	Personal Services	\$0	\$12,023	\$12,272
27	Veterans Services			
	Expenses	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
28	Public Library			
	Personal Services	\$92,518	\$95,249	\$99,208
	Expenses	38,389	38,958	38,923
	Less Grant In Aid	-9,141	-8,513	-8,513
	Net Expenses	<u>29,248</u>	<u>30,445</u>	<u>30,410</u>
		<u>\$121,766</u>	<u>\$125,694</u>	<u>\$129,618</u>
29	Retirement of Debt			
	Principal on Permanent Debt	\$222,640	\$265,640	\$333,440
30	Interest	\$46,652	\$43,016	\$48,384

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget FY2011</b>	<b>Budget FY2012</b>	<b>Budget FY2013</b>
31	Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$199,271	\$156,614	\$166,935
32	County Retirement	\$585,291	\$623,354	\$698,893
33	Workers Compensation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$51,286
34	Council of Governments	\$6,181	\$4,636	\$4,636
35	Unemployment Compensation	\$26,760	\$32,078	\$32,350
36	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,371,468	\$1,380,896	\$1,396,610
37	Reserve Fund	\$125,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$13,852,028</b>	<b>\$14,081,975</b>	<b>\$14,692,713</b>

#### **ARTICLE 31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from the stabilization fund, borrow or bond the sum of \$230,000, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of supplementing the FY2013 Granby Public School budget, or take any other action in regard thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 32**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$149,800, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2013 appropriations, or take any other action in regard thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 33**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of \$129,303 of Free Cash, or a greater or lesser amount, for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2013 appropriations, or take any other action in regard thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 34**

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.