

**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 fourteenth 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 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.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 2013, or take any other action in regard thereto.

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.

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.

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.)

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 Section 5.99 (LSGMSVI)	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 LSGMSPT”.

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.

- 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.

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.

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 seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

Mark L. Bail

Mary A. McDowell

Louis M. Barry
Selectboard

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

Date

Constable

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

SS. Hampshire

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

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections, to vote at the East Meadow School at 393 East State Street in said Town for precincts 1 and 2 on **MONDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY 2012**, from **10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**, then and there to cast their votes for the following offices:

FOR ONE YEAR: A Moderator, and a Tree Warden.

FOR TWO YEARS: A Hampshire Council of Gov't Councilor

FOR THREE YEARS: A Select Board member, an Assessor, a Board of Health member, a Town Collector, a Treasurer, **two** School Committee members, a Commissioner of Burial Grounds, a Commissioner of Trust Funds, a Housing Authority member (Unexpired term), **three** Public Library Trustees and a Recreation Commissioner.

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

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 return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said voting.

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

Mark L. Bail

Mary A. McDowell

Louis M. Barry
Granby Select Board

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

Date:

Constable: