

**RECORD  
TOWN OF GRANBY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED  
JUNE 11, 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 June 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Reconvened Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. The ATM was called to order at 7:01 pm a quorum was present (30 or more) 192 were in attendance at the time of opening.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Select Board Chair, Stephen Chojnacki, 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 portion of the Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees and Boards present at this ATM:

Select Board: Chairman, Stephen A. Chojnacki, Members Glen N. Sexton and Jay Joyce. Sitting with the Select Board; Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr. 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 Bartosz, Jennifer Curran, Deanne Payne-Rokowski, and Michael Simpson, All Present. Sitting with the School Committee was the Schools Superintendent Sheryl Stanton, and Business Manager Mark Chapulis.

Others presenting Articles for this half of the ATM: Fire Chief, John Mitchell, also in attendance was the Town Treasurer, Steven Nally

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Patricia Banas, Richard Gaj, Sr., Kristin Kwisnek, Elaine Lafleur, Jeanne Merrill, Earl Owen, James Pietras, and Virginia Snopek.

Filmed by: Alex LaMarche

Microphone runners: Charles Mercier and Gabriella Mercier

Police Officer on Duty: Stephen Marion

The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier, introduces all committees and boards that are Sitting up front, the Finance Committee, the Select Board, the Town Administrator, the Town Counselor, and Town Clerk.

*Madam Moderator announces to the voters that there is a Daycare Room located in room 106.*

The Moderator then calls on those who wish to speak before the Town Meeting is opened for business, and then to hear reports from any Boards or Committees

*She now acknowledges George Randall, III:*

*Mr. Randall mentions the incorporation of the Town of Granby, June 11, 1768.*

*He praises the Boards, Committees, and the residents that helped put together the 250<sup>th</sup> parade that was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*He then mentions all the wonderful events that occurred over the pass year, and he also acknowledges all those that made Charter Days another successful Town event.*

*He talks about the Miss Granby Pageant, the two Barn dances, the quilting group, and the beautiful quilt paintings that right now are being displayed on many of our local barns.*

*He thanks all those who gave their time and efforts in this very important 250<sup>th</sup> celebration.*

*Madam Moderator now calls on the Select Board Chairman, Stephen Chojnacki, Mr. Chojnacki mentions the retirement of Mark Bail who served on the Select Board for three terms. Mr. Bail gets a standing ovation.*

*Mr. Chojnacki has the residents take notice to a beautiful framed picture of our Town Charter that was presented to our town for our 250<sup>th</sup> celebration by Governor Charles Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Senator Eric Lesser, State Rep. John Scibak and State Rep. Solomon Goldstein-Rose.*

*The Moderator now calls on John Libera, Jr. to present the Finance Report.*

*John Libera, Jr, Chairman to the Finance Committee is called to the floor for his report. He mentions we will be starting with a balance budget for FY19. He talks about State Aid and its projected to decrease by \$34,316 for this coming FY. He also mentions this is the third straight year it has decreased.*

*His Conclusion: Granby is on sound financial footing for another year. The real problems are in the near future, and close enough to be of concern. Those problems are also serious enough to warrant the attention of all the Taxpayers of Granby.*

*\*\*To read the full Finance report please refer to the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Reports 2018-2019, or by going on the Website [www.granby-ma.gov](http://www.granby-ma.gov)*

*The first portion of this years ATM was held on May 14, 2018, Articles voted on were Articles 1- 18.*

*Article 19 will be the first Article to be called on for the second half of this ATM that is Reconvened on June 11, 2018.*

*Madam Moderator calls on Select Board member Glen Sexton to read Article 19  
It is now 7:21 there's a long discussion on this article.*

**ARTICLE 19.**move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$403,122 to operate the municipal solid waste department.

Wages	\$ 5,000
Expenses	<u>398,112</u>
	\$403,112

**and that \$13,071 be raised from municipal solid waste receipts \$57,000 be raised from Retained Earnings and \$333,041 be raised from Tax Levy.**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Long Discussion**  
**Presented by Glen Sexton**

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

*Mr. Sexton explains to the voters that this amount is necessary to fund the curbside collection program for the next fiscal year.*

**ARTICLE 20.** move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$266,457 to operate the sewer department.

Wages	\$ 10,560
Expenses	164,797
Capital	30,000
Debt	<u>61,100</u>
	\$266,457

**and that \$224,157 be raised from sewer receipts and \$42,300 be raised from Retained Earnings.**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Short Discussion**

**Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands**

*Presented by Glen Sexton*  
*The sewer systems is 5 Corners up through Smith Avenue, Leo Drive, and High Street, and this amount is necessary to fund the sewer department for the next fiscal year.*

**ARTICLE 21.**move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$305,137 to operate the ambulance department.

	Wages	\$176,501
Expenses		67,060
	Capital	6,300
	Debt	<u>55,276</u>
		\$305,137

and that \$253,137 be raised from ambulance receipts, \$52,000 be raised from Retained Earnings.

	Motion 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<i>Short Discussion</i>	Passed-Majority-Show of Hands
<i>Presented by Fire Chief John Mitchell</i>	Declared by Moderator-1 opposed

*It's now 7:49 p.m. and we start on the school budget:*

**ARTICLE 22:** move the Town vote to raise, and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuring year and to carry out any vote passed under this article.

Item1.		Budget
Item		
1	School Department	
	Personal Services	\$6,034,255
	Expenses	1,677,160
	Capital Outlay	<u>9,708</u>
		\$7,721,123

	Motion 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<i>Long Discussion</i>	

*Item 1- At 7:51 p.m., Emre Evren School Committee Chairman, asks the voters to support funding the Public Schools in an amend to Article 1:*

*Mr. Evren motion to Amend:*

**Amendment:**

*I would like to amend article 22 item 1 related to the school budget and change the total amount to \$7,906,761 by transferring \$185,638 from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purposes of covering operating expenses.*

*He explains same as last year's situation that the State Funding has the lack of funds and the school needs financial help from the town to maintain a quality of education for the children.*

*After almost an hour of discussion it's asked to move the question.*  
*The Moderator tells the voters that a Majority vote is required in order to allow this amendment to be voted on. by show of hands the Moderator Declares Passed by Majority in favor to vote on this amendment.*

*Lynn Mercier, Moderator now explains how this Amendment will affect the school budget.*  
*Being that it's requesting money from the Stabilization Fund the whole school budget*

*must be voted on as if it was all coming out of stabilization therefore if the 2/3 vote isn't passed the school budget will be zeroed.*

*She makes a Motion to suggest to bifurcate the vote, in that way you will not jeopardize the whole budget. What this means is the voters will vote on the original school budget for a Majority to pass, and take another vote with the additional money from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund that requires a two-thirds vote.*

*The Moderator now calls for a vote on Article 22, Item 1.  
The vote is taken in two steps first vote as originally presented. Motion 2nd  
Article 22, Item 1 as presented passes by majority vote. Show of Hands*

*She now calls on the vote counters to count the votes for Emre Evren's Amendment; this requires a 2/3 vote in order to pass. Mr.Evren's Amendment is to add an additional \$185,638 to the School Budget. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*The final outcome is 149 YES- 31 NO. There were 180 voters that voted on this Amendment. The Amendment required 120 or more votes to pass the Amendment passes by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote:*

*The final results for Article 22; Item 1 School Budget was voted on and passed as: To amend the article related to the school budget to change the total amount to \$7,906,761 through a transfer of funds from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$185,638 for the purposes of covering operating expenses.*

*In Conclusion the School Departments Budget, Article 22, Item 1  
Passed as follows:*

1	School Department	
	Personal Services	\$6,034,255
	Expenses	1,677,160
	Operating Expense (Amendment)	185,638
	Capital Outlay	9,708
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		\$7,906,761

*Article 22, Items 2-41 are now being presented to vote on at 8:52 pm nearly one hour of discussion was on Article 22, Item 1.*

*Article 22, Items 2-41- Same Motion-  
Motion 2nd*

*\*Items 2-13, presented by John Libera, Jr.*

*Same Motion Items 2-5*

2	School Department	
	Transportation	\$813,543
	Short Discussion	
	Item 2- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

3	Moderator	
	Salary	\$175
	Expenses	75
	No Discussion	<hr/>
		\$250
	Item 3- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

4	Selectmen	
	Salary	\$9,699
	Personal Services	196,708
	Expenses	145,136

	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b>25,332</b>
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	<b>\$376,875</b>
	<b>Item 4- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>\$1,815</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	<b>Item 5- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Items 2-5</i>	
	<i>Short Discussion on Items 2 &amp; 4</i>	
	<i>Same Motion Items 6-9</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Town Accountant</b>	
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>27,000</b>
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	<b>\$57,000</b>
	<b>Item 6- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Assessors</b>	
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$11,103</b>
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>38,112</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>18,104</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$67,319</b>
	<b>Item 7- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Town Treasurer</b>	
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$49,915</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>9,300</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$59,215</b>
	<b>Item 8- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Tax Collector</b>	
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$43,445</b>
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>11,000</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>21,202</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$75,647</b>
	<b>Item 9- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
	<i>Moderator asks if any discussion Items 6-9</i>	
	<i>Short Discussion on Item 6</i>	
	<i>Same Motion Items 10-13</i>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Personnel Board</b>	
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$500</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	<b>Item 10- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$54,201</b>
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>3,000</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2,455</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$59,656</b>
	<b>Item 11- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Board of Registrars</b>	
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>31,575</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$33,575</b>
	<b>Item 12- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

**13 Board of Appeals**  
**Expenses** **\$1,580**  
*No Discussion*  
**Item 13- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands**

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 10-13*  
*No Discussions*

*\*Items 14-22-Presented by Robert Glesmann, III*

**Item**  
**14 Public Buildings -Same Motion Items 14-17**  
**Personal Services** **\$135,382**  
**Expenses** **437,694**  
**Capital Outlay** **62,530**  

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*Short Discussion* **\$635,606**  
**Item 14- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands**

**15 Police Department**  
**Personal Services** **\$993,705**  
**Expenses** **53,150**  
**Capital Outlay** **1,000**  

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*No Discussion* **\$1,047,855**  
**Item 15- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands**

**16 Auxiliary Police**  
**Expenses** **\$1,754**  
*No Discussion*  
**Item 16- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands**

**17 Dispatch**  
**Personal Services** **\$211,831**  
**Expenses** **35,840**  

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*No Discussion* **\$247,671**  
**Item 17- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands**

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 14-17*  
*Short Discussion on Item 14*

*Same Motion –Item 18 voted on as one item*  
**18 Fire Department**  
**Personal Services** **\$430,574**  
**Expenses** **39,210**  
**Out of Travel State** **2,600**  

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**Capital Outlay** **38,350**  

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*Long Discussion* **\$510,734**  
*Item 18*  
**Item 18- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands**

*Moderator asks if any discussion Item 18*  
*Long Discussion*

*Same Motion Items 19-22*

**Item 19-Inspections Department**  
**Personal Services- \$59,464**  
**Expenses** **22,805**

**\$82,269**

*No Discussion*

*Item 19- Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands*

**Item**

<b>20</b>	<b>Preventive Inspections-Board of Health</b>	
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>3,194</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/> <b>\$16,194</b>
	<b>Item 20- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

<b>21</b>	<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,730</b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	<b>Item 21- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

<b>22</b>	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$8272</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$6,000</u></b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$14,272</b>
	<b>Item 22- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 19-22*  
*No Discussions*

*\*Items 23-30-Presented by Scott Wilson*

*Same Motion items 23-26*

<b>23</b>	<b>Highway Department</b>	
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$335,027</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>110,050</b>
	<b>Maintenance of Roads</b>	<b><u>222,600</u></b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$667,677</b>
	<b>Item 23- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

<b>24</b>	<b>Snow &amp; Ice Control</b>	
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$84,701</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>49,000</b>
	<b>Maintenance of Roads</b>	<b>119,700</b>
	<b>Capital</b>	<b><u>16,000</u></b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$269,401</b>
	<b>Item 24- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

<b>25</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>\$20,706</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>3,019</u></b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$23,725</b>
	<b>Item 25- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

<b>26</b>	<b>Board of Health</b>	
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$2,868</b>
	<b>Personal Services</b>	<b>26,701</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>8,775</u></b>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<b>\$38,344</b>
	<b>Item 26- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands</b>	

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 23-26*  
*No Discussions*

*Same Motion Items 27-30*

27	Council On Aging	
	Personal Services	\$95,145
	Expenses	<u>3,534</u>
	No Discussion	\$98,679
	Item 27- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
28	Senior Lunch Program	
	Personal Services	\$19,314
	No Discussion	
	Item 28- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
29	Veterans Services	
	Personal Services	\$13,500
	Expenses	<u>\$60,700</u>
	No Discussion	\$73,750
	Item 29- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Item		Budget
30	Public Library	
	Personal Services	\$122,712
	Expenses	43,672
	Less Grant In Aid	-11,619
	Net Expenses	<u>32,053</u>
	No Discussion	\$154,765
	Item 30- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 27-30*  
*No Discussions*

*\*Items 31-41-Presented by Robert Cannon*

*Same Motion-items 31-34*

31	Historical Commission	
	Expenses	\$250
	No Discussion	
	Item 31- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
32	250 <sup>th</sup> Parade	
	Expenses	\$0
	No Discussion	
	Item 32- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
33	Retirement of Debt	
	Principal on Permanent Debt	\$515,800
	No Discussion	
	Item 33- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
34	Interest	\$493,478
	No Discussion	
	Item 34- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	



*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 31-34*  
*No Discussions*

- Same Motion-items 35-38*
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| <b>35</b> | <b>Casualty &amp; Liability Insurance</b> | <b>\$218,500</b> |
|           | <i>No Discussion</i>                      |                  |
|           | Item 35- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  |                  |
| <b>36</b> | <b>County Retirement</b>                  | <b>\$997,795</b> |
|           | <i>No Discussion</i>                      |                  |
|           | Item 36- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  |                  |
| <b>37</b> | <b>Workers Compensation</b>               | <b>\$146,688</b> |
|           | <i>Short Discussion</i>                   |                  |
|           | Item 37- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands  |                  |

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| <b>38</b> | <b>Council of Governments</b>           | <b>\$2,318</b> |
|           | <i>Short Discussion</i>                 |                |
|           | Item 38- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands |                |

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 35-38*  
*Short Discussions on Items 37 & 38*

- Same Motion-Items 39-41*
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| <b>39</b> | <b>Unemployment Compensation</b>         | <b>\$51,909</b>    |
|           | <i>Short Discussion</i>                  |                    |
|           | Item 39- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands |                    |
| <b>40</b> | <b>Group Health/Life Insurance</b>       | <b>\$1,527,518</b> |
|           | <i>Short Discussion</i>                  |                    |
|           | Item 40- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands |                    |
| <b>41</b> | <b>Reserve Fund</b>                      | <b>\$130,000</b>   |
|           | <i>Short Discussion</i>                  |                    |
|           | Item 41- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands  |                    |

*Moderator asks if any discussion Items 39-41*  
*Short Discussions on Items 39-41*

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$17,442,732</b>
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*\*Total Budget changed from 17,257,094 to 17,442,732 because of the Amendment on Article 22, Item 1 School Department*

**ARTICLE 23:** move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$120,800 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2019 appropriations. **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*2/3 Votes Required*

*No Discussion*

*Presented by Jay Joyce*

**Passed-Unanimous –Show of Hands**

**Declared by Moderator**

*Select Board member Jay Joyce explains that this is to pay for the debt payment on capital projects that had been approved by the Capital Improvements Committee in prior years.*

**ARTICLE 24:** move the Town vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the

**Town of Granby.**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***No Discussion***

***Presented by Stephen Chojnacki***

**Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands**

***Select Board Chairman, Stephen Chojnacki explains this allows the Board of Assessors to issue tax bills to cover these approved expenses for Fiscal year 2019.***

**The Moderator now motions to adjourn this portion of the ATM**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**All in favor to adjourned the second half of this ATM:**

**Passed- Unanimous-Show of Hands**

**The business for this portion of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 11, 2018, Articles 19 – 24, have been voted on, and completed (*first portion of the ATM was voted on May 14, 2018 Articles 1-18*).**

**The Moderator officially dissolves this years ATM at 9:26 P.M.**

**There were 209 voters and 17 non-voters who showed up to support and contribute to the second half of this Annual Town Meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Katherine A. Kelly-Regan  
Town Clerk, CMMC**

