

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 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 Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present (30 or more) 120 were in attendance at the time of opening.

She now calls on the Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, to certify that all the warrants were posted in accordance with the law. The Clerk responds they have. The warrant for this Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

She asks the residents to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag that was lead by Select Board Chairman, Mark L. Bail, with the other Town Officials, and the residents joining in.

The Moderator introduces the Finance Committee, the Select Board, the Town Administrator, the Assistant Town Counselor, and the Town Clerk. She now informs the voters that all eligible voters should have received a card at the Check In table in order to participate in this meeting, and those that are not registered voters must sit in the area designated Non-Voters.

She instructs the voters that wish to ask questions to raise their card, when called upon to stand, and state their name and address, then to direct all questions or comments to her, and she will direct the questions to the proper source.

The Committees and Boards present at this STM:

Select Board: Chairman, Mark L. Bail, Members, Stephen Chojnacki, and Glen Sexton All Present sitting with the Select Board was the Assistant Town Counselor, Brian O'Toole, and the Town Administrator, Christopher Martin.

Finance Committee: Chairman, John Libera, Jr., Members Robert Cannon, Robert Glessmann, III, James Hartley, and Scott Wilson, All Present

School Committee: Chairman, Emre Evren, Members, Jennifer Curran, Deanne Payne-Rokowski; and Michael Simpson, Not Present, Marie McCourt. Also sitting with the School Committee was the School Superintendent, Sheryl Stanton.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Patricia Banas, Maureen Costello, Jeanne Merrill, Earl Owen, Debra Plath, Matthew Skipton, and Virginia Snopek.

Filmed by: Alex LaMarche from the GCAM

Microphone Runner: Oliver Mercier

Police Officer: Stephen Marion

She now recognizes School Committee Chairman, Emre Evren to read Article 1.

*The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:05 P.M.
Motion 2nd*

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to transfer from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$84,085.61 for the purpose of funding a new special education tuition.

Motion 2nd

*Requires 2/3 Vote
Long Discussion*

Declared By Moderator

Passed by 2/3 Vote-Show of Hands

There was a very long discussion on Article 1, Mr. Evren explains that the town is legally responsible for Granby residents that require a special education, and if they must attend a school out of the district to meet their needs we as a town must be responsible to provide those needs for that student.

After a long discussion with the voters a voter asks to have Article 1 Moved. The Moderator explains to the voters that in order to move on this Article we need two-thirds of the voters to agree. She calls for a Motion to Move Article 1. This Motion is 2nd.

The Moderator now calls for a vote to move the question, by show of hands she declares this motion passed by the required 2/3 votes, she now calls for a vote on Article 1 as it was presented.

She explains that Article 1 must pass by 2/3 votes she calls for a vote. The Moderator Declares Article 1- Passed by 2/3 votes- by Show of Hands.

Article 2-Presented by Emre Evren

ARTICLE 2. move the Town vote to transfer from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$33,828 for the purpose of funding the tuition and transportation for a student attending Smith Vocational High School.

Motion 2nd

*Requires 2/3 Vote
Long Discussion*

FAILED- did not get the required 2/3 Votes

Moderator called for a Hand Count

Failed- Yes-66 to No-47

In order for Article 2 to pass the required 2/3 votes needed was 75 or more- Article 2- Fails.

Mr. Evren explains to the voters that under CH 74 if the town does not offer a particular vocational technical education program in which your child is interested, either in the town's high school or the town's regional vocational technical high school, then that child may apply for admission under CH 74 as a non-resident option. Therefore, if a child has been admitted through CH 74 as a non-resident option, the town would be responsible for the transportation of that child.

After another long discussion with the voters a voter asks to have Article 2 Moved. The Moderator explains to the voters that in order to move on this Article we need two-thirds of the voters to agree. She calls for a Motion to Move Article 2. Motion is 2nd.

The Moderator now calls for a vote to move the question, by show of hands she declares this motion passed by the required 2/3 votes, she now calls for a vote on Article 2 as it was presented.

She explains that Article 2 must pass by 2/3 votes she calls for a vote. Being that the show of hands was undetermined she calls on the Vote Counters to do a hand count. After the hand count was taken it was determined that Article 2- FAILED- 66 votes were in favor to 47 votes against. In order for Article 2 to have passed it needed 75 or more in favor of this Article.

Article 3-Presented by Emre Evren

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to transfer from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$49,163.03 for the purpose of funding a new Grade 2 teacher salary.

Motion 2nd

*Requires 2/3 Vote
Long Discussion*

FAILED- did not get the required 2/3 Votes

Moderator called for a Hand Count

Failed- Yes-64 to No-56

In order for Article 3 to pass the required 2/3 votes needed was 80 or more- Article 3- Fails.

Mr. Evren explains the school had an unexpected increase of 8 second- grade students and in order to keep the classroom size down a third teacher would be required.

John Libera, Jr. Finance, Chairman, explains to the voters, that at this time the Finance Committee is not in favor of passing this Article. That this position will be funded for next year but for this year it is not recommended.

This Article went on for a while and again the question was asked to be Moved. The Moderator calls for a Motion to Move Article 3- Motion 2nd.

The Moderator now calls for a vote to move the question, by show of hands she declares this motion passed by the required 2/3 votes, she now calls for a vote on Article 3 as it was presented.

She explains that Article 3 must pass by 2/3 votes she calls for a vote. Being that the show of hands was undetermined she calls on the Vote Counters to do a hand count. After the hand count was taken it was determined that Article 3- FAILED- 64 votes were in favor to 56 votes against. In order for Article 3 to have passed it needed 80 or more in favor of this Article.

Article 4-Presented by Emre Evren

ARTICLE 4. move the Town vote to transfer from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$19,500 for the purpose of funding required transitional services.

Motion 2nd

*Requires 2/3 Vote
Short Discussion*

Declared By Moderator

Passed by 2/3 Vote-Show of Hands

There was a short discussion on Article 4, Mr. Evren explains that the town is legally responsible for Granby residents ages 18-22 that require a special education that also requires them to have a transitional services offer to them, and we as a town must be responsible to provide those needs for that student.

Once again a voter asks to have Article 4 Moved. The Moderator explains to the voters that in order to move on this Article we need two-thirds of the voters to agree. She calls for a Motion to Move Article 4. Motion 2nd.

The Moderator now calls for a vote to move the question, by show of hands she declares this motion passed by the required 2/3 votes, she now calls for a vote on Article 4 as it was presented.

She explains that Article 4 must pass by 2/3 votes she calls for a vote. The Moderator Declares Article 4- Passed-by 2/3 votes by Show of Hands

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

**Motion 2nd
Passed: Unanimous- By Voice**

**The business for this STM held on February 13, 2018, has been completed, all Articles have been voted on
and the Moderator officially dissolves this STM at 8:45 P.M.
In attendance were 130 voters, and 13 non-voters that showed up to support and contribute to this meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,

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