

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

February 23, 2004

A special Town Meeting was held February 23, 2004 in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Auditorium of Grafton High School. Moderator Raymond Mead, 217 Brigham Hill Road, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Daniel J. Pogorzelski, 9 Pleasant Street, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Mead appointed David Robbins, 92 George Hill Road, as Deputy Moderator and advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting. Town Clerk Maureen Clark, 34 North Street, read the return of the Warrant. Mr. Mead welcomed Town Administrator Russell J. Connor, 16 Milford Road, back from sick leave.

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion of Daniel Pogorzelski, 9 Pleasant Street, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$96,670.00) to fund salary increases and to fund the incremental costs of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Grafton Police Alliance.

The Moderator declared the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion of Sue Robbins, 92 George Hill Road, it was voted to raise and appropriate a sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to Fire Department Account #6220-5942 Fire Truck, for the purpose of funding the final payment of the ladder truck.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion of Susan Mills, 78 Brigham Hill Road, it was voted to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the Stabilization Fund.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. Motion was made by Gerald Sjogren, 26 George Hill Road, to amend the Town of Grafton By-Laws by adding the following Article 35:

ARTICLE 35

Police Chief

Appointment of the Police Chief

SECTION 1. The Town Administrator shall appoint a Police Chief as set forth in Article 4-2 Section (b) of the Town Charter as modified by this article.

SECTION 2. The applicant shall have, in addition to such other qualifications as the Board of Selectmen may establish in its charge, the following minimum qualifications: (a) have earned at least a bachelor's degree from a recognized accredited college or university or agree to obtain a bachelor's degree within 2 (two) years from appointment; (b) have ten (10) years experience in the Grafton Police Department, three (3) years of which must be in a supervisory position; (c) possess valid and current driver and firearms licenses.

SECTION 3. Upon a vacancy in the position, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Screening Committee with seven (7) members to review applicants for the Police Chief position. The Committee shall be chosen from: Board of Selectmen (1 member), Police Department (2 members), Citizens at large (2 members), School Committee (1 member), Finance Committee (1 member). A consultant may also be selected to work with the Screening Committee.

The Board of Selectmen shall, prior to the start of the search process, adopt a charge for the Screening Committee, setting forth the particulars of the screening process involving a time schedule, number of candidates to be selected as semi-finalists to be interviewed by the Town Administrator and any other directives the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated by a ballot vote of 132 in the affirmative, 138 negative.

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to rescind the authorization of the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Sutton for the treatment and disposal of domestic sewerage at the Grafton Water Pollution Control Facility as voted under Article 37 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 1995.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A true copy,  
Attest:

Maureen A. Clark, Town Clerk  
Grafton, MA