

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WARRANT

Worcester, ss:

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in their respective precincts at the Grafton Municipal Center Gymnasium, 30 Providence Road, on Monday, the Second day of May, A.D., 2005 at 8:00 AM to cast their votes for the following Town Offices:

Two Members of the Board of Selectmen, Two Members of the Board of Library Trustees, One Member of the School Committee, One Member of the Planning Board and One Town Moderator, all for three year terms, and One Member of the Housing Authority for a five year term.

The polls will be open to receive votes for the above-named offices at Eight O'clock AM and will close at Eight O'clock PM.

And you are further directed to notify and warn said inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Auditorium at the Grafton Memorial Senior High School on Monday, the Ninth Day of May, A.D., 2005 at Seven-Thirty O'clock PM and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Trustees Nelson Park & Memorial Library

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$739,491) or any other sum, for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the net operating costs of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2005, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional
School District Committee

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Blackstone Stabilization Fund, the sum of Sixty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$66,932) or any other sum, to fund the interest costs for FY06 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional
School District Committee

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws, Article 20, Section 4-25, Classification Plans and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant to fund FY06 non union salary increases for personnel, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant to fund the FY06 incremental costs of settlements between the Town and various unions representing school and municipal employees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sums of money recommended by the Town Administrator as shown in the Finance Committee's printed report for the several Town Departments for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purposes of funding the FY06 Capital Expenditure Budget, and said sum to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and various other departments, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) or any other sum, said sum to be added to Account #84-145-623 "Unemployment Compensation" for the purposes of paying Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following list of hydrants from the Grafton Water District and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) or any other sum, to cover the cost of the additional rental fee:

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| #358 | Sean Mikeal Way across from #4 | #359 | Sean Mikeal Way at #13 |
| #360 | Sean Mikeal Way at #23 | #361 | Oak Ridge Lane at #10 |
| #362 | Oak Ridge Lane across from #5 | #528 | Milford Road across from Seaver Farm Lane |
| #529 | Milford Road | #530 | Milford Road at Upton Town Line |

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept four (4) hydrants from the South Grafton Water District in the Heritage Meadows project and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) or any other sum, to cover the cost of the additional rental fee, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote that any member of a Town Board who has been authorized by a vote of said Board to attend any meeting or hearing in the interest of the Town may be paid in addition to his salary, at the rate of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per day, plus expenses of such attendance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote that any persons, except full-time employees of the Town who are being paid a salary or hourly compensation, and anyone else collecting from the Town on an hourly rate at the time of attendance, all as determined by the Town of Grafton personnel policies who have been authorized by a vote of the multiple member body so requesting their presence, who is subsequently approved by the Board of Selectmen to attend any meeting or hearing in the interest of the Town, to be paid out of the budget of the multiple member body so requesting their presence at the rate of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for half day and not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for a whole day of attendance plus expenses for such attendance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to write off the unexpended balance of special appropriations, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction, reconstruction or improvements of public roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or any other sum, to Account #1-800-6220-5861 Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987 Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987 Special Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, per Article 4, Section 9 of the Town By-Laws, to sell under such terms and conditions deemed appropriate, surplus equipment and vehicles no longer needed by the Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, and School Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for, and to provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for the disposal of solid waste pursuant to General Laws Chapter

30B, Section 12 (f), for a term not to exceed twenty years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Staff Development” for the purposes of receiving payments from outside sources for cooperative training workshops and to be used to pay all expenses related to said workshops including but not limited to consultant, material supply and meal expenses with a limit of this account to be no more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c 44, 53E ½ entitled “Early Childhood” for the purposes of receiving payments for tuition and to be used to pay expenses related to early childhood programs, including but not limited to personnel costs, materials, books, and supplies with a Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) limit that may be spent from such account in the ensuing fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the Conservation Commission revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E ½ entitled “Conservation Revolving Fund” for the purposes of administering the filing fee provision of the Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and further that the Conservation Commission may expend same without appropriation for expenses reasonably related to its duties and responsibilities as provided therein and that expenditures from same shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the Council On Aging revolving fund pursuant to MGL c 44, 53 ½ entitled “Elder Bus Transportation” for the purposes of receiving outside payments for elder bus transportation with a limit on this account to no more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Council On Aging

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-three Thousand, Eight-one Dollars (\$293,081) for State-Aid Highway purposes as requested by the Board of Selectmen to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill so-called and amendments thereto for construction, reconstruction and improvements including surface treatments and other work incidental to the above, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to Account #1-800-6543-5987 for additional expenses in connection with the construction of the new Soldiers Memorial Hall in the Municipal Center, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Trustees of Soldiers Memorials

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to Account #1-800-6420-5863 Long Range Drainage Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to Account #1-800-6420-5865 Long Range Sidewalk Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Account Receipts Reserved for appropriation from the Sale of Real Estate - Webber Land, a sum of money to offset the repayment of debt incurred in the procurement of such property in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, S.63, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Account Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Sale of Real Estate - Hennessey I Property, a sum of money to offset the repayment of debt incurred in the procurement of such property in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, S.63, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or any other sum, to fund the School/Municipal Facilities Master Plan, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen/School Committee

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from Community Preservation Fund revenues for the purchase of a video camera, tripod, lights and microphones for use in Grafton Historical Commission projects, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Historical Commission and
Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from the Community Preservation Fund Revenues for the hiring of professional services to provide a master plan and cost estimate for historic preservation activities at the small stone arch bridge located between Bridge Street and Mill Street in North Grafton, under the direction of the Grafton Historical Commission in consultation with the Grafton Conservation Commission, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Historical Commission and
Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from Community Preservation Fund revenues for the dredging of Lake Ripple. Said appropriation is contingent upon successful funding being obtained for the balance of the project, the money shall be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$12,825), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Fund FY06 revenues to cover Community Preservation Committee operating expenses for Fiscal Year 2006, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the purpose of completing the Ekblaw Landing Canoe Launch, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve, Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and the Fund Balance for Community Preservation Purposes for the purpose of making the second year payment on the Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000) bond issued for purchase of the former Robinson Property, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from the Community Preservation Fund revenues for the design, fabrication and installation of two (2) site identification signs for the Old and Indian Burying Ground, one (1) interpretive panel for the Old and Indian Burying Ground and one (1) site identification sign for the Town Pound, adjacent to the Old and Indian Burying Ground, under the direction of the Grafton Historical Commission, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for the purchase of the land and buildings located at 26 - 28 Upton Street (also known as Assessor's Map 74, Lot #85 Upton Street) which will be used for a new fire station, and that the Board of Selectmen be further authorized to purchase the land upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems in its discretion in the best interest of the Town, and to this end to see if the Town will further authorize the Treasurer with the consent and approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) or any other sum, to meet all costs associated with the purchase, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Center Station Feasibility Study Committee

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Center Station Building Committee: to be charged with obtaining cost estimates for the design and construction of said building and to make a report and recommendation at the October 2006 Annual Town Meeting, said committee would be comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Deputy Moderator. The Deputy Moderator shall appoint one member from the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Grafton Fire Department (Selected by Board of Fire Engineers) and four (4) members at large to be members of said Committee, or to take any other action relative there

Submitted by: Center Station Feasibility Study Committee

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 22 of the Acts of 1995, to withdraw from the Central Massachusetts Economic Development Authority (CMEDA), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way in the Town of Grafton the roadway known as Krula Way, in the Krula Gardens subdivision, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2.1 - Definitions: Uses and Structures - of the Grafton Zoning Bylaw by deleting the existing definition of "lot width" and inserting in place a new definition of lot width to read as follows:

Lot Width: Lot width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the lot frontage to the principal structure on the lot without the circumference intersecting the side lot lines."

And amend Section 3.2.3.2 - Intensity of Use Schedule - by adding a new footnote regarding "Lot Width," to read as follows:

"Beyond the minimum required front yard setback line, the lot width may be reduced to not less than eighty percent (80%) of the minimum width requirement, or fifty feet (50'), whichever is greater."

So as to read:

Minimum Frontage/Lot Width^{a (Ft)}

^aBeyond the minimum required front yard setback line, the lot width may be reduced to not less than eighty percent (80%) of the minimum width requirement, or fifty feet (50'), whichever is greater.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 44. "To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to sell, at fair market value, before the Semiannual Town Meeting of 2005, under the terms and conditions of this article and agreeable to the Selectmen, a parcel of municipally-owned property located at 25 Worcester Street, shown on Assessors Map No. 65 as Lot 54, comprised of 2.3 acres, more or less. The parcel shall be surveyed and sub-divided into four (4), approximately equal, residential house lots. The Selectmen shall, if necessary, retain an Attorney for the purpose of creating and conveying individual property deeds for each separate lot; and to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for surveying and legal expenses, as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 45. "To see if the Town will vote to oppose the application of Tufts University to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (hereinafter "NIAID") for funding to construct a regional biocontainment BSL - 3 laboratory in Grafton, Massachusetts, and to notify in a timely manner NIAID, the National Institute of Health, and the Town's representatives in the United States Congress and the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the Town's vote to so oppose such application," as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new use to Section 3.2.3.1 **Accessory Uses**, to read as follows:

11. Golf Course Clubhouse, a building which may include a function room/banquet room, rooms for service and sale of food and beverages, a pro shop for the sale of golf related items, kitchen area, administrative offices, rest rooms and storage rooms, including storage of gold carts.

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as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the Town at least fourteen days before 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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this day of April in the year of our Lord Two thousand Five.

GRAFTON BOARD

Susan M. Mills, Chair

OF

Christopher R. LeMay, Vice-Chair

SELECTMEN

Peter J. Adams, Clerk

Brook A. Padgett

Craig V. Dauphinais

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

April 2005

I have complied with the requirements of the above Warrant and with the Town of Grafton By-laws by posting up an attested copy of the Warrant in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the Town on the above date.

Constable of Grafton