

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Worcester, ss:

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

GREETINGS:

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 the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Auditorium at the Grafton Memorial Senior High School on Monday, the Seventeenth Day of October, 2005 at Seven Thirty O'clock PM to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills in excess of FY05 appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Ninety-eight Dollars (\$12,098), or any other sum, to fund FY07 Personal Property Revaluation services as part of the Department of Revenue Recertification Requirements for the FY07 Revaluation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000), or any other sum, to fund FY07 Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Exempt Revaluation services as part of the Department of Revenue Recertification Requirements for the FY07 Revaluation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Intermunicipal Joint Purchasing Agreement pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40 s4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the Community Software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreements. The duration of this Agreement, in accordance with the statute, shall be for no more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this Agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this Agreement will be paid from the Assessors Department expense appropriations not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to the Consortium's bylaws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. Ch.59 s5(54), added by Chapter 159 s114 of the Acts of 2000 to exempt Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) of fair cash value on personal property accounts to be taxed beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY06 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2006 Community Preservation Fund purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY06 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Affordable Housing purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY06 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY06 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historical Preservation purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for the purpose of funding the second phase of the archaeological study at Hassanamesit Woods, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), or any other sum, to be used on or before June 30, 2007, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for the purposes of funding a natural resources inventory at Hassanamesit Woods, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for the purpose of electrical work and materials and historically accurate window replacements at the Blackstone Engine House, 3A Main Street, South Grafton, to be carried out under the direction of the Farnumsville Firehouse Committee and the Board of Selectmen as a Historical Preservation purpose project, said appropriation to be used on or before June 30, 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for the purpose of an Open Space and Recreation Plan, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, said appropriation to be used on or before June 30, 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for the purpose of funding a structural study of the barn on the Hennessey property, said appropriation to be used on or before June 30, 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500) from excess proceeds from the sale of lots - Hennessey I, Account #29-122-966 for the purpose of funding a structural study of the barn on the Hennessey property, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority granted under Article 22 of the May 12, 2003 Annual Town Meeting wherein the Board of Selectmen were authorized to sell no more than sixteen (16) lots of land located on East Street and Old Sawmill Road, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. 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 of Grafton, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 18. 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 incremental costs of negotiated settlements of collective bargaining agreements between the Town and various unions representing municipal employees, 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 Town Accountant to establish a School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c 44, 53E ½ entitled "Out-of-District Student Transportation" for the purposes of receiving payments for out-of-district student transportation, with a Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) limit said funds to be expended by the School Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to establish a revolving fund pursuant to MGL c 44, Section 53E ½ entitled "Fire Sprinkler System Review" for the purpose of receiving outside payments for fire sprinkler system review with a Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) limit, said funds to be expended by the Grafton Fire Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Accountant

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization to purchase a backhoe and trailer in the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) which was authorized by Article #8 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Accountant

ARTICLE 22. 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 stipends for part-time and volunteer personnel, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant, to fund additional FY06 fuel costs, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or any other sum, to Account #1-800-6122-5976, Town Engineering Expenses, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), or any other sum, from Account #84-131-916 Recreational Fields Stabilization Fund to Account #1-800-6491-6027, for Riverview Park design and reconstruction, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000), or any other sum, from Account #84-131-916 Recreational Fields Stabilization Fund to Account #1-800-6491-6021 for Airport Park design and reconstruction, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), or any other sum, to pay the annual utility costs of the Farnumsville Fire House, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a drainage easement by gift from Paul D. and Pamela M. Vigeant at 30 Leland Hill Road, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director DPW

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-three Dollars and Forty-seven Cents (\$17,393.47) to fund the FY05 deficit in the Medicare/FICA Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 31. "To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadways known as Stonegate Circle and Fieldstone Court of the Woods at Stonegate Subdivision, off North Street, Grafton, MA as depicted on the plans entitled "Record Acceptance Plan, Woods at Stonegate - Stonegate Circle & Fieldstone Court," (Sheets 1 & 2), prepared by GRAZ Engineering, L.L.C." 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 September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five.

GRAFTON

Christopher R. LeMay, Chairman

BOARD OF

Craig V. Dauphinais, Vice Chair

SELECTMEN

John L. Carlson, Clerk

Peter J. Adams

Susan M. Mills

September , 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