

**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 First day of May, A.D., 2006 at 8:00 AM to cast their votes for the following Town Offices:

One Member of the Board of Selectmen, Two members of the School Committee, Three Members of the Board of Library Trustees, Two Members of the Planning Board, 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 Eighth of May, A.D. 2006 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 Eight Hundred Fifty-three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$853,369) 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, 2006, 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 Valley Vocational School Stabilization Fund, the sum of Seventy-six Thousand One Hundred Eighty-one Dollars (\$76,181) or any other sum, to fund the interest costs for FY07 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 Plan and to raise and appropriate, raise from sewer rates or transfer from available funds a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant to fund FY07 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 FY07 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, 2006, 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 FY07 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 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) 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 hydrant from the Grafton Water District:  
#557 New Police Station  
or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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 15. To see if the Town will vote appropriate available funds in the Treasury the sum Two Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$288,665) 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 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 99 of the Acts of 2005, a law governing leave for organ donors who work in the public sector which adds a new section, Section 33E, to Chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept from SKM Realty, Inc. the grant of a non-exclusive perpetual drainage easement located off of Milford Road consisting of 2,185 square feet of land more or less and shown on a plan of land recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to a continuing appropriation account entitled "Town Common Repairs and Maintenance" to be expended by the Parks and Cemetery Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of open space parcel at Southfield Crossing Subdivision, off Follette Street and Southfield Court, Grafton, MA as shown as "Open Area" on a plan of land entitled "Southfield Crossing Definitive Lot Layout As-Built" dated February 28, 2002 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 791 Plan 67. The open space parcel contains 66,809 square feet of land more or less according to said plan, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23. 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 V2 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 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 24. 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 1/2 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 25. 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 1/2 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 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to re-establish a School Department revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, 53E 1/2 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), or any other sum, limit said funds to be expended by the School Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town Accountant to establish a revolving fund pursuant to MGL c. 44, Section 53E 1/2 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, or any other sum said funds to be expended by the Grafton Fire Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Fire Department

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to Account #1-800-6122-5976, Town Engineering Expenses, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59 s5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$40,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under G.L. c. 59 s5, Clause 41A from 8% to 4%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59 s5, Clause SB exempting the real and personal estate of eligible organizations of Veterans of War to the extent of \$700,000, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to establish an account entitled "Sewer Overflow Repair Fund" for the purpose of reimbursing or repairing damages caused due to overflow of wastewater into homes, from direct effect of rainfall, blockage, or break in the Town's sewers, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), or any other sum, from the account entitled "Undesignated Fund Balance" Account #25-440-145-3590 to the account entitled "Sewer Overflow Repair Fund" established in the prior article at this Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the account entitled "Undesignated Fund Balance" Account #25-440-145-3590 to the account entitled "FY06 Sewer Free Cash, Sewer Department, Expenses", or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL Ch44 s 53E 1/2 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 \$25,000 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 36. 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 37. 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 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Twenty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred (\$27,900), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for general purposes to fund brick restoration and waterproofing work at the Grafton Center Library, as requested by the Board of Library Trustees. Such funds to be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for general purposes to fund improvements at Whitney Park in the New England Village in North Grafton, such work including

but not limited to installation of benches, planting of trees and related work, as requested by the Historical Commission. Such funds shall be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for general purposes to fund an engineering study of the Old Stone Arch Bridge in North Grafton, as requested by the Historical Commission. Such funds shall be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Twenty-four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for general purposes to fund preservation work on historic town records, as requested by the Office of the Grafton Town Clerk, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Twenty-thousand Dollars (\$20,000), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for general purposes to fund repairs to the vault in the Old Town Hall and other work on the Historical Society offices, as requested by the Grafton Historical Society. Such funds shall be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund for general purposes to fund preparation of National Register Historic District nominations for New England Village in North Grafton and Farnumville in South Grafton, as requested by the Historical Commission. Such funds shall be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), or any other sum, from Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation Act revenues for the purpose of funding the Community Preservation Committee operating and administrative budget, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$39,450), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve, Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$39,450), or any other sum, from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, and Fifty-eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$58,600), or any other sum, from the Fund Balance Reserved for Community Preservation Purposes for the purpose of making the third year payment on the Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000) bond issued for purchase of the Hassanamesit Woods property, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town of Grafton will, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, section 4A, authorize the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize unexpended bond proceeds in the sum of Six Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-six Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$608,736.15) authorized under Article 32 of the May, 2004 Annual Town Meeting to build a Fire Station at 25 Worcester Street; the reauthorized proceeds will be used together with other funds for the purchase of land for a new fire station, for the construction of a new Fire Station building including architectural services, engineering, and other professional services and the purchase of all original equipment and furnishings associated with a new fire station and further that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain such parcels of land as may be necessary to the siting of the new station, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Center Station Building Committee

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000), or any

other sum, for the construction of a new Fire Station/Fire Headquarters including architectural services, engineering, and other professional services including the preparation of plans and specifications (said plans and specifications to be owned by the Town), and all original equipment and furnishings associated with the construction of a Fire Station/Fire Headquarters; and further to determine if said approval shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt by a debt exclusion the amount required to pay for such bonds or notes, or any other combination of possible funding available, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Center Station Building Committee

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to form a school building committee to inquire into the location, design and conceptual feasibility of a new municipal secondary school and in furtherance of the committee's charge, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be used under the direction of the committee to engage architects, engineers and other consultants needed in the preparation of plans, feasibility studies and other materials deemed necessary and proper in the siting and design of a new school, or take any action thereon.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen  
School Committee

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.5.1.1 – *Fees* – of the Grafton Zoning Bylaw by deleting the sentence “Application fees include costs of legal advertisement in the local newspaper for the necessary public hearing.”, and inserting in place the following:

“In addition to the application fees, and any fees required for reviews beyond the capabilities of the town (as described within this Section), applications shall be accompanied by a fee to cover the costs of the required legal advertisement in the local newspaper for the necessary public hearing. Such cost shall be in accordance with the current *Planning Board Fee Schedule* in effect at the time of submitting the application.”

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.5.5 – *Special Permit Granting Authorities, Conditions for Granting* – of the Grafton Zoning Bylaw by adding a new sub-section (k) to read as follows:

k. Degree to which the proposed development is consistent with the goals of the Most recent Comprehensive Plan prepared for the Town of Grafton pursuant To M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-D.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 52. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C, establishing a trust to be known as the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whose purpose shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Grafton for the benefit of low and moderate income households, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Affordable Housing Committee and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 53. To see if the town will vote to 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 54. “To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to amend the existing zoning map of the Town of Grafton by rezoning a certain parcel of land on Ferry St. Shown as Grafton assessors map 123 Lot 21 from industrial (I) district to an R-20 district, consistent with surrounding districts”, 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 55. “To see if the town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Grafton by extending the existing Neighborhood Business zoning district at the southwest corner of the intersection of Church Street and South Street to include in their entirety the properties currently zoned Residential R-40, and identified as Grafton Assessor’s Map 74, Lots 16 and 17, as shown on a plan entitled William Smith, dated March 16, 2006, scale 1” = 50’, prepared by Heritage Design”, 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 56. “To extend the town water line approximately 650 feet up Old Upton Road. It will enable four additional households to tie in to the

water line’, 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 57. “To extend the sewer line approximately 650 feet up Old Upton Road. This is necessary to prevent ground water contamination. It will enable four additional households to tie in to the sewer line. Funding source – Sewer Free Cash, estimated cost – approximately \$100,000”, 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 58. “To extend the sewer line approximately 650 feet up Old Upton Road. This is necessary to prevent ground water contamination. It will enable four additional households to tie in to the sewer line”, 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 59. “To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Account under the provisions of G.L. Ch. 44 § 53E 1/2 to receive rents from the Old Town Hall at One Grafton Common and to expend the same for the maintenance and upkeep of the building under the supervision of the Town Administrator for funds received but not in excess of \$200,000.00” or to take any action thereon.

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 11th day the year of our Lord Two Thousand Six.

GRAFTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Christopher R. LeMay, Chairman

Craig V. Dauphinais, Vice Chairman

John L. Carlson, Clerk

Susan M. Mills

Peter J. Adams

A TRUE COPY,

ATTEST:

April 14, 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 \_\_\_\_\_