

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

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 the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Auditorium at the Grafton Memorial Senior High School on Monday, the Sixteenth Day of October AD, 2006 at Seven Thirty O'clock PM to act on the following articles, to wit:-

ARTICLE 1. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

DPW	Fallon Clinic	\$100.00
Municipal Center	Skip's Outdoor Accents, Inc.	50.00

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. KRISTEN COREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To see if the Town will vote to accept being administrator of the Kristen Corey Memorial Scholarship Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. WAGES FOR UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and raise from sewer rates a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant to fund incremental costs of settlements between the Town and the union representing municipal employees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. TRANSCRIPTION, REVIEW AND ABILITY TO VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2006 by amending Chapter 39 of the General Laws by inserting after section 23C a new section 23D – An Act further regulating meetings of municipal boards. This section will allow a Planning Board and Zoning Board member to miss one adjudicatory hearing, provided that the member in question shall examine an audio, video or written transcript of the hearing and provide a written certification that he/she has examined such evidence, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5. CAPITAL ITEM – HVAC, SOUTH GRAFTON COMMUNITY HOUSE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), or any other sum, to fund the South Grafton Community House HVAC design and replacement in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, S. 63, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6. CAPITAL ITEM – ALARM SYSTEM FOR NEW POLICE STATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), or any other sum, for the purpose of additional equipment for the new police station, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7. SEWER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to establish an account entitled “O&M Emergency Account” for the purpose of emergency funding of unanticipated increases from transportation or fuel increases as happened in FY 06 Sewer O&M. This is intended for emergencies only as deemed appropriate by the Board of Sewer Commissioners for purposes of this vote: said sums to be expended as appropriate for this purpose at this Town Meeting, and/or future Town Meetings, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL ITEM – SEWER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to establish an account entitled “Future Plant Upgrade/Expansion” for the purpose of upgrade and/or expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and to further authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into contracts to design, bid, administer and construct the said upgrades and/or expansions and accept or expend any state and/or federal funds that may be available for the purposes of this vote: said sum to be expended in addition to other amounts appropriated for this purpose at this Town Meeting, and/or future Town Meetings, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 9. SEWER EQUIPMENT REPAIR – REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to establish an account entitled “Major Equipment Repair/Replacement Account” the purpose of which would authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to expend funds available for repair or replacement of equipment on an as needed basis at the Treatment Plant and/or pump stations for purposes of maintaining proper treatment and/or pumping of wastewater within the Towns sewer system.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 10. APPROPRIATION OF CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$288,665) or any other sum, 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 (Chapter 90), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director DPW

ARTICLE 11. APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-nine dollars (\$134,329), or any other sum, 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 (Supplemental Chapter 90), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director DPW

ARTICLE 12. DAM REPAIRS – FUNDS TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) from Account #1-800-6420-5833, Bridge Repair, to Account #1-800-6420-5840, Various Dam Repairs, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director DPW

ARTICLE 13 HYDRANT ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to accept two additional hydrants from the South Grafton Water District; one located on King Street and one located on Depot Street and to vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to fund the additional cost.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14 LIABILITY INSURANCE PAYMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eighty-eight Dollars (\$5,088), or any other sum to reimburse the Reserve Fund, for funds that were transferred to supplement the liability insurance account that was under-funded for FY07, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15 LIABILITY INSURANCE SHORTFALL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000), or any other sum, to be added to the Town Liability Insurance budget Account #1-195-5740 that was under-funded for FY07, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16 APPROPRIATION TO STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000), or any other sum, to the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17 CPC – FEASIBILITY OF TOWN LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Affordable Housing Reserves of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of funding a study to determine the feasibility of using certain Town-owned property for development of affordable housing, and to develop guidelines, plans and data to be used in proposals issued by the Town for such projects, as requested by the Affordable Housing Committee. Said study shall assess sites of Town-owned land; said funds to be expended by June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 18 CPC – CONSULTANT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROCEDURES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from the Affordable Housing Reserves of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist with developing written procedures to be used by the Town to ensure that affordable housing units created through Town-sponsored initiatives are included in the Town's affordable housing inventory, as maintained by the Department of Housing and Community Development; as requested by the Affordable Housing Committee; said funds to be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 19. CPC – CONSULTANT FOR ACCESSORY USE BYLAW FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) Affordable Housing Reserves of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist the Town with preparing a zoning by-law that will provide the potential for designating permitted accessory apartments as affordable housing units in a manner consistent for inclusion in the Town's affordable housing inventory, as maintained by the Department of Housing and Community Development; as requested by the Affordable Housing Committee; said funds to be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 20. DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS – SOUTH GRAFTON COMMUNITY
HOUSE

To see if the Town will approve Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$20,500) from the fund for Community Preservation Purposes for design of repairs and restorations on the South Grafton Community House, as requested by the DPW Director, such funds to be expended before June 30, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 21. APPROPRIATION OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$267,500) from FY07 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2007 Community Preservation Fund purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 22. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) from FY07 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Affordable Housing purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 23. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR OPEN SPACE

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) from FY07 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 24. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

To see if the town will vote to reserve the sum of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) from FY07 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historical Preservation purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 25. PETITION ARTICLE – USE REGULATION IN ZONING CHANGE

“To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Grafton, Zoning By-Laws by inserting in Section 3.2.3.1 “Use Regulation Schedule” under “Communications, Transportation and Public Utilities” a section 10 which will read “Public Water Utilities, wells, treatment facilities, storage tanks and accessory uses” be permitted by Special Permit under all zoning 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 26. PETITION ARTICLE – ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS

“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 Fourth Day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Six.

BOARD OF

Craig V. Dauphinais, Chairman

SELECTMEN

John L. Carlson, Vice Chairman

Brook A. Padgett

Christopher R. LeMay

Susan M. Mills

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

October 2006

I have complied with the requirements of the above Warrant and with the Town of Grafton By-laws by posting 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

TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2006

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