

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 Twentieth Day of October AD, 2008 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 the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents (\$4,106.68) to pay the following bills incurred in a prior fiscal year:

Public Works	Cronatron	\$313.32
Sanitation	Veolia ES Technical	\$50.00
“ “	Ransford Pest Control	\$30.00
Street Lights	Haggerty & Harris	\$180.00
Public Works	“ “	\$427.66
Sewer	American Messaging	\$6.95
Cemetery	Truegreen Chemlawn	\$498.75
Treasurer/Collector	Greendale Condominium Estates	\$2,600.00

,or to take any other action relative thereto:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 in the amount of \$4,106.68. These bills were incurred in a prior fiscal year and were not submitted in time for payment. This article requires a 9/10ths vote.

ARTICLE 2. FUNDING FOR WRTA BUS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$8,730), or any other sum, for the Council On Aging Transportation Revolving Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director, Council On Aging

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2. This article appears on the Fall warrant because the WRTA operates on a different fiscal year than the Town of Grafton. The amount of funding required was not known in the Spring and was left open until the Fall Town meeting.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

ARTICLE 3. TRANSFER FUNDS TO SEWER OVERFLOW REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$27,230), or any other sum, from Account #25-800-6440-5943, "Wetland Treatment System" to Account #25-800-6440-6055 "Sewer Overflow Repair", or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.

This article will close out the Wetland Treatment System account and transfers the funds to the Sewer Overflow Repair account. These funds were for the purpose of purchasing the land adjacent to the Sewer Department, but the land is not available as it was purchased by a private party.

ARTICLE 4. TRANSFER FUNDS TO BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT – SEWER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), or any other sum, from Account #25-800-6440-6069, "Major Equipment Repair/Replacement" to Account #25-800-6440-6073, "Bar Screen Replacement", or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

This article will transfer the funds from the Major Equipment Repair/Replacement account to the Bar Screen Replacement account. Major repairs are needed for the bar screen and the estimated cost is in the \$500,000.00 range.

ARTICLE 5. O & M EMERGENCY – SEWER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$5,410), or any other sum, from Account #25-800-6440-6074, "Truck with Plow" to Account #25-800-6440-6067 "O & M Emergency, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.

This article will close out the Truck w/plow account and transfer the funds to the O & M Emergency account.

ARTICLE 6. SNOW/ICE WINTER PARKING BAN

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws ARTICLE 12 SAFETY AND ORDER by adding a new section:

SECTION 23. Snow/Ice Winter Parking Ban

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

- A. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency to be parked on any road from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM from November 15th through April 15th.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to be parked on any own road, at any time when it is snowing or when icy weather or icy road conditions exist.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to be parked on any town road, at any time when a Local or State of Emergency is declared by the Board of Selectmen or the Governor of Massachusetts related to weather or any other natural disasters.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Public Works Advisory Committee

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 6.
This article is not in the best interest of the town at this time. The Finance
Committee considers the language in this article to be vague and ambiguous.**

ARTICLE 7. ROAD OPENING PERMIT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws ARTICLE 12 SAFETY AND ORDER – SECTION 22 by changing in sentence two “Driveway Permit” to “Road Opening Permit”, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7.
This article is intended to correct the wording in Article 12, Section 22 of the Town
By-laws.**

ARTICLE 8. ANIMAL CONTROL SALARY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of One Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$192) to Account #1-292-1-5112 Animal Control – Department Head, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
This article will correct the Animal Control Officer’s salary and bring it in line with
the 2009 Fiscal Year budget.**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

ARTICLE 9. ANIMAL INSPECTOR SALARY & AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$315) from Account #1-296-1-5143 Automobile Allowance to Account #1-296-1-5112 Department Head, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) to Account #1-296-1-5143 Automobile Allowance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
This article will correct the Animal Inspector's budget and bring it in line with the 2009 Fiscal Year budgets.**

ARTICLE 10. TEMPORARY STAFF

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from Temporary Staff Expenses to Temporary Staff Salaries, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10.
This article transfers the placement of funds from the expense line to the salaries line of this account.**

ARTICLE 11. REVOLVING FUND – ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 to authorize the Town Account to set up a revolving fund for the purposes of receiving fees and paying the Electrical Inspector for inspections conducted by him up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) with 60% of electrical inspection fees collected to be disbursed to the Electrical Inspector and 40% to remain for Town administrative fees, all to be under the direction of the Building Inspector who shall approve all such expenditure; and further to provide that the monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year 2009 be carried over into fiscal year 2010 to pay for inspections for permits not yet completed; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 11.
Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on Town Meeting floor.**

ARTICLE 12. REVOLVING FUND – PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTION

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 to authorize the Town Accountant to set up a revolving fund for the purposes of receiving fees and paying the Plumbing/Gas Inspector for inspections conducted by him up

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) with 60% of plumbing/gas inspection fees collected to be disbursed to the Plumbing and Gas Inspector and 40% to remain for Town administrative fees, all to be under the direction of the Building Inspector who shall approve all such expenditure; and further to provide that the monies remaining in the fund at the end of fiscal year 2009 be carried over into fiscal year 2010 to pay for inspections for permits not yet completed; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 12.
Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on Town Meeting floor.**

ARTICLE 13. FINANCIAL SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000), or any other sum, for financial software/hardware with Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) transferred from the Fire Alarm Account #1-800-6220-5988 and Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500), or any other sum, from the Grafton Middle School Furnace Account #1-800-6300-6041, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Accountant

Finance Committee recommends passage of this article not to exceed \$35,000.00. The current financial software/hardware will be unusable and not supported by the vendor after June 30, 2009 and the replacement software/hardware must be installed and operational before the end of the current fiscal year. These funds will enable the replacement software/hardware to be procured and installed on the required schedule.

ARTICLE 14. CAPITAL PURCHASES – SERVER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), or any other sum, for the purchase of a server for the IT Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: IT Coordinator

The Finance Committee recommends passage of article 14 in the amount of \$15,000.00. These items were recommended by the IT Coordinator in order to improve efficiency and to bring the Town into compliance with the open meeting law.

ARTICLE 15. CAPITAL PURCHASES – MATERIAL SPREADER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or any other sum, for a material spreader for the Department of Public Works, or to take any other action relative thereto.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

Submitted by: Public Works Advisory Committee

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 15.
The purchase of equipment is generally considered a Capital Budget item.**

ARTICLE 16. CONSOLIDATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 71. Section 37M “Consolidation of administrative functions with city or town” which will allow the Town to consolidate administrative functions, including but not limited to financial, personnel, and maintenance functions, of the school committee with those of the city or town; provided, however, that such consolidation may occur only upon a majority vote of both the school committee and at the annual town meeting”, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
This will enable the Town to consider consolidation of services, but does not obligate the Town to consolidate any services. Any actual consolidation must be approved by the School Committee and Town Meeting.**

ARTICLE 17. DISCOVERY DRIVE – ACCEPT ROADWAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the completed portion of Discovery Drive together with the associated utilities and easements that are shown on a Plan entitled: “Roadway Acceptance Plan of ‘Discovery Drive’, Grafton, Massachusetts prepared for Town of Grafton, Date: August 4, 2008, Engineer: Murray Engineering, 46 Lakeview Road, North Brookfield, MA 01535,” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17.
By accepting this portion of Discovery Drive the Town completes one of the requirements needed to continue with the development of this key economic area; thereby allowing the Town and Tufts to attract more tenants and ultimately boost tax revenues.**

ARTICLE 18. COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8J which authorizes the Town to establish a commission on disability, to cause the full integration and participation of people with disabilities in town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18.

The Finance Committee believes that a commission on disability is an appropriate step for the town to take as it could facilitate the identification and orderly implementation of steps to more fully integrate persons with disabilities into the public life of the town.

ARTICLE 19. NON CRIMINAL DISPOSITION BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Town general by-law – ARTICLE 36 – NON CRIMINAL DISPOSITION to fine individuals who violate the provisions of the Town By-laws:

Section 1. Scope and authority

This bylaw provides for a non-criminal disposition of a violation of any town bylaw or any rule or regulation of any Town Officer, Board, or Department, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty. This bylaw is enacted in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, s21D (herein called “21D”). The non-criminal penalty for violation of any by-law that does not set forth a specific penalty shall be one hundred (\$100) dollars. Each day on which any violation of such a by-law occurs shall be deemed to be separate offense.

Section 2. Enforcing Person

“Enforcing Person” as used in this bylaw shall mean any police officer, regular or special, of the town of Grafton with respect to any offense; the Building Inspector, the Conservation Agent, the Board of health Agent, Public Works Director, Dog Officer and any such other official as the Town Administrator may from time to time designate, each with respect to violations of bylaws and rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

Section 3. Violation

An enforcing person taking cognizance of a violation of any bylaw, rule or regulation may, as an alternative to instituting criminal proceedings, give the offender a written notice to appear before the Clerk of the Worcester District Court for a non-criminal disposition of the violation, in accordance with s21D. The provisions of s21D are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 4. Proceedings

Proceedings pursuant to this bylaw and s21D shall not be deemed to be criminal proceedings,

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 19.

The Committee believes that (1) enforcement responsibilities should be assigned only to police officers and not to Town officials who are not trained law enforcement officers and (2) the proposed By-law should provide for an appeal process at the Town level.

ARTICLE 20. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PURPOSES

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Three Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Dollars (\$301,808) from FY09 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2009 Community Preservation Fund purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

This article is a routine procedural article necessary to set aside Community Preservation funds for future use.

ARTICLE 21. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Forty-six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$46,100) for FY09 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Affordable Housing purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 21.

This article satisfies the Community Preservation requirement to reserve 10 percent of the funds for affordable housing.

ARTICLE 22. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR OPEN SPACE

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Forty-six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$46,100) from FY09 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22.

This article satisfies the CPA requirement to reserve 10 percent of the funds for open space.

ARTICLE 23. RESERVING OF CPC FUNDS FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

To see if the Town will vote to reserve the sum of Forty-six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$46,100) from FY09 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historical Preservation purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 23.

This article satisfies the Community Preservation requirement to reserve 10 percent of the funds for historical preservation.

ARTICLE 24. ACQUISITION OF PELL FARM LAND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or borrow under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 as amended, the sum of \$2.175 million for the purposes of acquiring for conservation and passive outdoor recreation purposes land totaling 153.27 acres, more or less, known as the "Pell Farm." Said property is located at 67 George Hill Road, 11 Soap Hill Road, and 8 Soap Hill Road in the Town of Grafton, Massachusetts, now or formerly owned by Roger and Luping Pell or The Trust for Public Land, subject to the retained right of Roger and Luping Pell, their heirs and assigns, to harvest and sell onsite their remaining Christmas trees in which they are now growing for a period of ten (10) years from the date of acquisition by the Town of Grafton.

The property shall be acquired for conservation and passive outdoor recreation purposes, to be held in the care and custody of the Grafton Conservation Commission, pursuant to MGL, Ch. 40, s. 8C or any other enabling authority, and that said Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of Grafton any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the LAND program, (formerly known as the Self-Help program), Chapter 132A, s11, Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, P.L. 88-568, 78 Stat 897, and/or any other source(s) which might provide funding for activities falling within the scope and intent of this article. And to authorize the Conservation Commission to lease portions of the property for conservation and/or passive recreation purposes, including agriculture. And to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to lease portions of the property for conservation and/or passive recreation purposes, including agriculture. And to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to enter into all such contracts, and execute all such agreements as may be necessary on the part of the Town to effect such acquisition and/or such reimbursement or take any other action relative thereto, including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B or Chapter 293 Section 10 of the Acts of 1998 as amended, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Grafton to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to the Grafton Land Trust, Inc. or any other organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 24.

By passing this Article the Town will be authorized to purchase the Pell Farm located on George Hill Road and Soap Hill Road. This piece of property has been identified in the Grafton Open Space and Recreation Plan as a key conservation opportunity as the property currently abuts other conservation areas and is located

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

in numerous Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The purchase price for the property is \$2.175M (recent appraisals have appraised the property at \$4M) which will be funded in the following manner - \$500,000 from a Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND Program Reimbursement, \$75,000 from Private Fundraising, \$400,000.00 from current Community Preservation Commission Funds and \$1,200,000.00 from a 20 year Bond taken out by the CPC. Funding for the bond will come from expected CPC revenues over the next 20 years, this will not require a 2 1/2 override vote. Reminder - all CPC funds collected by the Town are eligible for up to 100% matching by the State.

ARTICLE 25. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ONE GRAFTON COMMON ROOF RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to allocate the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$42,800) from the CPA Historical Reserves to supplement earlier funds appropriated to restore the roof at One Grafton Common, with such funds to be spent only after other grant sources have been exhausted, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
The bid was higher than anticipated, and grants may not cover the increase in cost.
These CPC funds will be used only if the grants turn out to be insufficient.**

ARTICLE 26. MODULAR CLASSROOMS AT GRAFTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000), or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Grafton School Committee for the purchased or lease of four (4) modular classrooms to be located at the Grafton Middle School, 60 North Street, Grafton. The appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by G. L. 59, s21C (Proposition 2 1/2), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
These four modular classrooms will address a current overcrowding situation at Grafton Middle School. The \$750,000.00 includes the cost of four modular classrooms, as well as escalation costs, plus utility upgrades for the classrooms, furniture, and technology equipment.
This article requires a 2/3 vote.**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

ARTICLE 27. SPECIAL ELECTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400) to the Election & Registration Account with Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600) for salaries and Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800) for expenses, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
This article is contingent upon passage of Article 26 and will fund the special election for the debt exclusion for the modular classrooms.**

ARTICLE 28. HEALTH INSURANCE

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Unclassified Budget – Health Insurance Account #1-195-1-5173 by the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars (\$135,277), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 28.
There is no available data at this time that would allow us to recommend passage of this article.**

ARTICLE 29. TRANSFER DEBT INTEREST

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Four Hundred Four Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars and Fifty-six Cents (\$195,455.56) from Account #1-750-59150-2 Long Term Debt Interest to Account #1-750-59250-2 Interest on Temporary Loans, and to decrease Long Term Debt interest by One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars (\$116,667), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

**Finance Committee recommends passage of this budget.
This article will correct the Long Term Debt Interest account by transferring \$195,455.56 to the Interest on Temporary Loans account and decrease it by \$116,667.00 which was the interest for the New Fire Station that was not needed this Fiscal Year.**

ARTICLE 30. MONEY TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

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

Submitted by: Finance Committee

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

The Finance Committee recommends passage of article 30 in the amount of \$300,000.

It is critical that the Town continues to replace funds in the Stabilization Fund in order to maintain the town's ability to fund the Capital Budget and to react to unforeseen emergencies.

ARTICLE 31. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Town general by-law – ARTICLE 35 – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW, its purpose is to protect, maintain and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of increased post-development stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution associated with new development and redevelopment construction activity, or to take any other action relative thereto.

The full text of this by-law is available on the Town's web site and in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 31.

This By-law helps the Town comply with the EPA requirements for storm water management. If a By-law is not approved, the Town faces possible penalties for non-compliance.

ARTICLE 32. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the town By-Laws by adopting the following By-Law p BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION BYLAW, its purpose is to recognize the existence and potential growth of the biotechnology industry in Grafton and provide standardized requirements for those industries to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to replace the existing Article 27 of the Town's General By-Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

The full text of this by-law is available on the Town's web site and in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 32.

This article addresses relevant public health aspects of today's biotechnology industry and provides an appropriate balance between public health and safety concerns and the need to attract new businesses to Grafton.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

ARTICLE 33. ROAD ACCEPTANCE – NANTUCKET PLACE

To see if the Town will vote “to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Nantucket Place located in Mazza Farm subdivision”, 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

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 33.
The Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board.**

ARTICLE 34. ROAD ACCEPTANCE – CHISWELL DRIVE AND COACH HOUSE ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to “accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Chiswell Drive and Coach House Road located in Glenwood Estates II subdivision,” 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

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 34.
Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.
If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee
will reserve the right to reconsider their vote.**

ARTICLE 35. OPEN SPACE – GLENWOOD ESTATE II

To see if the Town will vote “to accept the donation of certain parcel ID 024-0-0000-00B Book/Page 030457/0077 of Open Space identified as “Open Space consisting of 0.61 acre as shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan for Glenwood Estate II in Grafton, MA” dated February 6, 2003, and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 795, Plan 93”, 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

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 35.
Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.
If all the information is compiled prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee
will reserve the right to reconsider their vote.**

ARTICLE 36. ADULT DAY CARE ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote “to amend the Grafton Zoning By-Laws to add a new definition (Section 2) entitled “Adult Day Care” and to amend the “use regulation schedule” and add in Public and Semi Public use to include a new sub section #4 entitled Adult Day Care as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued

ADULT DAY CARE

A facility or home whether conducted for charity or profit, which is advertised, announced or maintained, for the expressed or implied purpose of providing three or more individuals, with supervision, socialization and guidance necessary as it relates to the aging process.

Accommodations are for less than a 24 hour basis for day time respite to families of elders with safety concerns or need for social integration, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 36.
Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on Town Meeting floor.**

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 the 30th day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight.

BOARD OF

Brook A. Padgett, Chairman

SELECTMEN

Craig V. Dauphinais, Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Cotton, Clerk

Peter A. Adams

Christopher R. LeMay

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Continued**

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

September , 2008

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