

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 Fifth day of May, A.D., 2008** at 8:00 AM to cast their votes for the following Town Offices:

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

QUESTION 1.

Shall this Town approve an amendment to Article 3, Section 3-1, Subsection (g)(3) of the Grafton Home Rule Charter as proposed by Town Meeting vote under Article 15 of the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting?

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION 2.

Shall this Town approve an amendment to Article 3, Section 3-1, Subsection (g)(6) of the Grafton Home Rule Charter as proposed by Town Meeting vote under Article 15 of the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting?

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION 3.

Shall this Town approve an amendment to Article 2, Section 2-7, Subsection (b) of the Grafton Home Rule Charter as proposed by Town Meeting vote under Article 17 of the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting?

YES _____

NO _____

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QUESTION 4.

Shall this Town approve an amendment to Article 2, Section 2-7, Subsection (c) of the Grafton Home Rule Charter as proposed by Town Meeting vote under Article 18 of the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting?

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION 5.

Shall this Town approve for inclusion in Article 5 of the Grafton Home Rule Charter a new Section 5-6 as proposed by Town Meeting vote under Article 19 of the October 15, 2007 Semi-Annual Town Meeting?

YES _____

NO _____

QUESTION 6.

Shall this Town vote to accept the provisions of Section six C of Chapter forty of the General Laws, which authorizes cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

YES _____

NO _____

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.

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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 Twelfth day of May, A.D., 2008** at Seven thirty-O'clock PM and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. APPOINT TRUSTEE OF NELSON PARK AND LIBRARY

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

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1.
Finance Committee supports the appointment of the nominees for the positions of
the Nelson Park and Memorial Library Trustees.**

ARTICLE 2. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

Finance Committee recommends acceptance of these reports.

ARTICLE 3. TOWN'S SHARE OF NET OPERATING COSTS – BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$886,296) 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, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional
School District Committee

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.
This article provides the funds necessary to send our students to Blackstone Valley
Vocational Regional School for the upcoming year. We note with pleasure that the sum per
student requested is a substantially reduced amount from last year's.**

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ARTICLE 4. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Blackstone Valley Vocational School Stabilization Fund, the sum of Seventy-three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars (\$73,857) or any other sum, to fund the principal and interest costs for FY09 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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 in the amount of \$73,857.00. The amount requested represents the town's ongoing commitment to the Blackstone Valley facility expansion and the programs that it provides to our students.

ARTICLE 5. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Seventy-one Thousand Eighty-nine Dollars (\$71,089) to the Blackstone Valley Vocational School Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional
School District Committee

The transfer recommended in this article will ensure that in the future the town will be in a position to fund our debt obligation to Valley Tech through fiscal year 2011.

ARTICLE 6. FY09 SALARY INCREASES

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 or transfer from available funds a sum of money to various departmental accounts as distributed by the Town Accountant to fund FY09 salary increases for personnel, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Board

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 in the amount of \$311,429.00. This article allows for the funding of the union and non-union raises and cost of living allowances for FY09. This article allows the Board of Selectmen to enter into collective bargaining with municipal unions.

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ARTICLE 7. AMEND PERSONNEL BY-LAW COMPENSATION PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws, Article 20 Personnel By-Law Compensation Plan and to vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$21,700) to fund a \$2.50 per hour increase in salary for each member of the Grafton Fire Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Board

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7.
Finance Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Personnel Board
and approved by the Board of Selectmen.**

ARTICLE 8. FY09 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum 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, 2008, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 in the amount of \$38,104,378.00. The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Town Administrator, the School Committee, Department Heads, Boards and Commissions, has worked extremely hard these past couple of months to develop and bring forth an equitable and balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2009. The budget process has been challenging for all parties as not only is revenue growth slowing, but healthcare, retirement and sanitation costs are rising. The proposed FY09 budget listed in this article is a 3.74% or \$1,372,834 increase over prior year – of which healthcare, retirement and sanitation account for \$980,189 or 71.4% of the total increase. These town wide costs put the town in a difficult situation, forcing departments to put new hires, new equipment and new supplies on hold. This proposed budget will mean the elimination of existing positions on both the municipal and school sides, unfortunately we, as a town, must control our spending as much as possible, for FY10 and possibly FY11 will be even more challenging financial years for Grafton.

ARTICLE 9. FUND FY09 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDTGET

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 FY09 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

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The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 in the amount of \$2,342,800.00. This capital budget will fund the listed projects with the following funding sources:

Chapter 90 Funds \$1,250,000.00
Sewer Free Cash \$455,000.00
Stabilization Fund \$637,800.00

Chapter 90 Funds are received from the State under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill and can only be used on infrastructure projects – for FY09 these projects are Reconstruct North Street, Reconstruct Willard Street and Brigham Hill Drainage

ARTICLE 10. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10 in the amount of \$50,000.00. This article will allow the Town to fulfill its obligation for anticipated unemployment compensation.

ARTICLE 11. \$20 PER DAY FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OR HEARINGS – FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

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) per day, plus expenses of such attendance or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11. This article is routine annual business. There is no change in the rate from last year.

ARTICLE 12. \$10/HALF DAY; \$20/WHOLE DAY ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS OR MEETINGS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

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the rate of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10) for half day and not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) for a whole day of attendance plus expenses for such attendance, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12.
This article is routine annual business. There is no change in the rate from last year.**

ARTICLE 13. AUTHORIZE BOARD TO ACCEPT & ENTER INTO CONTRACTS

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

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13.
This article allows the Board of Selectmen to conduct routine Town business.**

ARTICLE 14. \$1,000 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT

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

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14.
Since we are so fortunate as to have a Call Fire Department, it is important that the Town protect the wages of our fire fighters in case of injury while in service to the Town by paying them, while disabled, 75% of their regular wages. The Finance Committee concurs with the Board of Selectmen that this article not exceed \$1,000.00.**

ARTICLE 15. SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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, Sewer Department, Recreation Commission and School Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

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**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 15.
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 16. FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM WRTA

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009 or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16
This article is an annual expense that provides our seniors with vital transportation that
they would otherwise be unable to secure on their own.**

ARTICLE 17. \$2,700 TOWN COMMON REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) 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

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17 in the amount of \$2,700.00.
These funds will be used to maintain the Common in the future. Since maintenance is an
ongoing project on the Town's Common, placing the funds in a warrant article is a fiscally
prudent manner to handle these projects.**

ARTICLE 18. FIRE HYDRANTS – GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrants from the Grafton Water District and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$1,050):

#589	1 Stoneybrook Road
#590	7 Stoneybrook Road
#591	18 Stoneybrook Road
#592	13 Stoneybrook Road
#593	19 Stoneybrook Road
#594	Green Street at Job Corp.
#595	Green Street at Centech Blvd.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 18.
Finance Committee accepts the list of hydrants from the Grafton Water District.**

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ARTICLE 19. FIRE HYDRANTS – SOUTH GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrants from the South Grafton Water District and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800):

14 hydrants Maplevale Subdivision

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 19.

Finance Committee accepts the list of hydrants from the South Grafton Water District.

ARTICLE 20. SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money, up to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for the development and completion of the Feasibility Study to identify potential solutions to the Town's space needs identified in the Statement of Interest submitted under Grafton Memorial Senior High School that is located at 24-30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA, Map 64, Lot 12, and to fund an Owner's Project Manager to oversee the feasibility study, for which the study and associated costs, the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Said appropriation authorizes the transfer of available funds and/or the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, provided that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Grafton incurs in excess of any grant provided by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town and, further provided, that 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 ½), and, further provided, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this motion shall be reduced by any amounts received or expected to be received from the MSBA, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen
School Building Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 20.

This authorization is required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority in order to proceed with a Feasibility Study, including an Owners Project Manager. Completion of the study is the only way to determine a reimbursable solution to the Town's school space needs.

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ARTICLE 21. DRAINAGE EASEMENT – WILLARD HOUSE & CLOCK MUSEUM

To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain drainage easement on land of Willard House & Clock Museum, Inc. located in the Town of Grafton, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shown on a plan entitled: Drainage Easement off Willard Street, prepared by The Town of Grafton Engineering Department, dated March 6, 2008, said easement contains 7,385 square feet more or less, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 21.
This easement will allow the Town to do necessary drainage work on Willard Street.**

ARTICLE 22. DRAINAGE EASEMENT – TUFTS UNIVERSITY

To see if the Town will vote to accept a permanent drainage easement on the land of Tufts University located on the easterly side of Willard Street in the Town of Grafton, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts containing 9,110 square feet (0.20914 acres) more or less as depicted on a plan entitled “Drainage Easement Plan off Willard Street on Land of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Grafton, Massachusetts”, dated March 13, 2008 and prepared by GRAZ Engineering, LLC for the Town of Grafton Engineering Department, a copy of said plan to be recorded herewith in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 22.
This easement will allow the Town to do necessary drainage work on Willard Street.**

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18. Medicare extension plans; mandatory transfer of retirees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 23.
MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18 is a local option statute that requires all Medicare eligible retirees of a municipality to enroll in a Medicare health insurance plan. This allows a portion of the health insurance cost to be shifted to the federal Medicare program.**

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ARTICLE 24. ONE GRAFTON COMMON

To see if the Town will reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL c44 s 53E1/2 entitled “One Grafton Common” for the purposes of receiving 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 and that expenditures from same shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 24.

This article reauthorizes the revolving fund that will allow the Town to receive rents and pay expenses connected with managing the “Old Town Hall”.

ARTICLE 25. MEDICAID

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000), or any other sum, to pay processing fees for the Medicaid claim service submitted by the School Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 25 not to exceed \$11,000.00.

These funds will allow the town to hire a third party vendor to process Medicaid claim forms for school department employees. The projected revenue to the town from this work is estimated to be in the range of \$145,000.00 for FY09.

ARTICLE 26. INCREASE IN BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1, Section 9(b), of the Grafton By-Laws so that it will now read: “A Board of Health to consist of five members appointed for terms of three years each;” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 26.

The Finance Committee recommends passage of article 26. This article will allow the Board of Health to operate more efficiently and effectively. This action will reflect a financial impact of \$600.00 to the Town’s FY09 operating budget.

ARTICLE 27. BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING ACCOUNT – MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to establish the Board of Health revolving account pursuant to MGL c. 44, s 53E ½ entitled “Vaccine Administration

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Reimbursement” for the purposes of receiving payments from Medicare Part 855B and other 3rd party providers for the distribution of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines with a \$3,000 limit that may be spent from such account for immunization administration in the ensuing fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 27.

This article allows the Board of Health to establish a revolving account to receive payment from Medicare or a third party provider for the distribution of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines not to exceed \$3,000.00.

ARTICLE 28. BOARD OF ASSESSORS REVALUATION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) or any other sum, to fund Commercial, Industrial, Personal Property and Exempt Revaluation services as part of the Department of Revenue Recertification Requirements for the FY2010 Revaluation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 28.

This article will provide the Town the ability to fund revaluation services required by the Department of Revenue.

ARTICLE 29. STATE-AID HIGHWAY – TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as an available funds an amount of money 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: Director DPW

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 29.

This article allows the Town to receive Chapter 90 funds as a reimbursement for projects accepted by the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill.

ARTICLE 30. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - REVOLVING ACCOUNT – STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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

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all expenses related to said workshops and to be used 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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 30.

This article allows the School Department to maintain a revolving account for the purpose of receiving payment from other school districts interested in attending our Staff Training Workshops.

ARTICLE 31. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - REVOLVING ACCOUNT – EARLY CHILDHOOD

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 an 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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 31.

This article allows the School Department to maintain a revolving account for the purpose of receiving payment for tuition collected from participants in the Early Childhood Program.

ARTICLE 32. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - REVOLVING ACCOUNT – OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

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 “Out-of-District Student Transportation” for the purposes of receiving payments for out-of-district student transportation, with a Thirty Thousand Dollar (\$30,000) limit or any other sum, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 32.

This article reauthorizes a revolving fund to receive payments for out of district student transportation.

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ARTICLE 33. COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING FUND – ELDER BUS TRANSPORTATION

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, 53E ½ entitled “Elder Bus Transportation: for the purposes of receiving outside payments for elder bus transportation with a limit that may be spent from such account in the ensuring year of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Council On Aging

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 33.
This article is a routine authorization that allows the Council on Aging to meet the transportation requirement of our seniors.**

ARTICLE 34. FIRE DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUND – FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REVIEW

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the 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 Dollar (\$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

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 34.
This article reauthorizes a revolving fund to receive outside payments For Fire Sprinkler System Review.**

ARTICLE 35. LONG RANGE SIDEWALK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Account #1-800-6420-5865 Long Range Sidewalk Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director DPW

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 35 in the amount of \$20,000.00.
These funds will be used by the Department of Public Works for various sidewalk projects within the Town.**

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ARTICLE 36. LONG RANGE DRAINAGE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Account #1-800-640-5863 Long Range Drainage Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Director DPW

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 36 in the amount of \$20,000.00. These funds will be used by the Department of Public Works for various drainage projects within the Town.

ARTICLE 37. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from CPA FY2009 revenues for the purpose of funding the Community Preservation Committee's administrative budget, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 37. This article is a routine procedural article necessary to set aside Community Preservation funds for current operating and administrative budgets.

ARTICLE 38. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – SAUNDERSVILLE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset deadline for previously approved CPA funding for the Saundersville National Register Nomination for one year, to June 30, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 38. This article will allow CPC extra time to accomplish the registration.

ARTICLE 39. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – GRAFTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fifty Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,102) from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, such funds to be used in accordance with the CPA guidelines for community housing, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

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Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 39.

There is a time limit of 2 to 4 months to act on new “affordable housing”. These funds are being added to an existing fund so that the Committee can act quickly when “affordable housing” becomes available. This article satisfies the minimum affordable housing component of the CPC program.

**ARTICLE 40. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – SOUTH GRAFTON
COMMUNITY HOUSE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) from the Fund Balance for CPA Purposes to complete exterior historical restoration work at the South Grafton Community house, as requested by the Trustees of the South Grafton Community House, with such approval to expire on June 30, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 40.

This article provides funding for completion of exterior historical restoration work of the South Grafton Community House. The CPA (Community Preservation Act) is the source of funds for historical preservation.

ARTICLE 41. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – ONE GRAFTON COMMON

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Fund Balance Historic Preservation reserves fund and Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) from the Fund Balance for CPA for the Purposes of completing roof repairs at One Grafton Common, as requested by the Town of Grafton and Apple Tree Arts, with such funds to be expended only after any outside grant funds and funds previously approved as art of the Town’s capital budget and with such approval to expire on June 30, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 41.

This article will help to complete the roof replacement of One Grafton Common thereby protecting and preserving one of the town’s major historical assets.

ARTICLE 42. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – RIVERVIEW PARK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred Forty-one Thousand Dollars (\$141,000) from the Fund Balance for CPA Purposes for the purpose of creating a multi-purpose recreational facility known as Riverview Park with such funds to be expended before June 30, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

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Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 42.

These funds will be used to complete the Riverview Park Development.

Funds in the amount of \$239,000.00 have already been set aside for this project. This article will satisfy the necessary funds needed to complete the \$380,000.00 estimated cost of this project.

ARTICLE 43. ACCEPT OPEN SPACE PARCEL

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.40, s 15A to transfer care, custody, management and control to the Conservation Commission of an open space parcel of land, which is identified as “remaining land,” containing approximately 11.054 acres of land, adjacent to Gershom Drive, within the ay Acres Phase Six subdivision, as shown on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book706, Plan 46, which parcel was accepted as a donation by vote of the Town under Article 43 of the warrant for the October 20, 2003 Semi-Annual Town Meeting and subsequently deeded to the Town as Parcel C in an instrument recorded with the Registry of Deeds in Book 33513, Page 291. Further, the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to put in place such restrictions on the future use of said parcel as the Commission deems appropriate and consistent with the intent of the designation of this parcel as open space land within the subdivision, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 43.

There has been an error in the wording of the deed instrument. The original intent was to deed the property to the care of the Conservation Commission.

This article is intended to correct the situation.

**ARTICLE 44. CONSERVATION COMMISSION REVOLVING ACCOUNT –
ADMINISTERING THE FILING FEE PROVISION OF THE WETLANDS
PROTECTION BYLAW**

To see if the town will vote to reauthorize the Town Accountant to continue the revolving account pursuant to MGL Ch 44 s 53 ½ entitled “Conservation Revolving Fund” for the purpose 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

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 44.

This article allows the reauthorization of a revolving fund necessary for the Conservation Commission to conduct routine business.

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ARTICLE 45. AMEND WETLANDS PROTECTION BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Wetlands Protection By-Law, Article 25 of the General By-Laws, by making the following changes thereto:

Item 1. At the end of the second paragraph of Section 4, add the following wording:

Notwithstanding the aforesaid such applications and plans shall be filed concurrently with any application for a special permit and/or site plan review for any projected located on a priority development site designated as such by vote of Town Meeting under the provisions of G.L. c. 43D.

Item 2. At the end of the sixth paragraph of Section 5.b, add the following wording:

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, any public hearing on a permit application for work proposed on a priority development site designated as such by vote of Town Meeting under the provisions of G.L. c. 43D, shall normally be closed within 120 days.

Item 3. Amend the first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 7, so that it now reads:

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance, except that, if not sooner exercised, a permit issued for activities to be undertaken on a priority development site designated as such by vote of Town Meeting under the provisions of G.L. c.43D, shall expire five years from the date of the expiration of the appeal period set forth in Section 13 hereof, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 45.

This article adjusts the Wetlands Protection By-Law to conform with the zoning code.

ARTICLE 46. CHAPTER 43D PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT (PDSOD)

To see if the Town will vote to create a new Section 11 – Chapter 43D Priority Development Overlay District (PSDOD). The purpose of this Section is to further expedite permitting for Priority Development Sites, as adopted by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D, and presently identified as land situated at 150 Westborough Road (Assessor's Map 13, Parcel 100), and CenTech Park Lot 3 (Map 5, Lot 1E), and CenTech park Lot 7 (Map 5, Lot 1H) (Copies are on file in the Planning Board office), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 46.

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.

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ARTICLE 47. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND MINOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE ZONING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to make various technical amendments and minor substantive changes to Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the Zoning By-Law. (Copies are on file in the Planning Board office), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Board

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 47.
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 48. MONEY TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

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: Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends pass over of Article 48.