

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL 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 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 O'clock PM and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. TRANSFER FUNDS – COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) or any other sum, from the Assistant Treasurer/Collector salary Account to the Professional and Technical expense account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1.
This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to pay for a contracted service.**

ARTICLE 2. SNOW AND ICE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and Seventy-two Cents (\$293,580.72) with Thirty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-nine Dollars and ninety-three Cents (\$38,449.93) to Account #1-423-1-5130 Snow & Ice Salaries and Two Hundred Fifty-five Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents (\$255,130.79) to Account #1-423-2-5530 Snow & Ice Supplies, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2.
This expense is incurred every year and represents the deficit incurred this past winter.**

ARTICLE 3. POLICE/DPW FUEL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$60,500) from available funds with Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) to Account #1-420-2-5481 Department of Public Works Fuel Account and Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$33,500) to Account #1-210-2-5481 Police Department Fuel Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3.
The rising costs of fuel have exceeded the FY08 budget expectations, therefore requiring a transfer for the remainder of FY08.**

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ARTICLE 4. FOLLETTE STREET WELL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$22,247), or any other sum, from Account #1-123-2-5300 Town Administrator Professional and Technical Account to the Follette Street well, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4.
This article allows a transfer to fund DEP mandates for the Follette Street well.**

ARTICLE 5. SPECIAL ELECTION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400) from available funds 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 Article 5.
This article will fund the Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion election expected to be held on June 23, 2008.**

ARTICLE 6. PARKS & CEMETERY MOWER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) or any other sum, from available funds to purchase a new mower for the Parks and Cemetery Division, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 6.
The purchase of mowers is generally considered as part of the Capital Budget.**

ARTICLE 7. LEGAL FEES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or any other sum, from available funds to Legal Fees Account #1-151-2-5301, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7.
This article funds additional legal fees for ongoing legal cases involving the Town in FY08.**

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ARTICLE 8. FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$5,700), or any other sum, from available funds to the Fire Department Retirement Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8.
This article funds the Fire Department retirement account for any fire department personnel who retire after 10 years of service.**

ARTICLE 9. STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents (\$2,152.28), or any other sum, to Account #1-145-5-5812 to reimburse the State Board of Retirement for benefits paid to Alden B. Bull, Sr. for FY2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9.
This article reimburses the State Board of Retirement for benefits paid to Alden Bull, Sr. a former worker for the Town of Grafton.**

ARTICLE 10. SEWER PLANT UPGRADE/EXPANSION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Free Cash Account #25-440-145-3590 to account entitled "Plant Upgrade/Expansion" #25-440-800-6068, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 10.
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 11. O&M EMERGENCY ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Free Cash Account #25-440-145-3590 to account entitled O&M Emergency Account #25-440-800-6067, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

**Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 11.
Sufficient information has not been presented to the Finance Committee.
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ARTICLE 12. MAJOR EQUIPMENT REPAIR/REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Sewer Free Cash Account #25-440-145-3590 to the account entitled "Major Equipment Repair/Replacement Account" #25-440-800-6069, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 12.

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 13. TRANSFER WORKERS COMP & LIABILITY FUNDS TO THE RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$34,263) to reimburse the Reserve Fund for Workers' Comp expenses and the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$1,946) to reimburse the Reserve Fund for Liability coverage on the new Police Station and One Grafton Common, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13.

This article allows the reimbursement of funds to the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 14. LAKE RIPPLE DAM

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Forty-two thousand Dollars (\$42,000), or any other sum, for three inspections and a follow up report for the Lake Ripple Dam, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14.

Not only is the safety of the citizens of Grafton paramount, the State has mandated the complete evaluation of its dams. Any town found not in compliance with the inspections face substantial fines.

ARTICLE 15. APPROPRIATE INSURANCE PROCEEDS – SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Insurance Proceeds in the amount of Thirty-eight Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars and Forty-nine Cents (\$38,301.49), or any other sum, for repairs at the High School for water damages to be expended by the School Department under MGL c44, s53, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: School Committee

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15.

This article allows for designation of the specified insurance proceeds for repair of the water damage at the High School.

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ARTICLE 16. NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY – BUILDING REPAIRS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$11,230), or any other sum, from Account #1-800-6650-6043 Roof Replacement to Nelson Library Account #1-800-6650-6093 Repair and Maintenance to be used for building repairs, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Trustees Nelson Memorial Park and Library

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 16.

This article will allow the Nelson Library to transfer funds from a roof repair project that came in under budget. These funds will now be used for necessary repair and maintenance.

ARTICLE 17. TRANSFER FUNDS FOR LIBRARY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-six Dollars and Eighty-six Cents (\$556.86), or any other sum, from Account #1-610-1-5115 Library salaries to Account #1-610-2-5300 Library Professional & Technical, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Library Trustees

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 17.

This transfer will allow for custodial service provided by a contract service due to the long term absence of the regular custodian.

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 23rd day of April in the year of our lord Two thousand Eight.