

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2010

MINUTES

The Semi Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, October 18, 2010 in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Auditorium of the Grafton Memorial Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator Roger R. Trahan, Jr., 4 Old Upton Road, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists on which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all present. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Brook Padgett, 23 North Street, lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Trahan pointed out the emergency exits.

Town Clerk, Maureen Clark read the return of the warrant.

Mr. Trahan recognized State Representative George Peterson and advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Trahan that Town Meeting ratify his appointment of Daniel Concaugh, 53 Old Upton Road, as Deputy Moderator.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Michelle A. Drumm, 175 Providence Road to that Article 10 be moved forward in the place of Article 4.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion was made by Brook Padgett to hear any reports of officers, boards and committees as recognized.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Scott Browne, 36 South Street, read the report of the Grafton Town House Committee.

Richard McCarthy, 190 Old Westboro Road read the report of the Secondary School Building Committee.

ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY11 BUDGET

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to transfer

- \$2,697 from Town Administrator Professional & Technical to Police Chief Salary
- \$703 from Town Administrator Professional & Technical to Conservation Salaries
- \$10,000 from Town Administrator Professional & Technical to Town Administrator salaries
- \$1,200 from Town Administrator Professional & Technical to Town Clerk Professional & Technical
- \$2,500 from Temporary Staff Expenses – Temporary Staff Salaries

Furthermore I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate

- \$18,500 to the Economic Development Commission Professional & Technical line item, and
- \$80,000 for the Unemployment Trust Fund.

for the purpose of adjusting the FY11 Budget and balance line items within certain accounts.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars and Fifty-nine cents (\$8,790.59) to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year:

Street Lights	National Grid	\$ 905.94
Municipal Center	Belmont Springs	59.37
Municipal Center	ZEP Sales & Service	319.41
GIS/MIS	The Suburban Group	4,803.78
Nelson Library	National Grid	212.95
Historic District Comm.	The Grafton News	30.00
South Grafton Community House	National Grid	185.54
Dept. of Public Works	Mid-State Int'l Trucks	1,575.84
Wiring Inspector Mileage	Stephen French	81.00
Health Insurance	EBS Foran Ins. & Advisory	233.26
Recreation Commission	American Red Cross	383.50

And, to transfer from the Sewer Department Account #25.800.6440.6073 Bar Screen Replacement, the sum of Six Thousand Sixty Dollars (\$6,060.00) to pay the following bill incurred in a prior fiscal year:

Sewer Department	Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	6,060.00
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For the purpose of balancing the FY11 Budget by balancing line items within certain accounts.

David Libbey, 44 George Hill Road advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and recommends passage of this article.

The Moderator declared the motion, which required a 4/5 vote, carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. WRTA SENIOR VAN FUNDING

Upon motion of Michelle Drumm, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Elder Transportation Revolving Account for the purpose of supporting elder transportation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. INSURANCE PROCEEDS OVER \$20,000

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to appropriate receipts received from the May 24, 2009 hail damage insurance claim totaling Two Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars (\$289,857.00) for the purpose of repairing town owned buildings damaged by the storm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Upon motion of John Bechard, 3 Countryside Road, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for professional design services for the construction/renovation of the Department of Public Works Facility to be located on Town-owned land at 27 Upton Street (current site of the DPW facility) including feasibility study, architectural services, engineering services and other professional services including the preparations of plans and specifications associated with the construction/renovation with a Department of Public Works Facility

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. LIBRARY TRUSTEES – APPLY FOR GRANT

Upon motion of Judith Meichelbeck, 44 Fay Mountain Road, it was voted to authorize the Grafton Public Library Trustees to apply for any state, federal or private grant funds which might be available to defray the cost of the design, construction and equipping of an expanded or new Grafton Public Library and to authorize the Library Trustees and/or a Library Building Committee to accept and expend any funds when received without further appropriation.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the motion by removing the words “or new” after the word “expanded”.

The Moderator declared the motion to amend Article 6 as defeated.

The Moderator then declared the main motion on Article 6 as carried by the required majority.

ARTICLE 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT

Upon motion of David Ross it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to the Fire Department Retirement Account.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. ACCEPT CH 32B, SEC. 20 TO ESTABLISH OPEB TRUST FUND

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to accept Section 20 of Chapter 32B relative to the creation of a municipal trust fund for the purposes of funding Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB).

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 9. LAKE RIPPLE DREDGING

Upon motion of Mary Ann Cotton, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) for purposes of Dredging Lake Ripple.

David Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and recommends passage of this article in the amount of \$27,000.00

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. CPC – AMEND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – PELL FARM

Upon motion of Ken Holberger, 47 Old Upton Road, it was voted to rescind Forty-five Thousand Dollars of the Borrowing Authorization of the purchase of the Pell Farm property under Article #24 of the October 20, 2008 Town Meeting.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. CPC - FUND FOR CPA PURPOSES

Upon motion of Ken Holberger, it was voted to reserve the sum of Ninety-four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$94,295.00) from the FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2011 Community Preservation Fund purposes.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. CPC - AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, 19 Brielle Road, it was voted to reserve the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$38,316.00) from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Affordable Housing.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. CPC - OPEN SPACE RESERVE

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to reserve the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$38,316.00) from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues to Open Space.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 15. CPC - HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE

Upon motion of John Stephens, 17 Millbury Street, it was voted to reserve the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Three Hundred sixteen Dollars (\$38,316.00) from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Preservation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 16. CPC - PELL FARM BOND PAYMENT

Upon motion of John Stephens, it was voted to transfer from the Open Space Reserve the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$38,316.00) and from the Reserve for CPC Purposes the sum of Forty-one Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$41,596.00) for a total of Seventy-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$79,912.00) for the purpose of making the second year interest and principal payments on the \$1.2 Million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm Property.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 17 CPC – MILL VILLAGES PARK

Upon motion of Ken Holberger, it was voted to transfer the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$38,964.00) from the CPC Undesignated Fund Balance and Thirty-Six Thousand Thirty-six Dollars (\$36,036.00) from the reserve for CPC purposes for a total of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purposes of creating the Mill Villages Park as requested by the Fisherville and Farnumsville Streetscape Committee, with such funds to be expended only after any outside grant funds and with such approval to expire on June 30, 2012

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 18. CPC – DOCUMENT CONSERVATION AND STORAGE

Upon motion of Paul Scarlett, 47 Carroll Road, it was voted to transfer from the Historic Preservation Reserve the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purposes of conserving historic maps, plans, newspapers as requested by the Grafton Historical Society with such funds to be expended only after any outside grant funds and with such approval to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 19. STRETCH ENERGY CODE

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 20. BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND

Upon motion of Peter Adams, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 21 . MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Upon motion of Christopher LeMay, it was voted to raise and appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund.

David Libbey advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered this Article and supports passage in the amount of \$150,000.00.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 22. DONATION OF LAND – MAGILL ASSOCIATES, INC.

Upon Motion of David Ross, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from John H. Magill and Magill Associates, Inc. a donation of the land situated at 129 North Street in Grafton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, (Grafton Assessor's Map Parcel 38-0-12) containing approximately 1.5 acres.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 23. ACCEPT ROADWAYS KNOWN AS CORTLAND WAY, WHITE BIRCH LANE, AUTUMN HARVEST COURT AND CIDER MILL LANE

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to pass over this article.

Brook Padgett read the report of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 24. ACCEPT ROADWAYS KNOWN AS APPALOOSA DRIVE, BRIDLE RIDGE DRIVE, MORGAN DRIVE AND SADDLE HILL CIRCLE

Upon motion of Kristen Nyren, 10 Stoneybrook Road, it was voted to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Appaloosa Drive, Bridle Ridge Drive, Morgan Drive and Saddle Hill Circle in the North Grafton Estates I and II subdivision.

Mary Ann Cotton read the report of the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 8:49 pm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A true copy,
Attest:

Maureen A. Clark, Town Clerk

