

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FALL OCTOBER, 2010

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 Eighteenth Day of October AD, 2010 at Seven Thirty O'clock PM to act on the following articles, to wit:-

ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

To see if the Town will hear any reports of officers, boards and committees as recognized, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY11 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of adjusting the FY11 Budget and balance line items within certain accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 3. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

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

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 4. INSURANCE PROCEEDS OVER \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate receipts received from an insurance claim totaling a sum of money related to the hail damage of May 24, 2009 for the proposed fixing of damage caused by the hail storm, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 5. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money 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; or to take any other action relation thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 6. LIBRARY TRUSTEES – APPLY FOR GRANT

To see if the Town will vote 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 such funds when received without further appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Library Trustees

ARTICLE 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Fire Department Retirement Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

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

To see if the Town will vote 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), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9. LAKE RIPPLE DREDGING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for purposes of Dredging Lake Ripple, or to take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 10. WRTA SENIOR VAN FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Elder Transportation Revolving Account for the purpose of supporting elder transportation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Council On Aging

ARTICLE 11. CPC – AMEND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – PELL FARM

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Borrowing Authorization to purchase the Pell Farm property under Article #24 of the October 30, 2008 Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 12. CPC - FUND FOR CPA PURPOSES

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2011 Community Preservation Fund purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 13. CPC - AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Affordable Housing, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 14. CPC - OPEN SPACE RESERVE

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 15. CPC - HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE

To see if the Town will vote to reserve a sum of money from FY2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY2011 Historic Preservation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 16. CPC - PELL FARM BOND PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate a sum of money 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 17 CPC – MILL VILLAGES PARK

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate a sum or money 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 18. CPC – DOCUMENT CONSERVATION AND STORAGE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate a sum of money 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 19. STRETCH ENERGY CODE

To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter 39 of the Town of Grafton General Bylaws, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 120 AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the "Stretch Energy Code", including amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Energy Committee

ARTICLE 20. BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND

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

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 21 . MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

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

To see if the Town will vote 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 1.45 acres, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

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

To see if the Town will vote to accept the roadways and associated utilities and easements known as Cortland Way, White Birch Lane, Autumn Harvest Court, Cider Mill Lane in the Cortland Manor subdivision as shown on a plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan of Cortland Way, White Birch Lane, Autumn Harvest Court, Cider Mill Lane in Grafton, MA" by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. dated September 2, 2010, as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

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

To see if the Town will vote 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, as petitioned for by more than ten (10) registered voters of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Citizen Petition

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the Town at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands the 21st day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.

BOARD OF
OF
SELECTMEN



Brook A. Padgett, Chairman

Mary Ann Cotton, Vice Chairman



Peter J. Adams, Clerk



Christopher R. LeMay



David Ross

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

September 21, 2010

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