

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 11, 2015**

MINUTES

The Special Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 in the Auditorium of the Grafton High School at 7:00 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator Raymond Mead, 217 Brigham Hill 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 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Mr. Mead advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Mr. Mead then appointed David Robbins, 92 George Hill Road, as Deputy Moderator.

Mr. Mead recognized Ginny Kremer, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, Donna Girouard, Doug Willardson, Assistant Town Administrator, and Tim McInerney, Town Administrator. Representative David Muradian was also recognized upon arrival.

Town Clerk, Donna Girouard read the return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. ADJUST FY15 BUDGET

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to transfer from available funds sums of money as printed in the warrant for the purpose of adjusting certain line items within the operating budget for FY15.

Amount:	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
\$ 6,000	Town Administrator Expenses	Legal Expenses
\$ 4,000	Veterans Personnel Services	Veterans Benefits
\$ 8,812	Assessor Personnel Services	Assessor's Expenses
\$ 4,800	Planning Board Personnel Services	Planning Board Expenses
\$ 20,000	Town Administrator Expenses	Municipal Center Expenses
\$11,850	IT Expenses	IT Personnel Services
\$13,000	Police Personnel Services	Police Expenses
\$18,000	Library Personnel Services	Library Expenses
\$ 3,210	Town Administrator Expenses	Xerox Copier Expenses

\$ 2,000	Treasurer/Collector Salaries	Board of Health Salaries
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The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. ADJUST SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND – FY15

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. BALANCE FY15 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

Upon motion of Dennis Flynn, it was voted to appropriate \$15,000.00 from Free Cash; transfer \$224,847.19 from available funds as printed in the warrant; and transfer \$138,023.23 from the Stabilization account; for the purposes of balancing the Snow & Ice Account.

1.800.6123.6164	ART 4, 5/12-HILLTOP FARMS LEGAL	158,000.00
1.800.6199.6157	ART 16, STM 5/12-DIESEL FUEL TK	25,888.65
1.800.6300.6268	ART 6, 5/12 - EXPAND SGENS PARK	553.00
1.800.6300.6283	ART 10, 5/13 - REPAIR G.M.S. ROOF	2,110.00
1.800.6420.6079	STREETSCAPE SO GRAFTON	20,352.80
1.800.6420.6137	ART 9, 10-RECON NORTH ST (MTA	11,333.50
1.800.6420.6267	ART 6, 5/12 - AIR COMPR #3	1,553.79
1.800.6420.6281	ART 18, 5/13-DPW ROADWAY IMPRO	665.60
1.800.6491.6115	ART 11, 5/14 - FERRIS ZERO STEER	1,905.85
1.800.6630.6046	ART 8,06-DOCK REPLACEMENT	2,484.00

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

ARTICLE 4. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to authorize payment of FY2014 bills from the FY2015 IT expense line as printed in the warrant.

VENDOR	COST	DEPARTMENT
Verizon	\$1,031.46	Public Works
AppGeo	\$ 90.00	Assessing

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths vote.

ARTICLE 5. TAX AGREEMENT – SUNEDISON

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax agreement with SunEdison for up to 20 years on terms and conditions substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk for the property located at 43 Estabrook Road relative to a large scale photovoltaic installation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. TAX AGREEMENT – BLUE WAVE

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax agreement with Blue Wave Capital for up to 20 years on terms and conditions substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk for the property located at 43 Estabrook Road relative to a large scale photovoltaic installation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to transfer Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) from Fire Department personnel expenses to the Fire Department Retirement account.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. ESTABLISH A SCHOOL TECH REPLACEMENT REVOLVING ACCOUNT

Upon motion of Dennis Flynn, it was voted to establish a revolving fund entitled “School Tech Replacement Revolving Fund” pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fees from the sale of surplus property, to be expended by the School Department to fund the costs of replacing tablets and laptops used for education in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 9. LIBRARY MATERIAL FEES REVOLVING FUND

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to establish a revolving fund entitled “Library Material Fees Revolving Fund: pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 ½, for the purpose of receiving material fees, to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to fund the costs of copying/printing materials in paper

and media formats, and provide visitors with tools needed to conduct their library business, with an annual expenditure not to exceed \$10,000.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 10. LAKE RIPPLE – LAND TRUST LIONS RESTORATION

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to transfer Ninety Two Thousand dollars (\$92,000.00) from Account number 1.800.6123.6164, “Hilltop Farms Legal,” created by Article 4 of the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting, to Account number 1.800.6171.5860, for the purposes of restoring the Lions Land and Trust property subsequent to the conclusion of the Lake Ripple dredging project.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to amend Article 28 of the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, pertaining to the transportation bond bill, from \$502,214, as an available source for State-Aid Highway purposes, to \$753,321.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. RESERVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to reserve two thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$2,814) from the FY2015 Community Preservation Act revenues for Affordable Housing.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. OPEN SPACE RESERVE

Upon motion of Dennis Flynn, it was voted to reserve two thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$2,814) from the FY2015 Community Preservation Act revenues for Open Space Preservation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to reserve two thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$2,814) from the FY2015 Community Preservation Act revenues for Historic Preservation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried

A true copy,
Attest,

Donna M. Girouard
Town Clerk