

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 2016**

MINUTES

The Special Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 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 and Representative David Muradian.

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

ARTICLE 1. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAW Article 2, Section 15

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to amend Article 2, Section 15 of the Grafton General By-laws by adding the following sentence to the conclusion of Section 15: "An electronic handset voting system may be used that provides to the Moderator and Town Clerk an accurate count of the yeas and nays on each question. The Moderator will announce the tally of each vote after the close of voting.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. ADJUST FY16 BUDGET

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to transfer from available funds sums of money as set forth in the warrant with the addition of transferring \$20,000 from Gasoline Expenses to Fire Department Expenses, for the purpose of adjusting certain line items within the operating budget for FY16.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$62,777 for State Aid Highway purposes as requested by the Board of Selectmen for construction, reconstruction and improvements of the Town roadways, including surface treatments and other incidental work, said sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill, so-called, and amendments thereto.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. BALANCE FY16 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

Upon motion of Dennis Flynn, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$62,777 from the Transportation Bond Bill and \$40,819.40 from the Highway Personnel line for the purpose of balancing the Snow & Ice Account.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to authorize payment of the following prior fiscal year bills from the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget:

\$4,101.25	App Geo
\$866.22	Rockwell Roofing, Inc.
\$238.25	Zee Medical Inc.
\$300.00	Lake Quinsigamond Commission

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

ARTICLE 6. ASSESSORS CYCLICAL REVALUATION

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$81,750 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Board of Assessors' cyclical revaluation of real and personal property.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. RESERVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to reserve \$4,201 from the FY2016 Community Preservation Act revenues for Affordable Housing.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. OPEN SPACE RESERVE

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to reserve \$4,201 from the FY2016 Community Preservation Act revenues for Open Space Preservation.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 9. HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE

Upon motion of Dennis Flynn, it was voted to reserve \$4,201 from the FY2016 Community Preservation Act revenues for Historic Preservation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:19 pm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried

A true copy,
Attest,

Donna M. Girouard
Town Clerk