

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 20, 2020**

MINUTES

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 on the football field of the Grafton High School at 9:00 a.m. Additional seating was available in the gymnasium of the Grafton High School for attendees with mobility issues or those who could not sit out on the field in the sun. The original date of Monday, May 11, 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19.

Upon order of the Moderator, Raymond Mead, 217 Brigham Hill Road, checkers were stationed at the basketball courts, using poll pads with which to check the names of those persons who entered. Green wristband upon checking in and informed to wear it on their right wrist to facilitate easier vote counting during the meeting.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 9:17 a.m. and welcomed all present. Town Meeting started early due to the heat and humidity from being outside.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Jennifer Thomas, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Robbins was stationed in the gymnasium to assist voters in this area.

Mr. Mead recognized Ginny Kremer, Town Counsel, and Tim McInerney, Town Administrator, Rebecca Meekins, Assistant Town Administrator and Town Clerk, Kandy Lavallee, Candidates for Town Moderator, Bruce Spinney and Daniel Concaugh. Ray also acknowledged everyone who helped in preparing for Town Meeting. Town Administrator, Tim McInerney informed all who were present that this Town Meeting was the last meeting for Mr. Mead. He spoke briefly about Ray and his dedication and service to the Town and Representative David Muradian presented Mr. Mead with a citation.

Finance Committee Chair, Mathew Often, also addressed all who were present about Secretary of the Board, Susan Fiacco, who was retiring and worked for the board since 1997. She was presented with the Finance Committee gavel and flowers.

Town Clerk, Kandy Lavallee, read the return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. HEAR REPORTS OF OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

To see if the town vote to hear reports from the Library Building Committee, the DPW Building Committee, and to accept the 2019 Annual Town Report without ratification of its contents.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move the Town vote to hear reports from the Library Building Committee, the DPW Building Committee, and to accept the 2019 Annual Town Report without ratification of its contents.

The motion was seconded.

A brief presentation was given by Andy Deschenes, member of the Library Building Committee.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. APPOINT TRUSTEE OF NELSON PARK AND MEMORIAL

To see if the Town will town vote to appoint Bridget Webber as Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial for a term of 3 years.

Submitted by: Nelson Park and Memorial Trustees

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move that the town vote to appoint Bridget Webber as Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial for a term of 3 years.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

Moderator Ray Mead also re-appointed Finance Committee members Heather McCue, Sue Robbins and Mark Haddad.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. TOWN'S SHARE OF NET OPERATING COSTS – BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$814,270 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the net operating costs of the Blackstone Valley Vocational School District for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$814,270 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the net operating costs of the Blackstone Valley Vocational School District for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,227 to fund the principal and interest cost for FY21 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$48,227 to fund the principal and interest cost for FY21 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. FY21 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,096,789, appropriate \$2,926,654 from Sewer Receipts, and transfer \$22,814 from Sewer Betterments, for a total appropriation of \$64,046,257, all as recommended by the Town Administrator and as shown in the Finance Committee's printed report for the purpose of funding the operation of the several Town Departments in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Motion was made by Selectmen Stock, to vote to raise and appropriate \$61,096,789, appropriate \$2,926,654 from Sewer Receipts, and transfer \$22,814 from Sewer Betterments, for a total appropriation of \$64,046,257, all as recommended by the Town

Administrator and as shown in the Finance Committee’s printed report for the purpose of funding the operation of the several Town Departments in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. FY21 CONTINGENT BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$863,375 to fund the following line items as shown on the screen, in the Annual Operating Budget contingent upon the successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Override for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Department	Personnel/Expenses/Equipment	Amount
Reserve Fund	Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
Police Department	Equipment	\$ 12,000.00
Fire Department	Expenses	\$ 2,400.00
Fire Department	Equipment	\$ 102,000.00
Highway	Expenses	\$ 100,000.00
MIS/GIS	Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Library	Expenses	\$ 11,000.00
Select Board	Personnel	\$ 4,000.00
Town Administrator	Personnel	\$ 1,820.00
Finance Committee	Personnel	\$ 336.00
Town Assessor	Personnel	\$ 4,499.00
Treasurer/Collector	Personnel	\$ 1,171.00
Town Clerk	Personnel	\$

		12,647.00
Conservation	Personnel	\$ 288.00
Planning	Personnel	\$ 30,915.00
ZBA	Personnel	\$ 488.00
Police	Personnel	\$ 5,426.00
Fire	Personnel	\$ 106,460.00
Building Inspector	Personnel	\$ 3,473.00
Engineering	Personnel	\$ 1,585.00
Highway	Personnel	\$ 4,173.00
Cemetery & Parks	Personnel	\$ 3,146.00
Council on Aging	Personnel	\$ 6,079.00
Library	Personnel	\$ 14,235.00
Recreation	Personnel	\$ 2,130.00
Nelson Park & Library	Personnel	\$ 17,000.00
Nelson Park & Library	Expenses	\$ 8,000.00
School Department		\$ 381,104.00

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$863,375 to fund the following line items as shown on the screen, in the Annual Operating Budget contingent upon the successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Override for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Department	Personnel/Expenses/Equipment	Amount
Reserve Fund	Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
Police Department	Equipment	\$

		12,000.00
		\$
Fire Department	Expenses	2,400.00
		\$
Fire Department	Equipment	102,000.00
		\$
Highway	Expenses	100,000.00
		\$
MIS/GIS	Expenses	2,000.00
		\$
Library	Expenses	11,000.00
		\$
Select Board	Personnel	4,000.00
		\$
Town Administrator	Personnel	1,820.00
		\$
Finance Committee	Personnel	336.00
		\$
Town Assessor	Personnel	4,499.00
		\$
Treasurer/Collector	Personnel	1,171.00
		\$
Town Clerk	Personnel	12,647.00
		\$
Conservation	Personnel	288.00
		\$
Planning	Personnel	30,915.00
		\$
ZBA	Personnel	488.00
		\$
Police	Personnel	5,426.00
		\$
Fire	Personnel	106,460.00
		\$
Building Inspector	Personnel	3,473.00
		\$
Engineering	Personnel	1,585.00
		\$
Highway	Personnel	4,173.00
		\$
Cemetery & Parks	Personnel	3,146.00
		\$
Council on Aging	Personnel	6,079.00
		\$
Library	Personnel	14,235.00

Recreation	Personnel	\$ 2,130.00
Nelson Park & Library	Personnel	\$ 17,000.00
Nelson Park & Library	Expenses	\$ 8,000.00
School Department		\$ 381,104.00

The motion was seconded.

Finance Committee Chair, Mathew Often, advised that the Finance Committee had reconsidered and now supports passage of Article 6.

A vote was taken.

The moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. FY21 GRAFTON CABLE TELEVISION BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote appropriate \$320,000 from the PEG Access Account to fund the recommended Grafton Community Television budget as recommended by the Cable Oversight Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Oversight Committee

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move that the Town vote appropriate \$320,000 from the PEG Access Account to fund the recommended Grafton Community Television budget as recommended by the Cable Oversight Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. FUND FY21 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$791,358 from free cash, \$45,000 from Sewer Receipts and transfer \$406,299 from the account shown on screen.

Account Number	Account Detail	Amount
1.800.6123.6200	Route 30 Design	\$17,464.00

1.800.6141.5859	CAMA System Upgrade	\$114.99
1.800.6171.5860	Lake Ripple Dredging	\$3,147.00
1.800.6193.6185	Municipal Center ADA Accessible Ramps	\$0.60
1.800.6193.6218	F250 Pickup Truck	\$5,627.50
1.800.6193.6219	Municipal Center ADA Accessible Ramps	\$0.74
1.800.6199.6327	Municipal Fire Alarm Design	\$18,600.00
1.800.6220.5869	5' Hose for Fire Department	\$72.00
1.800.6220.5870	6 Hydra Assist for Fire Department	\$50.00
1.800.6220.6201	3,0000 Gallon Pumper Tanker Fire Dept	\$163,694.48
1.800.6300.6269	Univent Replacement	\$71,048.25
1.800.6420.5874	Grapple Rake - DPW	\$100.00
1.800.6491.6181	Replace 2005 Pickup Truck - Cemetery	\$0.48
1.800.6300.6204	North Street Elementary School Capital Fund Revenues	\$32,401.00
1.800.6420.6050	Drainage Upgrades Engineering	\$0.13
1.800.6420.6197	Snow Plow Replacement Parts - DPW	\$8,900.00
1.800.6491.6053	Town Common Repairs - Cemetery	\$9,834.83
1.800.6610.6182	Self Check Stations – Library	\$243.00

...for a total of \$1,122,657, for the purpose of funding the FY21 Capital Expenditure Budget, **as shown on the screen**, said sum to be spent under the direction of the Select Board and Town Administrator.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$794,171 from free cash and transfer \$331,299 from the account shown on screen.

Account Number	Account Detail	Amount
1.800.6123.6200	Route 30 Design	\$17,464.00
1.800.6141.5859	CAMA System Upgrade	\$114.99
1.800.6171.5860	Lake Ripple Dredging	\$3,147.00
1.800.6193.6185	Municipal Center ADA Accessible Ramps	\$0.60
1.800.6193.6218	F250 Pickup Truck	\$5,627.50
1.800.6193.6219	Municipal Center ADA Accessible Ramps	\$0.74

1.800.6199.6327	Municipal Fire Alarm Design	\$18,600.00
1.800.6220.5869	5' Hose for Fire Department	\$72.00
1.800.6220.5870	6 Hydra Assist for Fire Department	\$50.00
1.800.6220.6201	3,0000 Gallon Pumper Tanker Fire Dept	\$163,694.48
1.800.6300.6269	Univent Replacement	\$71,048.25
1.800.6420.5874	Grapple Rake - DPW	\$100.00
1.800.6491.6181	Replace 2005 Pickup Truck - Cemetery	\$0.48
1.800.6300.6204	North Street Elementary School Capital Fund Revenues	\$32,401.00
1.800.6420.6050	Drainage Upgrades Engineering	\$0.13
1.800.6420.6197	Snow Plow Replacement Parts - DPW	\$8,900.00
1.800.6491.6053	Town Common Repairs - Cemetery	\$9,834.83
1.800.6610.6182	Self Check Stations – Library	\$243.00

...for a total of \$1,125,470, for the purpose of funding the FY21 Capital Expenditure Budget, **as shown on the screen**, said sum to be spent under the direction of the Select Board and Town Administrator.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 9. TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$497,382 for State-Aid Highway purposes, as requested by the Select Board, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill, so-called, and amendments thereto, for roadway construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments and other work incidental thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move the town vote to appropriate \$497,382 for State-Aid Highway purposes, as requested by the Select Board, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill, so-called, and amendments thereto, for roadway construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments and other work incidental thereto.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 10. AUTHORIZE BOARD TO ACCEPT & ENTER INTO CONTRACTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for construction, reconstruction, or improvements to public roads.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Stock: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for construction, reconstruction, or improvements to public roads.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. AUTHORIZE SPENDING LIMITS FOR REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the revolving funds as shown on the screen, pursuant to G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move that the Town vote to authorize the total expenditures for the revolving funds as shown on the screen, pursuant to G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved.

The motion was seconded.

A discussion ensued.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REVOLVING ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 40 of the General Bylaws to include the Recreation Department Revolving Account, with a revenue source of all fees received for Recreation Department programs and activities, to be expended at the direction of the Town Administrator for the purposes of funding Recreation Department operations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move the Town vote to amend Article 40 of the General Bylaws to include the Recreation Department Revolving Account, with a revenue source of all fees received for Recreation Department programs and activities, to be expended at the direction of the Town Administrator for the purposes of funding Recreation Department operations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to pass over article 13 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of funding the Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move the Town vote to pass over article 13 to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of funding the Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. AUTHORIZE TREASURER/COLLECTOR TO BORROW MONEY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 15. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000, said sum to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account, for the purposes of paying the Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Stock: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000, said sum to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account, for the purposes of paying the Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 16. FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FROM WRTA

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to request the funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to request the funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 17. FUNDING FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding Police Department mobile radio replacements, mobile data terminals and tasers.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$12,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding Police Department mobile radio replacements, mobile data terminals and tasers.

The motion was seconded.

Finance Committee suggested to pass over or amend the motion due to being in Article 6.

The Moderator said to take care of this in October.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated.

ARTICLE 18. FUNDUNG FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$102,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding Fire Department equipment including a Hurst Strong Arm Rescue Tool, Riple Jaw Edraulics Tools, Turnout Gear, Boots, pagers and a thermal imager.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$102,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding Fire Department equipment including a Hurst Strong Arm Rescue Tool, Riple Jaw Edraulics Tools, Turnout Gear, Boots, pagers and a thermal imager.

The motion was seconded.

Finance Committee expressed concerns about confusion with the articles and voters.

The Moderator said it will have to be corrected in October.

A discussion ensued by Town Meeting members.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 19. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 27 UPTON STREET

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to dispose of the property at 27 Upton Street, known as the DPW Garage, pursuant to MGL Ch. 30B, under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move that the Town vote to allow the Select Board to dispose of the property at 27 Upton Street, known as the DPW Garage, pursuant to MGL Ch. 30B, under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

The motion was seconded.

A discussion ensued by Town Meeting members.

A motion was made to move the question.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion to move the question carried.

A vote was taken on the original motion.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-third votes.

ARTICLE 20. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAFTON ZONING BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 12 of the Grafton Zoning Bylaws and the corresponding Use Regulation Schedule to include new language for a “Grafton Gateway”, as described in the Report of the Planning Board.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Stock: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 12 of the Grafton Zoning Bylaws and the corresponding Use Regulation Schedule to include new language for a “Grafton Gateway”, as described in the Report of the Planning Board.

The motion was seconded.

Planning Board Vice Chair, Robert Hassinger, read the Planning Board report.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-third votes.

ARTICLE 21. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY AT 93 NORTH STREET

To see if the Town of Grafton, by and through its Conservation Commission, accept a gift of land consisting of +/- 17 acres located at 93 North Street, for the purpose of passive recreation and the preservation of open space upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in a deed to be approved by the Select Board and the Conservation Commission.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move that the Town of Grafton, by and through its Conservation Commission, accept a gift of land consisting of +/- 17 acres located at 93 North Street, for the purpose of passive recreation and the preservation of open space upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in a deed to be approved by the Select Board and the Conservation Commission.

The motion was seconded.

Rob Aberg, member of the Grafton Land Trust and Helen Cheney, Conservation Chair, spoke briefly on the topic.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-third votes.

ARTICLE 22. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY AT LOTTIE DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept real estate comprising a strip of “Lottie Drive” that the original developer had inadvertently conveyed to an original purchaser of a lot on Lottie Drive.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move that the Town vote to accept real estate comprising a strip of “Lottie Drive” that the original developer had inadvertently conveyed to an original purchaser of a lot on Lottie Drive.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-third votes.

ARTICLE 23. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

To see if the Town will that the town vote to pass over article 23 to authorize the Select Board, pursuant to Article 4, Section 9, of the Town By-Laws, to sell surplus items under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move that the Town that the town vote to pass over article 23 to authorize the Select Board, pursuant to Article 4, Section 9, of the Town By-Laws, to sell surplus items under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 24. CPC-RESERVES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for its administrative expenses, community preservation projects, and other expenses in fiscal year 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY2021 estimated revenues for Community Administrative Expenses
\$24,000

Reserves:

From FY2021 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve
\$60,701
From FY2021 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve
\$60,701
From FY2021 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve
\$60,701
From FY2021 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve
\$400,905

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for its administrative expenses, community preservation projects, and other expenses in fiscal year 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY2021 estimated revenues for Community Administrative Expenses
\$24,000

Reserves:

From FY2021 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve
\$60,701
From FY2021 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve
\$60,701

From FY2021 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve
\$60,701
From FY2021 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve
\$400,905

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 25. CPC-PELL FARM BOND PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$73,150 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Account for the purpose of making the 12th of 20 interest and principal payments on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Stock: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$73,150 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Account for the purpose of making the 12th of 20 interest and principal payments on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 26. CPC- GRAFTON TOWN HOUSE BOND PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$71,550 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Historical Reserve account, for the purpose of making the 6th of 20 interest and principal payments on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the restoration of the Grafton Town House.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$71,550 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Historical Reserve account, for the purpose of making the 6th of 20 interest and principal payments on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the restoration of the Grafton Town House.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 27. CPC- INSTITUTE WOODS RECREATION TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision, set to expire on June 30, 2020, for the previously approved \$14,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to determine if a recreation trail can be developed from the North Grafton Elementary School to Institute Road, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2022.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move the Town vote to extend the sunset provision, set to expire on June 30, 2020, for the previously approved \$14,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to determine if a recreation trail can be developed from the North Grafton Elementary School to Institute Road, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2022.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 28. CPC- TOWN RECORDS RESTORATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Reserve account for the restoration of historic town records, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2024.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Reserve account for the restoration of historic town records, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2024.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 29. CPC- LIONS CLUB PROPERTY RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum \$140,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance account for labor and materials to upgrade the deteriorated roadway in the recreational facilities located at the Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2022.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum \$140,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance account for labor and materials to upgrade the deteriorated roadway in the recreational facilities located at the Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2022.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 30. CITIZEN PETITION- REACCLOCATION OF FUNDS ORIGINALLY VOTED FOR THE SO-CALLED SUPER PARK

To see if the Town will vote to pass over the article to rescind the vote taken under Article 5 of the October 19, 2015 Town Meeting that appropriated funds from Overlay Surplus for the creation of a play structure and surrounding park facility at the Perrault Property (4-6 Upton Street) and transfer the remaining funds (\$241,000) to the Capital Stabilization Fund for re-appropriation by the Town Meeting to fund a portion of the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget as proposed by the Town Administrator.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Colleen Roy: I move the Town vote to pass over the article to rescind the vote taken under Article 5 of the October 19, 2015 Town Meeting that appropriated funds from Overlay Surplus for the creation of a play structure and surrounding park facility at the Perrault Property (4-6 Upton Street) and transfer the remaining funds (\$241,000) to the Capital Stabilization Fund for re-appropriation by the Town Meeting to fund a portion of the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget as proposed by the Town Administrator.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 31. CITIZEN PETITION- REALLOCATON OF FUNDS ORGINALLY VOTED FOR THE SO-CALLED SUPER PARK

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 5 of the October 19, 2015 Town Meeting that appropriated funds from Overlay Surplus for the creation of a play structure and surrounding park facility at the Perrault Property (4-6 Upton Street) and transfer the remaining funds (\$241,000) to the Municipal Capital Stabilization (account 84.131.626.4971).

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Colleen Roy: I move the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 5 of the October 19, 2015 Town Meeting that appropriated funds from Overlay Surplus for the creation of a play structure and surrounding park facility at the Perrault Property (4-6 Upton Street) and transfer the remaining funds (\$241,000) to the Municipal Capital Stabilization (account 84.131.626.4971).

The motion was seconded.

Lead Petitioner, Colleen Roy, and Recreation Director, Jen Anderson, gave brief presentations on the topic.

The Finance Committee noted that this would reduce free cash/stabilization if passed and we are most likely looking at reduced state aid. It would be ideal to use CPC funds.

A discussion ensued between Town Meeting members.

A motion was made to move the question.

The Moderator declared the motion to move the question carried.

A vote was taken on the original motion.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 32. CITIZEN PETITION- DISTRIBUTION OF SUPER PARK MONEY

To see if the Town will vote to pass over the article to direct the Recreation Commission to abandon their plan for the so-called Super Park proposed for the site to the rear of the center library and expend the funds to expand and improve the parks known as Nelson Park, Norcross Park, and Ferry Street.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Lydia Bogar: I move the Town vote to pass over the article to direct the Recreation Commission to abandon their plan for the so-called Super Park proposed for the site to the rear of the center library and expend the funds to expand and improve the parks known as Nelson Park, Norcross Park, and Ferry Street.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 33. CPC-SUPERPARK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$250,000 from FY2021 Budgeted Reserve to complete Phase I of the Super Park project, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2022.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Stock: I move the Town vote to appropriate \$250,000 from FY2021 Budgeted Reserve to complete Phase I of the Super Park project, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2022.

The motion was seconded.

Recreation Director, Jen Anderson, spoke on the topic.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made to move the question.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A vote was taken on the original motion.

The Moderator declared the motion was defeated.

ARTICLE 34. CPC-SUPERPARK BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow, with the authorization of the Town Treasurer and under the control of the Select Board, \$700,000, over ten years, to complete Phase I of the Super Park project.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move the Town vote to appropriate and borrow, with the authorization of the Town Treasurer and under the control of the Select Board, \$700,000, over ten years, to complete Phase I of the Super Park project.
The motion was seconded.

Robert Hassinger, Chairman of the Planning Board, read the Planning Board's Report.

A vote was taken.

A discussion ensued between Town Meeting members.

A motion was made to move the question.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A vote was taken on the original motion.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated by the required two-thirds votes.

ARTICLE 35. CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$36,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Accounts as detailed on the screen, for the purpose of funding cemetery operations.

Account Number	Amount	Purpose
Riverside: 84.491.552.1	\$12,000	Brush Mower & Operations
Fairview: 84.491.553.1	\$12,000	Brush Mower & Operations
Pinegrove: 84.491.554.1	\$12,000	Brush Mower & Operations

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen DeFazio: I move the Town vote to appropriate \$36,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Accounts as detailed on the screen, for the purpose of funding cemetery operations.

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Pinegrove: 84.491.554.1	\$12,000	Brush Mower & Operations

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 36. FIRE HYDRANTS- GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrants from the Grafton Water District:

- #697 4 Hitchings Road
- #698 4 Logan Road
- #699 14 Logan Road
- #700 15 Hilltop Street
- #701 34 Kay Circle

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move the Town vote to accept the following hydrants from the Grafton Water District:

- #697 4 Hitchings Road
- #698 4 Logan Road
- #699 14 Logan Road
- #700 15 Hilltop Street
- #701 34 Kay Circle

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 37. FIRE HYDRANTS- SOUTH GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrants from the South Grafton Water District:

- #122 Deroiser Landing

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Prisby: I move the Town vote to accept the following hydrants from the South Grafton Water District:

- #122 Deroiser Landing

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 38. CITIZENS PETITION – SCHEDULING TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to pass over the article to schedule the Annual Town Meetings to Saturdays, rather than weeknights, starting with Saturday, October 3, 2020.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Lydia Bogar: I move the Town vote to pass over the article to schedule the Annual Town Meetings to Saturdays, rather than weeknights, starting with Saturday, October 3, 2020.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 39. CITIZENS PETITION – LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

To see if the Town will vote amend Article 39 of the General Bylaws to limit the number of recreational marijuana retail establishments as follows:

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LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

Section 1. Purpose

M.G.L. c. 94G does not require a ballot vote of the voters to approve any limitation on the number of recreational marijuana establishments that is at or above the number of medical marijuana treatment centers registered to operate in the municipality, or equal to or greater than 20% of the licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Currently there is one (1) medical marijuana treatment

center registered to operate in Grafton, and six (6) licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in Grafton.

Section 2. Limitation

The number of Recreational Marijuana Retailers (RMR's) that shall be permitted in Grafton is limited to ~~20%~~ 50% of the number of licenses issued within the Town under section 15 of chapter 138 for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Bruce Spinney: I move the Town vote amend Article 39 of the General Bylaws to limit the number of recreational marijuana retail establishments as follows:

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LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

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Section 2. Limitation

The number of Recreational Marijuana Retailers (RMR's) that shall be permitted in Grafton is limited to ~~20%~~ 50% of the number of licenses issued within the Town under section 15 of chapter 138 for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold.

The motion was seconded.

Planning Board Member, Justin Wood, read the Planning Board Report.

A discussion ensued by Town Meeting members.

John Hall made an amended motion to add to the end of article 39, no more than two RMR's shall be allowed in any one section of town as defined by postal code.

The Moderator stated this would be a substitute motion and declared the motion out of order.

A motion was made to move the question.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion to move the question carried.

A vote was taken on the original motion.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 40. CITIZENS PETITION – ROAD ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to pass over the article to accept the road known as High Point Drive and associated easements, recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 850, Plan 64.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Selectmen Carlson: I move the Town vote to pass over the article to accept the road known as High Point Drive and associated easements, recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 850, Plan 64.

The motion was seconded.

The Moderator declared the petition out of order.

ARTICLE 41. CITIZENS PETITION – 25 WORCESTER STREET

To see if the Town will vote to convey 25 Worcester Street, Grafton, Massachusetts to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust for nominal consideration for the purpose of constructing senior (age 55 and over) affordable housing.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

MOTION by Edward Prisby: I move the Town vote to convey 25 Worcester Street, Grafton, Massachusetts to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust for nominal consideration for the purpose of constructing senior (age 55 and over) affordable housing.

The motion was seconded.

A discussion ensued.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two thirds votes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 pm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried and declared the meeting adjourned.

A true copy,
Attest,

Kandy L. Lavallee
Town Clerk

