

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 14, 2018
WARRANT**

Worcester, ss:

To Any 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 Grafton High School Auditorium at the Grafton High School on Monday, the Fourteenth Day of May, 2018 at Seven O'clock PM (7:00PM) and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. ADJUST FY18 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available sources a sum of money for the purpose of adjusting certain line items within the operating budget for FY18, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 1.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 as written in the amount of \$48,100.00. This article funds the shortfalls in the FY18 budget by transferring unspent funds from various departments in the amount of \$17,600.00 through the use of the Overlay Surplus Account in the amount of \$30,500.00 and the use of Free Cash in the amount of \$30,658.71.

TO TRANSFER:

<i>Amount</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
\$ 12,000.00	Police Administrative Personnel Salaries 1.210.1.5113	Police Building Repair Maintenance 1.210.2.5250
\$ 4,000.00	Overlay Surplus Account	Human Resources Temporary Staff Services
\$ 6,500.00	Overlay Surplus Account	Unclassified: Town Insurance
\$ 6,000.00	Overlay Surplus Account	Zoning Board of Appeals Personnel
\$ 4,000.00	Overlay Surplus Account	Human Resources Personnel
\$ 10,000.00	Overlay Surplus Account	MIS GIS Expenses
\$ 2,000.00	DPW Expenses	Conservation Personnel
\$ 30,658.71	Free Cash	Destination Imagination
\$ 3,600.00	Town Clerk Personnel	Municipal Expenses

ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY18 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available sources for the purposes of balancing the Snow & Ice Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 2.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2 in the amount of \$300,000.00.

This article covers the deficit spending in the FY18 Snow and Ice Account. The transfer of funds from the Overlay Surplus Account will balance the Snow and Ice Salaries Account and the Snow and Ice Expenses Account.

ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of any prior fiscal year bills from available sources or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 3.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 in the amount of \$277.03.

This article allows payment of this bill through the School Choice Account.

ARTICLE 4. FUND FY18 UNEMPLOYMENT LIABILITY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds for the purposes of funding the Town's FY18 Unemployment Liability, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 4.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 in the amount of \$10,500.00

This article funds the shortfall from the Overlay Surplus Account to balance the Unemployment Insurance Account for FY18.

ARTICLE 5. SICK AND VACATION BUYBACK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available sources, to fund the accumulated sick and vacation leave buyback for retiring employees pursuant to the Town By-Laws and/or collective bargaining agreements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 5.

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 5 as written.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on Town Meeting floor.

There are no retiring employees at this time.

ARTICLE 6. ASSESSORS VISION SYSTEM CONVERSION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available sources, to fund the Assessors conversion from Version 6.5 to Version 8 of Vision, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 6.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 in the amount of \$9,000.00

This article allows for the latest Conversion upgrade in the Assessor's Office with the Overlay Surplus Account as its funding source.

ARTICLE 7. SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 20 BLANCHARD ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the sale of real property located at 20 Blanchard Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 88 Lot161A, at the abutters request, for a sum of money not less than \$500, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 7.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 as written.

This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the sale of this property.

ARTICLE 8. TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY AT 53 MILLBURY STREET

Millbury Street, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 73 Lot 34, to the Affordable Housing Trust for a sum of money, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 8.

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 8 as written.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 9. PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 20 CREEPER HILL ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise the Town's right of first refusal under MGL ch.61A §14 for the purchase of real property located at 20 Creeper Hill Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 2, and 18 Creeper Hill Road, -identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 24 and Map 10 Lot 24A, to be used and developed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interests of the Town, for a sum of money not less than \$350,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 9.

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 9.

This article draws down the Town's reserves and provides no clear future plan for the use of the land.

ARTICLE 10. PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 73R OLD WESTBORO ROAD To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise the Town's right of first refusal under MGL ch.61A §14 for the purchase of real property located at 73 Rear Old Westboro Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 39 Lot 4.A, to be used and developed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interest of the Town, for a sum of money not less than \$1,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 10.

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 10 as written.

Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over on Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 11. INCREASE REVOLVING ACCOUNT SPENDING LIMIT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8 of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting and increase the Board of Health Vaccine Administration revolving account spending limit for FY18 from \$10,000 to \$20,000 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 11.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11 as written.

This article increases the Board of Health's revolving account to better accommodate their Health Vaccine Program.

ARTICLE 12. CPC – AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 12.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12 as written in the amount of \$884.44. This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Affordable Housing purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

ARTICLE 13. CPC – HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 13.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13 as written in the amount of \$884.44. This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Historic Preservation purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

ARTICLE 14. CPC – OPEN SPACE RESERVE ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 14.

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14 as written in the amount of \$884.44. This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Open Space Preservation purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

NOTES


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 this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

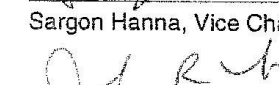
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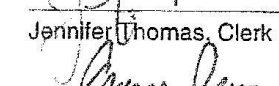
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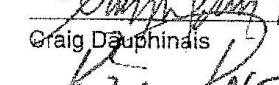
Sargon Hanna, Vice Chairman



Jennifer Thomas, Clerk



Craig Dauphinais



Brook Padgett

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

April 12, 2018

I have complied with the requirements of the above Warrant and with the Town of Grafton By-Laws by posting an attest copy of the Warrant in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the town on the above date.



Constable of Grafton