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**Subject: Request to be added to next Select Board Agenda**

Dear Grafton Select Board

On Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> I received an email from the Town Clerk notifying me that my citizens' petition Reallocation of Funds Originally Voted for the So-Called Super Park had been certified. On April 14<sup>th</sup> the Select Board reviewed the first draft of the warrant provided by the Town Administrator. At this meeting it was identified that the petition was missing one word, municipal. The petition refers to the Capital Stabilization fund while the full name is Municipal Capital Stabilization fund. Because of this clerical error the entire article was now called into question. Rather than recommending amending this slight error on Town Meeting floor the Moderator instructed the petitioner to re-write and re-collect 10 signatures. The Moderator recommended against amending the petition on Town Meeting floor citing that all 10 original signers' attendance would be required at Town Meeting to confirm they agree to the proposed amendment. Adding the word municipal would stay true to the four corners of the original article so I am unclear why the original signers would be required to attend Town Meeting for such a minor amendment.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> I received a letter from the Town Administrator notifying me that it had been determined my petition needed to be modified and resubmitted. The letter did not give any detail on what needed to be modified or whether or not the re-submission required new signatures as had been mentioned in the April 14<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting. I emailed the Moderator for further clarification and was told that only the account name would need to be changed, but he did not indicate what the correct account name would be. I then emailed the Town Administrator informing him I had reached out to the Moderator and explained I was seeking further clarification from the TA whether or not I should include the account number to prevent further confusion. The Town Administrator responded with "It depends on Ray I'm not sure what the right answer is". To which I responded directly asking the TA for the correct account number.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> the Select Board reviewed the second draft of the warrant provided by the Town Administrator. The petition named Reallocation of Funds Originally Voted for the So-Called Super Park had been removed completely from the warrant. The ATA stated that if the Board receives a citizens' petition related to the super park between now and May 6<sup>th</sup>, they would add it to the warrant. However, the Board did receive a certified citizens' petition which had been removed. When the Board asked the Town Administrator about why the petition been removed the Town Administrator indicated it was due to the Moderator calling it invalid. At no time during the April 14<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting did the Moderator indicate the petition should be removed from the warrant.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> I received an email from the Moderator notifying me I would no longer need to collect signatures. I responded with a new draft of my petition for approval and asked if he had authorized for my original petition to be removed from the warrant, he had not. The Moderator is now instructing me to change my original petition with the proper wording and he would approve it. Contradicting the previous information citing that taking this action would require the original signers to be present at Town Meeting.

Based on all these actions I feel as though my petition has been specifically targeted and I have been given misleading information on how to proceed. I would also like to address the legalities of removing my petition from the warrant. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws C. 39 § 10 "The selectmen shall insert in the warrant for the annual meeting all subjects the insertion of which shall be requested of them in writing by ten or more registered voters of the town" removing my petition violates this law. Furthermore, in Town Meeting Time it states "no action at town meeting is valid unless the subject matter is contained in the warrant. This requirement does not mean that the warrant must contain verbatim the language of the votes to be taken, but the warrant must contain sufficient description of what is proposed so as to constitute an adequate warning to all the inhabitants of the town." Again, begging the question, why it was removed in the first place for missing one word?

I am requesting this matter be put on the next Select Board agenda to discuss what has transpired and to include this letter in the Select Board meeting packet as an agenda item.

Thank you  
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