

TOWN OF GRAFTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT



SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021
GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL
OUTSIDE AT THE RICHARD EGSEGAN
MEMORIAL ATHLETIC FIELD

2021 Grafton Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda

A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, several articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If one or more voter's object to any particular article being included in the Consent Agenda, they say "hold" in a loud voice when the number is called. The article will be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the Warrant, to be debated and voted under the usual manner. After the calling of the Individual items in the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will ask for a motion that the voters pass all items AS A UNIT with one vote. Use of the Consent agenda make the Town Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items, thereby allowing more time for discussion where genuine concern exists.

The Consent Agenda below will be taken up before Article 1 at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday Jun 5, 2021.

Please review the list of articles and motions proposed for each Consent Item which follows.

Motion: I move that the Town vote act upon Article 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and that they be "passed by consent."

Glossary of Terms

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the Spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the CPA in 2001. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Grafton has voted 1.5%) on property tax bill which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. These funds are managed by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The Committee has two important functions: to evaluate community needs in the areas for which CPA funding can be used, and to make recommendations to Town Meeting for the use of CPA funds.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principle to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Free Cash: The portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather the approximate total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash." The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

MS4 Permit: A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4, Permit relates to a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets, and underground pipes, which gather stormwater and discharges it into local streams and rivers.

PARC Grant: The Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant was established to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. These grants can be used by municipalities to acquire parkland, build a new park, or to renovate an existing park.

21E Report: M.G.L. c.21E, or the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention Act, is a statute encompassing issues related to the identification and cleanup of property contaminated by materials that are hazardous to the environment. A 21E report or study makes an assessment on a parcel of land to determine if it has been contaminated in anyway.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – June 5, 2021
WARRANT**

Worcester, SS.

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

GREETINGS:

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 on/in the Grafton High School Football Field at the Grafton High School on Saturday, the 5th Day of June 2021 (rain date on Sunday, the 6th day of June 2021) at Eleven Thirty AM (11:30 AM) and act on the following articles, to wit:

***ARTICLE 1: (Consent Agenda)**

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 2: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Nelson Park and Memorial Trustees

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 3: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the recreation department to apply for the PARC Grant, which would reimburse a sum of money into Community Preservation Funds for the ADA parks improvement projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Recreation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 4: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money 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 to the above, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 5: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 6: (Consent Agenda)**

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 revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 7: (Consent Agenda)**

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 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY2022 estimated revenues for Community Preservation Administrative Expenses
\$24,000

Reserves:

From FY2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$69,824
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve	\$69,824
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$69,824
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$322,665

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 8: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 40 of the General By-Laws 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, 2021 and subsequent years, or take any other active relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 9: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved:

Board/Department/Officer authorized to expend:	Revenue Source and Maximum Expenditure	Funds may be expended only for:	FISCAL YEARS
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Town Administrator	Rent and Utilities \$200,000	One Grafton Common maintenance	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	State and Federal Grants \$10,000	Staff Development Workshops	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Tuition Payments \$200,000	Early Childhood Programs	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Out of district fees \$200,000	Out of district transportation	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Sale of Surplus \$200,000	Education Tablets & Laptops	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Rental Revolving Fund \$50,000	Maintenance of school facilities	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Extended Services Revolving Fund \$50,000	Programs outside of the school day or year	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Ridership fees \$35,000	Elder Bus Transportation	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Filing Fees \$25,000	Expenses related to duties	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Fire Department	Inspection Fees \$10,000	Fire Sprinkler System Review	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Medicare Part 855B \$20,000	Vaccine Administration	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Community Nursing Gift Account \$5,000	CPR and Sharps Containers	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Tufts Biomedical Inspections \$10,000	Inspections at Tufts University	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Septic Plan Review \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Septic Plan Review	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Soil Testing \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Soil Testing	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Well Review \$5,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Well Review	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years

South Grafton Community House	Rental fees \$20,000	Maintenance and upkeep	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Library	Lost Book fees \$5,000	Replacement of materials	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Program Fees \$35,000	Program Funding	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Storm Water Bylaw \$10,000	Expenses for Administration	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Library	User fees \$10,000	Replenishing materials	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Recreation	Program and Activity Fees \$20,000	Department Operations	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 10: (Consent Agenda)**

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, 2021, through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***ARTICLE 11: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer and appropriate any sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as outlined in Appendix A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to borrow funds for the replacement of Engine 1 in the Grafton Fire Department as outlined in Appendix B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator/CIPC

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,281,000) toward a program of lease payments on capital items, purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated in Appendix B, and to meet said appropriation, transfer Seven Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$781,000.00) of certified free cash and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator/CIPC

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for its net operating and capital assessment by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, which is inclusive of the \$46,424.00 of Proposition 2 ½ exempted funds to be applied against debt service associated with Grafton's previously voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the principal and interest costs for FY22 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account, for the purposes of paying Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to sell a parcel of land located at 127 Old Westborough Road for the current fair market value, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money to fund the Grafton Community Television budget as recommended by the Cable Oversight Committee in the amount of Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents \$335,000.00 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Oversight Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer funds in the amount of \$79,000.00 from the Cable Project Account for the purpose of paying debt service or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 21:

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

- #709 Worcester Street at #86

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 22:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to account entitled "Plant Upgrade/Expansion", or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account entitled "Inflow & Infiltration Inspection and Repair", or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the account entitled "Major Equipment Repair/Replacement", or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of real estate comprising a parcel of land known and numbered 59 Pleasant Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Administrator and the School Committee to enter into contracts for goods and services for such a period of time as the Town Administrator or School Committee may determine, which may be longer than three years but not more than 10 years, except as provided by law, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$66,500.00) from the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Estimated Revenue for the purpose of making the thirteenth of twenty (13th of 20) interest and principal payments on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 28:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$75,600.00) from the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Estimated Revenue for the purpose of making the seventh of twenty (7th of 20) interest and principal payments on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the restoration of the Grafton Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 29:

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2021, for the previously approved forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) in Community Preservation Act Funds to create interior plans, drawings, and architectural specifications for the interior restoration of the Cisco Homestead located on the Nipmuc Reservation, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 30:

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2021, for the previously approved forty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500.00) for design and engineering work to determine costs for recreational upgrades (deteriorated road, parking design, ADA compliant restroom facilities, boat dock) at Grafton Lions Club Dauphinis Park, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 31:

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2021, for the previously approved ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to restore the 1848 Howard and Davis Scale and Cabinet and then to be displayed in an agreed upon public location, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 32:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars (\$175,835.00) from the Community Preservation Act FY2022 Budgeted Reserve for the addition of outdoor bathrooms for public use, including a septic system at Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2023 unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 33:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund for scientific field investigation of aquatic alien invasive weed infestation and contaminants of Flint and Hovey Ponds and the portion of the Quinsigamond River connecting them with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2023 unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 34:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund for the engineering site work and landscape design to establish a community park at the location of Whitney Park, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2023 unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 35:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Grafton Stormwater Management Bylaw to comply with the requirements of the MS4 permit, by repealing the following sections and replacing them with the new wording as provided below, and further that the Town authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering and numbering of the Town of Grafton Stormwater Management Bylaw to be consistent with said Bylaw.

Repeal Section 1: Purpose, and replace it with the following:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE: The Town of Grafton requires the use of Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater management practices to the maximum extent practicable and better site design to minimize stormwater related impacts within the Town. The LID practices promoted in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Regulations should be considered for use on development and redevelopment projects in the Town.

Repeal Section 2. Purpose, and replace it with the following:

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY: Excavating, grading, or other land-disturbing activity which disturbs an area of 40,000 or more square feet or a volume of earth resulting in a total quantity equal to or greater than 1,000 cubic yards, as well as projects below these thresholds that are part of a larger common plan of development that would meet or exceed these thresholds.

Add the following sub-sections to Section 3. Exceptions, and re-letter existing sub-sections as necessary.

- F. Repair or replacement of an existing roof of a single-family dwelling.
- G. Construction of any fence that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns
- H. Construction of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, sewer, electric, telephone, etc.) that will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns.
- I. Emergency repairs to stormwater management facilities or practices that pose a threat to the public health or safety or as deemed necessary by the stormwater permitting authority.
- L. Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits have been issued before the effective date of the Regulations associated with this Bylaw.

Add the following sub-section to Section 5. Administration – Permits, Determination & Conditions, and re-letter existing sub-sections as necessary.

- D. Recording. No work proposed in any application shall be undertaken until the permit issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds or the registry section of the Land Court for the district wherein the land lies if the subject land is registered land and the holder of the permit provides proof of recording to the Commission in the form of a hard copy or electronic copy of any pages containing bar code labels from the Registry.

Repeal Section 9. Certificate of Completion, and replace it with the following:

SECTION 9. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Upon the completion of the activities allowed under a Stormwater Management Permit, the applicant shall notify the Commission and request a final inspection and Certificate of Compliance. The applicant shall submit an as-built plan prepared by a professional land surveyor or registered professional engineer along with certification from a registered professional engineer that all construction has been done in accordance with the approved stormwater management plan. The issued Certificate of Compliance shall be recorded per the same instructions found in Section 5.D above.

Repeal “Land-Disturbing or Land Disturbance” and “Redevelopment” in Section 11.

Definitions, in their entirety, and replace them with the following:

“Land-Disturbing Activity or Land Disturbance” — Any activity-that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material; results in an increased amount of runoff or pollutants; measurably changes the ability of a ground surface to absorb waters; involves clearing, grubbing, and grading; or results in an alteration of drainage characteristics.

“Redevelopment” — Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition, construction, land alteration, or phased projects that disturb the ground surface, including impervious surfaces, on previously developed sites. The creation of new areas of impervious surface or new areas of land disturbance on wooded, pastured, or other non-developed portions of a site constitutes development, not redevelopment, even where such activities are part of a common plan which also involves redevelopment.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 36:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care of land at 46 Adams Road from the Select Board to the Conservation Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 37:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of real property known and numbered 4 Millennium Drive, currently owned by the Worcester Business Development Council, and to designate it as open space under the care of the Conservation Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 38:

To see if the town will vote to accept M.G.L. c.59, §5, cl. 56, which provides for a real estate exemption for taxpayers who are members of the national guard of military reservists serving on active duty outside the United States, and to provide that the fiscal exemption shall be 100% of the real estate tax, prorated for days served during the Fiscal year for which the application is being made, to be effective for two Fiscal Years beginning on July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Assessors Office

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 39:

To see if the town will vote to accept M.G.L. c.56 §5C½, providing for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under M.G.L. c.59 §5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100% of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Assessors Office

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 40:

To see if the town will vote to repeal Article 39, §2 of the Town of Grafton General By-Laws and replace it with the following:

The number of Recreational Marijuana Retailers (RMR's) that shall be permitted in Grafton is limited to 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.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Economic Development Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 41:

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to dispose of the real property at 17 & 27 Upton Street, known as the DPW Garage & Wood Barn, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30B, under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Department

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

ARTICLE 42:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 4-19, Personal Bylaw, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Grafton, by deleting Columbus Day and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples Day; by deleting the day after Thanksgiving and replacing it with Native American Heritage Day; and by adding “Juneteenth” between “Memorial Day” and “Independence Day”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 43:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 4-19 Personal Bylaw, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Grafton, by deleting Columbus Day and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples’ Day, or act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 44:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 4-19 Personal Bylaw, of the the General Bylaws of the Town of Grafton by adding the holiday Juneteenth between Memorial Day and Independence Day, to align with the Massachusetts state holiday, or act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 45:

To see if the town will vote to convey 25 Worcester St., Grafton, Massachusetts to the Town of Grafton Select Board for nominal consideration for the purpose of open space, or act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

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 _____ day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

SELECT BOARD

TOWN OF GRAFTON

Peter Carlson, Chairman

Doreen DeFazio, Vice Chairman

Colleen Roy, Clerk

Mathew Often

Edward Prisby

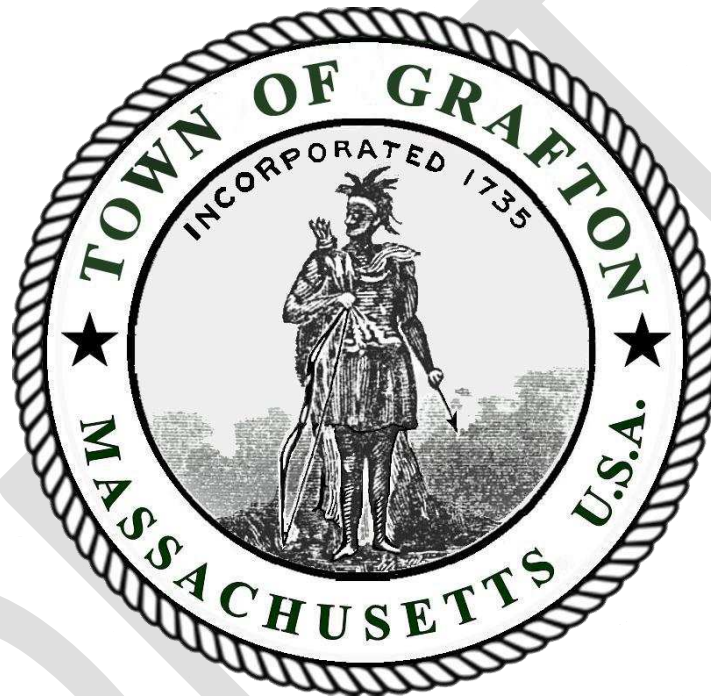
A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

May ____, 2021

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

TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT



SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021
GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL
OUTSIDE AT THE GRAFTON FOOTBALL FIELD

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – June 5, 2021
WARRANT**

Worcester, ss:

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

GREETINGS:

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 on/in the Grafton High School Football Field/Gymnasium at the Grafton High School on Saturday, the 5th Day of June, 2021 (rain date Sunday, the 6th Day of June, 2021) at Eleven AM (11:00 AM) and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1:

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

Submitted by: Finance Director

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 2:

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

- Grafton Police Department - \$103. 36 to Charter Communications

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **NINE-TENTHS**

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Permanent Personnel Wages Account to the Expense Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Recreation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and One Dollars (\$60,701.00) from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, with such funds to be used in accordance with the CPA guidelines for community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to extend the provisions of Article 20, Section 4-20, and allow for the carryover of more than ten (10) days of vacation time for employees if approved by the Town Administrator who shall have sole discretion to approve or not approve such requests based on the best interests of the Town, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, to expire June 30, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available sources for the purpose of paying outstanding Animal Control Invoices, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate funds from available sources to defray the costs associated with Grafton's Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available sources to fund the Police Expenses Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Police Department

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate funds from the Cemetery Perpetual Care - Sale of Lots Fund for the replacement Truck 28, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate funds from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account for the replacement of an F-250 Truck with a plow in the Sewer Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**



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 _____ day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

SELECT BOARD

TOWN OF GRAFTON

Peter Carlson, Chairman

Doreen DeFazio, Vice Chairman

Colleen Roy, Clerk

Mathew Often

Edward Prisby

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

May ____, 2021

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