



TOWN OF GROVELAND

2018 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Special Town Meeting: Monday, April 30, 2018

Essex, ss:

To Jeffrey T. Gillen, Chief of Police of the Town of Groveland, in the County of Essex

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special Town Meeting to meet at the **Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, 253 School Street on Monday, April 30, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

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ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the text of Section 7-51 and 7-52 of the General Bylaws by inserting the bold text and deleting the strikethrough text, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §57, as follows:

Sec. 7-51. Notice to licensing authorities The tax collector or other town official responsible for records of all town taxes, assessments, betterments and other town charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, **and may periodically**, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any town taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other town charges ~~for not less than a twelve period,~~ and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sec. 7-52. Denial, revocation or suspension of license or permit; notice to party and tax collector. The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector **or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector**; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the licensing authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all town taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other town charges, payable to the town as the date of issuance of said certificate

Article Submitted by the Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 04/30/2018 - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to reaccept the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, as amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 (the "Act"), under which the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (the "OPEB Fund"), for which the Treasurer serves as custodian of the Fund; designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the Trustee of the OPEB Fund, with all the powers and responsibilities identified under the Act and this vote; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to employ investment consultant(s), as well as outside custodial service(s) to hold the monies in the Fund, and to pay for those services from the OPEB Fund; authorize the investment of the OPEB Fund under the prudent investor rule established under G.L. c.203C; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to execute any and all documents necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and/or investment consultant(s), including but not limited to trust agreements, participation agreements, investment agreements, and administrative services agreements; and designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the "Plan Administrator", as may be necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian acting as Plan Administrator to take any other action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the vote taken hereunder; or take any other action in relation thereto
Article Submitted by the Finance Director

Note: The fund was originally established at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting; however Section 238 of the Municipal Modernization Act specifically provides that OPEB funds established before the effective date of the Act, November 7, 2016, will continue as originally established, unless the community "reaccepts said section 20 of said chapter 32B after the effective date of this act." Therefore, to operate an OPEB fund under the amended section 20, the city or town's legislative body would have to vote to reaccept MGL c. 32B, sec. 20 after November 7, 2016.

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DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 04/30/2018 - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 17 at the Annual Town meeting on April 27, 2015 under which the Town appropriated a sum of up to ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve FY-2016 to be made available for the purpose of the development of Phase 2 of a plan for the **Groveland Community Trail** to be managed by the town Finance Director and the Groveland Open Space and Trails Committee under the CPA categories of Open Space and Recreation which was to be completed no later than June 30, 2018 to extend the time for completion and for which funds may be available to June 30, 2021, or take any action relative thereto.

Article Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Note: This article will extend the original deadline of the 2015 article for three more years for the second phase of planning for the Community Trail and is being conducted to put a required plan in place to receive a MassDOT Transportation Improvement Plan grant for \$4-5 million.

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FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 04/30/2018 – MAJORITY PASSES

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 28 at the Annual Town meeting on April 29, 2013 under which the Town appropriated a sum of up to TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$24,000) from the Community Preservation Fund's Open Space set aside FY-2014 to (a) be made available for the purpose of the Conservation Restrictions on Existing Open Space Properties Project to be managed by the town Finance Director and the Groveland Conservation Commission under the CPA category of Open Space and (b) authorized the Board of Selectmen or their designee to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in said property, Lot 5-001 and portion of Lot 5-002D Wood St, Lot 52-031 and Lot 53-002A Uptack Rd and Lot 47-053A Stephenson Way, meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, §§31-33, which actions were to be completed no later than June 30, 2015 to extend the time for completion and for which funds may be available to June 30, 2021, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town or take any action relative thereto..

Article Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Note: This article will extend the original deadline of June 30, 2015 and extended to June 30, 2018 by three additional years for placing required Conservation Restrictions on three land parcels previously purchased or owned by the town.

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FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 04/30/2018 – UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to make the following transfers; or take any other action relative thereto:

TRANSFER FROM:

Selectmen

Selectmen Stipend
1001-122-51900-051 (\$1,500)

Minutes Clerk
1001-122-52002-052 (\$700)

Accounting

Accountants Salary
1001-135-51100-051 (\$6,500)

Planning

Town Planner
1001-175-51100-051 (\$35,000)

Municipal Buildings

Utilities
1001-192-53000-053 (\$8,000)

Police

Patrolmen's Salary
1001-210-51111-051 (\$69,500)

Fire

Fire Salary Drills
1001-220-51401-051 (\$5,000)

Highway

Front End Loader
1001-421-52120-052 (\$30,000)

Cemetery

Full Time Wages
1001-491-51100-051 (\$17,000)

Library

Staff Wages
1001-610-51200-051 (\$20,000) *

Unclassified

Street Lighting
1001-910-58833-058 (\$3,900)

Essex County Retirement
1001-910-58000-058 (\$3,600)

TRANSFER TO:

Finance

Education Expense
1001-133-52004-052 \$600

Accounting

Office Expense
1001-135-52000-052 \$1,400

Insurance

Property & Casualty
1001-193-57400-057 \$15,000

School

Essex Tech
1001-301-58830-058 \$12,280

Police

Sergeants Salary
1001-210-51120-051 \$69,500

Fire

Testing & Maintenance
1001-220-57001-057 \$5,000

Highway

Road Maintenance Exp
1001-421-52418-052 \$5,300

Road Machinery Exp
1001-421-52400-054 \$6,500

Snow & Ice
1001-421-52300-053 \$65,120

Cemetery

Part-time wages
1001-491-51112-051 \$5,000

Debt

Principal
1001-710-59100-057 \$12,000

Unclassified

Medicare Tax
1001-910-58831-058 \$3,000

TOTAL

(\$200,700)

* **TOTAL**

\$200,700*

Article submitted by Various Departments by Request.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS: FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 04/30/2018 - MOTION TO AMEND LIBRARY STAFF WAGES UP TO \$20,000 AND CHANGE THE TOTAL IN BOTH COLUMNS TO \$200,700

MOVE FAVORABLE ACTION ON AMENDED ARTICLE - UNANIMOUS

ABSOLVED STM 7:24PM

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And you are directed to serve this Special Town Meeting Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in said Town, one copy in each of the three parts of Town known as Savaryville, the Village, and South Groveland, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Precinct Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

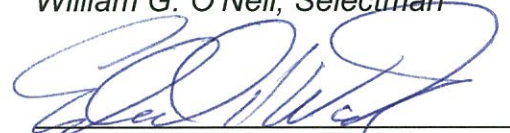


Michael N. Wood, Chairman

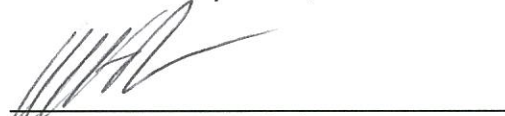


William G. O'Neil, Selectman

Lisa Dube Carpenter, Vice-Chair



Edward H. Watson, Selectman



William F. Dunn, Selectman

A true copy, attest:



Anne Brodie, Town Clerk



Jeffrey T. Gillen, Police Chief

OFFICER'S RETURN

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Groveland who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs by posting true and attested copies of this Special Town Meeting Warrant at the Town Hall, Savaryville and South Groveland. Said copies not having been posted less than **fourteen days** before the time of said meeting.



Anne Brodie, Town Clerk



Jeffrey T. Gillen, Police Chief