



Approved May 9, 2022

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022

Groveland Town Hall

183 Main Street, Groveland, MA 01834

This meeting was in-person and also broadcast live on Groveland Public Access, Channel 9, as well as through Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access.

PRESENT: Chair Edward Watson, Selectmen Jason Naves, Kathleen Kastrinelis, Bill O'Neil.
Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator

ABSENT: Selectman Dan MacDonald

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe D'Amour, was present and thanked the Board for holding the budget workshop tonight and asked for a summary of the details of how holding the Town Meeting after the ballot vote will impact the override question and how the vote in Merrimack (who is holding their Town Meeting tonight) impacts Groveland as well; this is confusing to him.

APPROVE WARRANTS:

PW # 22-43 \$184,259.10

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve Warrant PW#22-43 in the amount of \$184,259.10. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

BW # 22-43 \$765,738.77

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to approve Warrant BW #22-43 in the amount of \$765,738.77. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

22-43 BILLS WARRANT BREAKDOWN:

Town:	\$ 128,875.06
W/S:	\$ 4,829.47
Payroll Withholding:	\$ 72,525.71
Health Insurance:	\$
Light Bills:	\$ 317,494.52
Grants & Revolving:	\$ 242,014.01
Chapter 90:	\$
Pentucket Assessment:	\$
Whittier Assessment:	\$
Capital:	\$

APPROVE MINUTES:

1) April 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to table the minutes for April 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

- 2) Special Event Permit Application: Groveland Congregational Church requested to display flags surrounding the monument from May 26th through June 3rd and on May 29th hold a ceremony.
A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to approve the Special Event Permit for the Groveland Congregational Church to display flags surrounding the monument from May 26th through June 3rd and on May 29th hold a ceremony. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.
- 3) Accept the resignation of Jonathan Riopelle from the Water and Sewer Commission effective April 5, 2022.
A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to accept the resignation of Jonathan Riopelle from the Water and Sewer Commission effective April 5, 2022. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE:

- 4) Budget & Town Meeting Workshop (Votes may be taken)
- Review Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Requests
Chair Watson noted the Board has the Omnibus budget in front of them. The summary of revenues was shared with the audience. TA Oldham explained the summary report and the Board discussed the information.
The Board discussed the Omnibus budget and asked questions on some of the line items. TA Oldham talked about technology money that is in the budget. Ruth Rivard, Finance Board Chair was present and addressed the Board to discuss the Town Clerk budget; the Finance Board went with the Town Administrator recommendation on the Town Clerk budget. Chair Watson asked about the rational for giving some employees a 2% raise and others a 3%. Ruth Rivard explained the rational was meant to allow some employees to “catch up” so there is not such a wide gap. The Board discussed the Public Safety budgets. Selectman O’Neil was concerned with the fuel line which he felt was not being funded enough. The Board discussed the DPW budget. Chair Watson asked about the Tree Warden expenses which he felt were not sufficient. Ruth Rivard explained that this has been proactively increased over the last couple of years; it used to be non-existent.
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O’Neil to support the recommendations of the Finance Board and the Town Administrator as made to date. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.
 - Review Draft Town Meeting Warrant:
The Board reviewed the Warrant and read each Article.
Article 1:
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.
Article 2:
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.
Article 3:
A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.
Article 4:
A motion was moved by Selectman O’Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 5:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action with an amendment. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 6:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action with an amendment. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 7:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 8:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to dispense with the reading of the article and read the summary at the end. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Chair Watson asked if this bylaw applied to existing structures and TA Oldham replied that this would be for moving forward. Chair Watson asked to note in the article that existing structures are grandfathered in. Sam Joslin, Building Inspector joined the meeting virtually and noted that this provides guidance on how to number buildings appropriately; action could currently be taken under MGL, and we cannot grandfather anyone in because MGL will not allow anyone to opt out. Sam noted the intent is not to be the "address police" rather making sure 911 calls are answered.

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 9:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 3-0-1. Chair Watson voted against. MacDonald absent.

Chair Watson asked about Sunday and Federal Holidays prohibited and why isn't this a special permit via the BOS. Sam responded that barring an emergency most contractors try not to work on Sundays.

Article 10:

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 11:

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 12:

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 13:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 14:

Article 15:

A motion was moved by Selectman Naves and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to recommend favorable action on Article 14 and Article 15.

Motion failed by a vote of 2-0-2. Chair Watson and Selectman O'Neil voted against. MacDonald absent.

Sam Joslin provided examples to show why he proposed this bylaw change. This would allow for a tenant (caretaker) to live at a business. The Board had a number of questions and concerns about this proposed bylaw. The Planning Board voted 2 for and 1 against; there was not a full

board at the meeting. Chair Watson noted that this will go to the Town Meeting floor for the voters to decide.

Article 16: Community Preservation

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 3-1-0. Chair Watson abstained. MacDonald absent.

Article 17: Community Preservation

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 18: Community Preservation

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 3-1-0. Chair Watson abstained. MacDonald absent.

Mike Dempsey, spoke to the Board about the plan.

Article 19: Community Preservation

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 20: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 21: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 22:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 23:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 24:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 25:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 26:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 27: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 28: Free Cash - Stabilization

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 29: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 30: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action. Voted: 3-0-1. O'Neil voted against. MacDonald absent.

Article 31: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 32: Free Cash

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 33:

Article 34:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to dispense with the reading of Articles 33 and 34 and recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 35:

Article 36:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action on both Article 35 and Article 36. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 37:

Article 38:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to dispense with the reading of Article 37 and Article 38 and recommend favorable action. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 39:

A motion was moved by Selectman O'Neil and seconded by Selectman Kastrinelis to table this so as not to influence the ballot vote on May 2. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Article 40:

Article 41:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to recommend favorable action on Article 40 and Article 41. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

Selectman Kastrinelis commended TA Oldham for her work on the budget and warrant. Ruth Rivard also thanked TA Oldham adding this was a very smooth and thoughtful process.

5) Vote to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR'S TIME:

Ta Oldham reported: After a tour of Bagnall School she reported that there is termite damage at Bagnall School. TA Oldham reported on a remedy for this situation using ARPA funds.

SELECTMEN'S TIME & REPORTS:

Selectman Kastrinelis: On the tour of the Bagnall school, it was noticed that the front of the school is a mess. This will be a future agenda item.

Selectman O'Neil: thanked the Finance Board and TA Oldham for their fantastic work on the budget. Asked about crosswalks that need to be repainted. TA Oldham will work with the Highway Superintendent. Opening Day for Groveland Baseball League is this Saturday at Washington Park – Selectman Watson asked about getting this on the access channel.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OTHER ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING:

Termite Infestation at Bagnell School:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman Naves to use up to \$50,000 in American Rescue Act Funds under the guidance of the Town Administrator to eradicate the termite infestation at the Bagnall School before it becomes any worse.

Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was moved by Selectman Kastrinelis and seconded by Selectman O'Neil to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. Voted: 4-0-0. MacDonald absent.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Ingram