



# TOWN OF GROVELAND

## 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT *COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*

**Special Town Meeting: Monday, December 6, 2021**

*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 Annual Town Meeting to meet at the Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, 253 School Street, Groveland, MA on Monday, December 6, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. to act upon or take any other action relative thereto on the following Articles:

**A moment of silence was offered for the passing of Richard C. Abbott Sr. Groveland resident and former Town Clerk/Collector.**

**This page left intentionally blank**

**Special Town Meeting Opened at 7:47 PM December 6, 2021**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$32,000.00) from the Stabilization Fund Account #8500-040-35992-000; to the Personnel Buy Back Account #2410-040-49700-000; or take any other action relative thereto Article submitted by Board of Selectmen *(Requires a 2/3rds majority)*

*Note: An employee is retiring and the Town will need additional funds to buy-back accumulated sick leave.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021- Motion made to move favorable action and seconded.**

**Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) from Stabilization Fund Account #8500-040-35992-000 to the Consultant Expense Account #1001-122-54000-054 for a Consultant Treasurer; or take any other action relative thereto Article submitted by Board of Selectmen *(Requires a 2/3rds majority)*

*Note: These monies will be used to pay the treasurer consultant to help transition the new town treasurer.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS:**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021 - Motion to amend Article 2 to be presented.**

The Moderator read the article as written. Board of Selectmen member read the amended article to be presented.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 2:** I, Kathleen Kastrinelis do hereby move to amend Article 2, to remove “Consultant Expense Account 1001-122-54000-054” and to replace with “Treasurer/Collection Clerk 1001-133-51112-051”.

Amended article was moved and seconded.

Moderator requested an explanation for the amendment. Kathleen Kastrinelis spoke; The cost of the consultant is too expensive, replacing with a treasurer clerk will give support with less cost.

**Discussion:** Request made by Resident and Town Clerk, Elizabeth Cunniff not to amend the article, but to accept Article 2 as written, to fund a Consultant Treasurer. Requesting that the Board of Selectmen stand by their original decision and approved article to fund the Consultant. To finally put the Town of Groveland on the road to an efficient Treasury Department. Resident and Board of Selectmen member Daniel MacDonald supported that position not to amend the article, based on the discussion made during the hiring process of the Treasurer position in October when promises were made to support the Treasurer with a high caliber consultant allowing her to grow into the position. He has reservations on the treasurer clerk support now offered. Board of Selectmen, Kathleen Kastrinelis spoke in support of the amended article, the cost of the consultant is too great. This amendment sets up support with Treasurers from surrounding towns and offers a low level clerical support. A resident spoke asking for clarification and a cost differential of hiring an Assistant Treasurer/Collector. Kastrinelis responded that the Assistant Treasurer/Collector was already voted in the 2021 budget and this request is for a part time lower level assistance.

Simple majority required, hand count requested.

**Vote to Amend the Article, majority in favor to support the amended article.  
Vote Hand Count: In Favor 48, Opposed 32  
Amended article accepted and passes so declared the moderator.**

**AMENDED ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) from Stabilization Fund Account #8500-040-35992-000 to the Treasurer/Collection Clerk Expense Account #1001-133-51112-051 for a Treasurer Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto **Article (Requires a 2/3rds majority)**

**12/06/2021 -Vote the article as amended. A 2/3 vote required, hand count requested.  
Vote Hand Count: In favor 63 Opposed 19  
Amended Article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$6,510.00) from the Stabilization Fund Account #8500-040-35992-000 to the Public Health Nurse Salary Account #1001-511-51120-051; or take any other action relative thereto **Article submitted by the Board of Health (Requires a 2/3rds majority)**

*Note: Due to COVID-19 and the public health response the Board of Health is looking to increase the hours of the Public Health Nurse from six to twelve.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION  
FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION  
DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021-Motion to move favorable action, seconded.**

**Discussion: Resident statement requesting that the Board of Health offer reports at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Deborah Hull, Chair of the Board of Health spoke in support of the article and reported COVID cases and the loss of nursing staff over the last year. Anita Wright was recently hired as the Town Nurse and Deborah requested the town's support and funding of the additional hours.  
Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$41,168.38) from Fiscal Year 2022 Sewer Enterprise Department Retained Earning to offset the Haverhill Capital Bond Expense line item #6510-440-58000-058 funding shortfall; sum, or sums of money, to be expended by the Water and Sewer Commission, to pay for unpaid bills of the Town, from previous fiscal years, or to take any other action relative thereto **Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen (Requires a 9/10ths majority)**

*Note: Groveland Water and Sewer Department (GWSD) has an inter municipal agreement with the City of Haverhill. An invoice was not sent to Groveland in FY20 and this article is to allow GWSD to pay the bill FY20 invoice.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION  
FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION  
ACTION DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021- Motion made to move favorable action and seconded.**

**Moderator reminded town members article requires 9/10 majority.  
Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way under the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 82, as amended, Graeme Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled, “Plan of Land in Groveland, MA – Street Acceptance Plan Showing Right of Way of Graeme Way” as prepared for Esty Way Realty Trust, George Haseltine, Trustee prepared by Millennium Engineering, Inc. dated May 11, 2020 as filed in the Planning Department and the office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by such means and upon such terms and conditions as they see fit, such interests in land as are necessary to provide for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Groveland, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Article submitted by the Planning Board

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021 - Motion made to move favorable action and seconded.**

**Discussion:** Resident asked to see a map of the roadway, map not available. Current resident of Graeme Way stood in favor and declared as a current resident living on Graeme Way for the past four years, the road is great. Bob Danforth former member of the Planning Board, who voted on this article explained that this is the acceptable method of accepting roadways in Groveland and once accepted it will be added to the Town’s inventory for Chapter 90 support.

**Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way under the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 82, as amended, Atwood Lane as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled, “Street Acceptance Plan of Atwood Lane located in Groveland, Mass.” as prepared for Evergreen Real Estate Trust, Al Couillard, Trustee prepared by The Morin Cameron Group, Inc. dated March 17, 2021 as filed in the Planning Department and the office of the Town Clerk , and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by such means and upon such terms and conditions as they see fit, such interests in land as are necessary to provide for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Groveland, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Article submitted by the Planning Board

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021- Motion made to move favorable action and seconded.**

**Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$111,657) from the Stabilization Fund Account #8500-050-35992-000 to the Pentucket Supplemental Assessment line item #1001-301-57000-057; or take any other action relative thereto **Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen (Requires a 2/3rds majority)**

*Note: The removal of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 2 funds as an allowable revenue source impacted the assessment. This article proposes to supplement those funds.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**ACTION DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021 - Motion made to move favorable action and seconded. Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) from the Stabilization Fund Account #8500-040-35992-000 to make capital upgrades at Bagnall School, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto **Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen (Requires a 2/3rds majority)**

*Note: These funds will be used for the Bagnall School for the asbestos abatement work.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: 12/06/2021- Motion made to move favorable action and seconded.**

**Discussion:** Resident asked two questions, first why this project did not occur during the renovation of the school. Second, with the work scheduled at different times are the pricing costs fixed or estimated? Bob Danforth, former member of the Planning Board agreed that the asbestos removal was not considered during the renovation of the school and the prices for the asbestos removal are quotes from last year and are estimates and not fixed.

**Vote unanimous article passes so declared the moderator.**

**Motion made and seconded to dissolve the 12/06/2021 Special Town Meeting at 8:16 PM.**

**Vote unanimous so declared the moderator.**

**Thank you to all.**

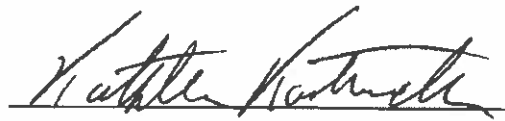
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in said Town, one copy in each of the three parts of Town known as Savaryville, the Village, and South Groveland, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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 8th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.



Edward Watson, Chair



Kathleen Kastrinelis, Vice-Chair



Daniel MacDonald, Selectman

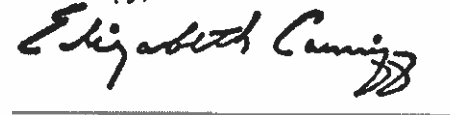


Jason Naves, Selectman



William O'Neil, Selectman

A true copy, attest:



Elizabeth Cunniff, Town Clerk



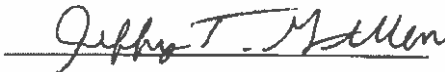
Jeffrey Gillen, Police Chief

**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 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.



Elizabeth Cunniff, Town Clerk



Jeffrey Gillen, Police Chief

TOWN OF GROVELAND  
2021 NOV 18 PM 1:14  
UNRECORDED