



# Town of Groveland MASSACHUSETTS

Board/ Committee Name: Finance Board

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 5:00

Location: Town Hall, Main Meeting Room

**Present:**

Board Members: Ruth Rivard, James Scanlon, Melissa Baker (via Zoom), Theresa Dunn, Sarah McGrath

Absent Members: Susan Yaskell

Other Attendees: Rebecca Oldham

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Finance Board was called to order at 5:00 pm by Ruth Rivard.

**Town Meeting Warrant Review:**

The Finance Board reviewed and voted on the 4/13/22 working draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, copy attached. Summary of votes as follows:

Article #	Article Subject	Motion	Motion Seconded By	Vote*
1,2	Ch 90 Funds	Jim- Recommend Favorable Action	Theresa	Yes, Unanimous
3,4,5,6	MGL Ch 98 & Revolving Funds	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
7,8,9	General Bylaw Articles, Building Inspector requests	n/a. Not Financial; no recommendation made by Finance Board	n/a	n/a
10,11	Tax Work Offs	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
12, 13	Zoning Bylaws, related to Caretakers Units	n/a. Not Financial; no recommendation made by Finance Board	n/a	n/a
14-17	Community Preservation	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
18,19	Free Cash	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
20	Funds from Groveland Electric	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
21,22	Conservation Fees Acct Transfers	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
23	Spending Limits Revolving Accts	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous

24	Transfer from Overlay Surplus	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
25-30	Free Cash Transfers	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
31,32	Bond Premiums	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
33-36	Water & Sewer	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
37	Prop 2 ½ override - PRSD assessment	Theresa- Motion to Table	Sarah	Revisit after election
38	Omnibus- Insurance line	Sarah- Recommend Favorable Action \$233,260	Theresa	Yes, Unanimous
38	Omnibus- library	Sarah- Recommend Favorable Action for \$292,210	Theresa	Yes, Unanimous
39	Omnibus- remainder	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous
39	Fix Salary and Comp	Theresa- Recommend Favorable Action	Sarah	Yes, Unanimous

\*All votes taken were roll call votes

Article 38, Insurance: The Town Administrator updated the Property & Casualty Insurance line to \$233,260. Sarah made a motion to recommend favorable action for this figure, bringing the total insurance budget to \$803,890. Theresa seconded the motion, and the roll call vote in support was unanimous.

Article 38, Library: Discussion took place regarding the Library's request for compensation adjustments related to minimum wage increases and resulting pay equity issues. Ruth felt that the Library director and Trustees made a compelling presentation at the budget hearing and considered if some of their requests could be accommodated. To fund an additional \$5,913 in Library Staff Wages, we could cut the Tree Expense budget from \$27,500 to \$20,000. Sarah made the motion to recommend favorable action for \$292,210 for the Total Library budget, which was seconded by Theresa and the affirmative roll call vote was unanimous.

#### **Review/ Accept meeting minutes:**

Theresa made a motion to accept the March 16, 2022 minutes, which was seconded by Sarah and was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **Next Meeting Date:**

Next meeting date was set for May 4 at 5pm.

#### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Sarah and seconded by Theresa. After a unanimous roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Minutes prepared by: *Ruth Rivard*

Minutes approved on: June 8, 2022

#### **Meeting Materials:**

4.13.22 working draft of Annual Town Meeting Warrant