

TOWN OF GROVELAND



WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, SS.

To Ronald C. Weeks, Chief of Police of the Town of Groveland, in the County of Essex

Town Clerk, Richard T. Sciacca, announced that a quorum had been reached of 100 qualified voters. He stated that the Moderator would not be in attendance tonight. Thus, we needed to nominate a replacement. He suggested that former moderator, May Ollson would be willing to fill in. She was nominated and voted to do so. Maya took over the meeting and went over procedure rules. Town Clerk proceeded to read the greeting. The following action took place:

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 **Bagnall School, School Street, Groveland, MA** on **Monday, June 25th, 2001 @ 7:00 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$18,521.00)** and appropriate said sum to the following Council on Aging budget line items:

Director's Salary, Line Item #01-5-541-110-14 - \$3,543.00 for salary adjustment
Senior Aides Salaries (2), Line Item #01-5-541-110-15 - \$5,259.00 for add'l hours
Outreach Worker Salary, Line Item #01-5-541-110-19 - \$4,779.00 for new position
Part Time Van Driver - Line Item #01-5-541-110-13 - \$4,940 for add'l hours

For the purpose of increasing staffing, hours, and salaries in the Council on Aging,
contingent upon approval by voters of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question to

allow the Town to levy an additional \$18,521.00 in real estate and personal property
taxes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: The approximate cost of this Warrant Article to the owner of a house assessed at
\$250,000.00 will be \$10.00 per year.

This article:

- Adjusts the Director's Salary to \$33,000
- Increases the hours of both Senior Aides from 19.5 hours per week to 25 hours per week.
- Shifts the funding for our Outreach Worker from the two year seed program Incentive Grant to the General Fund.
- Adds 9.5 hours per week to the part time Van Driver Budget

The Council on Aging is serving the increasing population of seniors and has added programs and services to meet their needs. The outreach position has been developed by a Licensed Social Worker who specifically serves the homebound and physically or mentally impaired elders in Groveland. The Director of the Council on Aging initiated through the fund raising group for the elders of Groveland, "The Graduates" grants that totaled \$34,195 for the purchase of a new handicapped accessible van. The adjustment in the director's salary is in the middle of the range recommended by the Personnel Advisory Board and voted at Annual Town Meeting.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING HIGHLY SUPPORT
THIS ARTICLE.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made to dispense with the reading and seconded. Motion was defeated. Motion made and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion. Ross L. Hodgkinson, member of the board of Council on Aging wished to speak. (he not be a voter, was allowed to do so). Ross spoke about the fact that the COA Board had placed a number of articles on the Annual Town Meeting, but that they were withdrawn from being presented to the citizens. He stated that for years the elderly of Groveland have paid their fair share of taxes and that it was now the time that they should get some services in return.

No further discussion, the Citizens voted Unanimously for favorable action.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to approve that portion of the 2001 Fiscal Year Supplemental Operating Budget of the Pentucket Regional School District, as defined in the budget document dated February 7, 1995, requiring an override; and to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$138,130.00) for the purpose of paying the town's share of the Supplemental Operating Budget assessment, contingent upon approval by voters of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question to allow the town to levy an additional \$138,130.00 in real estate and personal property taxes; or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

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ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Doreen Blades introduced a motion to amend. Motion was seconded.

Her motion would if passed would cause the town if the over-ride failed at the polls to raise the needed monies for the school by decreasing the already voted budgets of the town, which were done at the Annual Town Meeting. Action taken on the amended motion was defeated.

Motion was made and seconded for favorable action on the original article. Voted 2/3 in favor.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS and SEVENTEEN CENTS (\$6,582.17) from the Sewer Expense account #28-5-440-200 to the Haverhill Wastewater Plant account #29-5-440-201; or take any other action relative thereto.

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS and FORTY CENTS (\$19,823.40) from the Aquifer Reclamation and Restoration Account #24-3590-18 to a new account to be known as "Water Distribution System Improvements", account #24-3590-61; or take any other action relative thereto.

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FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS from the Town's Aquifer Reclamation & Restoration Account #24-3-590-18 and appropriate said sum to the town's Stabilization Account #85-3590-00; or take any other action relative thereto.

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FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted to dispense with reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Board of Selectmen leasing for twenty years, with two 5-year renewal options, and for other such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be for the best interest of the town, approximately 3,600 square feet of certain town-owned real property located in the RB residential district and shown on Assessors' Map 17, Lot 69 (1 acre site-current location of the town's water tank off King/Gardner Streets) for the purpose of constructing a Wireless Communications Facility; or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE as amended by Chairman of Board of Selectman\, Barbara Sheehan. Said amendment to read:

I, Barbara Sheehan, move that the town vote to amend Article #6 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant by adding in it's place the following Article #6: Second was made.

To see if the TOWN OF GROVELAND will vote to approve the Board of Selectman leasing for twenty years, with two 5- year renewal options, and for other such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the town, approximately 22, 500 square feet of certain town-owned real property located in the RB residential district and shown on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 69 (1 acre site - current location of the town's water tank off King/Gardner Street) and on the Assessors' Map 11, Lot 112 (5.6 acres of land off Gardener Street) for the purpose of constructing a Wireless Communications Facility; or take any other action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN:

Discussion: Selectman, Sheehan stated that the Board of Selectman wanted to start the process with the ZBA and or the Planning Board to look for a variance to use the smaller parcel of land for this facility.

Police Chief Ronald C. Week spoke that this Antenna would benefit the town and his department as well as the fire department in their delivery of services to the public

Richard T. Sciacca spoke in favor of the town securing this facility for this was the location that the developers needed to best cover the town. He stated that since all abutters were to notified and be part of the hearing process that their concerns could be addressed. He also stated that the town could use the monies realized from this lease.

Finance Director, Thomas Moses stated If the town allowed for this facility that the town would not have to rent space for their antennae's which are located in the other towns. This would be a savings for the town.

A resident from King Street raise her concerns about Radio, and Radiation waves and their impact to the health and safety of the residents.

Selectman, Sheehan stated that the town could not legally stop the building of these type of facility under regulations of Federal Laws.

Amendment was voted 2/3 favorable action. Original motion was acted on with 2/3 favorable action.

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

Having concluded the warrant a motion was made to dissolve and seconded. Voted unanimous to do so.

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 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 my hand this 11th day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.

Barbara A. Sheehan, Chairman

Elizabeth A. Gorski

William H. Darke

A true copy, attest:

Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk

Ronald C. Weeks, 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.

ATTEST:

Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk

Ronald C. Weeks, Police Chief

**TOWN OF GROVELAND
APPROPRIATIONS FUNDING SCHEDULE**

ATTEST:

RICHARD T. SCIACCA
TOWN CLERK

STM JUNE 25, 2001
ALL ARTICLES ACTED ON JUNE 25, 2001

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