

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

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 on Monday, April 29th, 2002 @ 7:00 P.M. to vote on the following Articles:

The Moderator called meeting to order at 7:55 P.M.. Presentation of the colors was done by the Girl Scouts, with a playing of the Star Spangle Banner and the pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The meeting was dedicated to the memory of John R. McCarthy, an active member in town affairs, and past principal of the Dr. Bagnall School. Moderator introduced the head tables. Barbara Sheehan, Chair of the board of selectmen presented a community award to Tracy Gilford.

Greeting to the warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$6,280.00) from FY'02 Free Cash and appropriate said sum for the purpose of cleaning the abandoned property located at 75 Washington Street, Groveland; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #1 submitted by Board of Health.

NOTE: The following work will be accomplished: remove shrubs and trees around existing property, flush cut stumps, remove and dispose of car and trailer, board window(s), remove two sheds and all loose debris, remove pool, leaves and other yard debris, and scrape earth with dozer. The town will place a lien on said property to recover the cost of said cleanup.

Article #3 submitted by Open Space and Trails Committee.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION AS AMENDED (SEE NEW AMENDMENT)

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

Article 3: I Robert Guptill move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, for conservation purpose, a fee simple interest, or less, subject to a perpetual conservation restriction held by the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Law Enforcement (Fisheries and Wildlife) to be acquired by Fisheries and Wildlife for \$100,000 as part of the purchase price, in two parcels of land totaling approximately 57 acres know as the Meadow Pond property, generally located on Stephenson's Way, owned by Stephenson's Way Realty Trust of 1999 or the Trust for Public Land, which are described in a deeds recorded in the Essex South Registry of Deeds Book 15574, Pages 467 and 470 and shown on Groveland Assessors Maps as Plate 53, Lot 4, and Plate 47, Lot 53B,, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate, which land shall be held in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C; and further that \$600,000 be appropriated for such purpose and to raise such appropriations, the Treasurer be authorized to borrow \$600,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8C, and if applicable Chapter 40, Section 8C, of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town thefore; provided that the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be contingent upon the vote of the Town Election to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called, the amount required to satisfy the obligations, including principal and interest, under the bonds, and further that the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Groveland any and all application deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any applications for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition, and the Town of Groveland Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to accept and receive such grants or reimbursement for this purpose and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Groveland to affect said purchase.

ACTION TAKEN: Moved, and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted to dispense with reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action as amended. No discussion took place. Voted 2/3 majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (\$2,333.32) from Fire Department Expense (#01-5-220-200) to Fire Chiefs Salary (01-5-220-1 10-5); or take any other action relative thereto.

NOTE: This transfer represents compensation that the Chief was already getting, it was just being accounted for in the wrong way.

Article #4 submitted by Finance Director.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

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

Date Voted: April 29, 2002

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) from Conservation Expense (01-5-17 1-200) to Conservation Fund (#24-3590-49) representing the unused balance of monies used to pay for appraisals on property known as Stephenson's Way; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #5 above submitted by Conservation Commission.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD: FAVORABLE ACTION

ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Majority, favorable action.

Date Voted: April 29, 2002.

Motion to dissolve at 8:13 P.M. Voted to dissolve.

I Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk of Groveland, attest that the recordings of actions of this the Special Town Meeting of April 29, 2002 is a true and attested record..