



TOWN OF GROVELAND

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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 Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, on Monday, November 17th, 2003 @ 7:30 P.M. to vote on the following Articles:

At 8:15 Moderator, Valerie Osborne, had declared a Quorum of 100 voters. All said the pledge of Allegiance. The moderator introduced the Selectmen, Town Counsel, Finance Director, Town Clerk as well as the members of the Finance Board

Town Clerk Richard T. Sciacca read the Greetings and the meeting was started, with action on Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount

Of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$1 10,132.00) and appropriate said sum for Chapter 90 approved road work, said amount to be used pending reimbursement by the State (Chapter 90, Section 34), with such work to be done under the supervision of the Road Commissioner, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. No discussion. Voted to dispense with reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion. Voted Unanimous favorable action Date of action on this article: November 17, 2003

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to make the following transfers; or take any other action relative thereto:

\$15,000.00 from Finance Director's Salary line item #01-5-133-1 10 to Veteran's Benefits Line Item #01-5-545-771 to pay two additional veterans benefits due in fiscal 2004;

\$1,500.00 from Finance Director's Salary line item #01-5-133-1 10 to fund the shortfall for implementation of GASB 34 Account #24-3590-57;

\$600.00 from Finance Director's Salary line item #01-5-133-110 to Civil Defense Expense line item #01-5-291-700 for the purpose of paying monthly cell phone bills through June 30, 2004;

\$400.00 from Pentucket School Base Assessment line item #01-5-301-650 to Town Audit Expense line item #01-5-135-850 for the purpose of paying the increase in auditing costs for fiscal year 2003 audit;

\$6,000.00 from Pentucket School Base Assessment line item #01-5-301-650 to Treasurer's Expense #01-5-145-200 for the purpose of paying shortfalls due to re-noting twice and having to cover borrowing costs and short term interest not previously budgeted for, and increases in tax bill purchasing and excise billing;

\$17,500.00 from Pentucket School Base Assessment line item #01-5-301-650 to Highway Road Maintenance Purchase of Services line item #01-5-426-200 to cover the town's share of paving an emergency road around Bagnall School;

\$2,000.00 from Highway Salary Part-time line item #01 -5-422-110-13 to Highway Road Machinery line item #01-5-425-200 for the purpose of paying Road Machinery repair bills in Fiscal '04;

\$3,000.00 from Highway Salary Overtime line item #01-5-422-130 to Highway Road Maintenance line item #01-5-426-200 for the purpose of paying Highway Road Maintenance bills in Fiscal '04;

\$22,000.00 from Pentucket School Base Assessment line item #01-5-301-650 to Municipal Building Complex line item #01-5-192-200 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$26,172.92 from Pentucket School Base Assessment line item #01-5-301-650 to Main Street Drainage Account #30-1047-00 to cover the deficit in said account;

\$5,000.00 from Conservation Commission Fund Account #24-3590-49 to Conservation Commission FY'03 Purchase of Services line item #01-5-171-200 for the purpose of paying expenses incurred in Fiscal '04;

\$3,267.45 from New Cruiser Expense line item #01-5-210-805 to Police Expense line item #01-5-210-200 for the purpose of paying expenses incurred in Fiscal '04;

Motion made and seconded to dispense with the reading. No discussion on motion. Voted favorably to dispense with the reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: One question was raised about monies being taken from school base budget. Finance Director, explained to the satisfaction of resident.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: November 17, 2003. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,000.00) for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article, no discussion took place. Voted favorable to dispense with the reading.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION. On an amendment to. the above article. Amendment to replace above article is as follows:

I William H. Darke, do hereby move that the Town vote to amend Article #3 by deleting the words "Overlay Surplus" and replacing them with "Free Cash"

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: November 17, 2003

Motion moved and seconded to amend article as amended. No discussion took place. Voted Favorable on amendment. Moved and seconded on article as amended. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$44,000.00) for purchasing a new 1 -ton Dump Truck, with snow plow, for the Highway Department, by using excess funds appropriated by Article 5 of Special Town Meeting on December 3, 2001 for the FY 2002 Capital Plan. Actual costs of the projects authorized above were lower than anticipated creating the excess funds now available; or take any other action relative thereto.

1-Ton Dump Truck, with snow plow - \$44,000.00

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DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: November 17, 2003. Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. No discussion. Voted favorable to dispense with the reading.

Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) for replacing the central air conditioners at the Public Safety Building and Town Hall by using excess funds appropriated by Article of Special Town Meeting on December 3, 2001 for the FY 2002 Capital Plan. Actual cost of the projects authorized above were lower than anticipated creating the excess funds now available; or take any other action relative thereto.

Replace central air conditioning at Public Safety Building & Town Hall - \$50,000.00

Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. No discussion took place. Voted favorably to dispense with the reading.

Jeff Pappas Moved the following amendment to the Article: "I Jeff Pappas, do hereby move that the Town vote to amend Article #5 so that it reads as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to authorize and re-appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (50,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the central air conditioners at the Public Safety Building and Town Hall, said authorization and re-appropriation contingent upon the later availability of funds remaining from the appropriations made in Article 5 of Special Town Meeting on December 3, 2001 for the FY 2002 Capital Plan; or take any other action relative thereto."

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT.

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ON AMENDMENT

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: November 17, 2003. Moved for favorable action on the amendment. No discussion took place. Voted Favorable action on the amendment. Moved and seconded on the article as amended. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$700,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pentucket Regional School District on October 7, 2003, for the purpose of replacement of the Middle School Roof; or take any other action relative there.

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Move that the Town approve the \$700,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pentucket Regional School District on October 7, 2003,

for the purpose of replacement of the Middle School Roof.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to rescind action taken on Article #33 of the June 9th, 1997 Annual Town Meeting authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow \$200,000.00 for the purpose of financing a Community Septic Management Program; or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN November 17, 2003. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: James Dole, Uptack Road, asked, "Why these monies were never spent?" Finance director explained, that they were never authorized to be spent. No further discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

~ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken on Article #8 of the December 3, 2001 Special Town Meeting authorizing the Treasurer, with the Approval of the Selectmen, to borrow \$129,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a recreational facility on a portion of approximately nine (9) acres located off Main Street (Stacey's Curve),; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note:

: This project was subject to the Recreation Committee receiving grant monies under an Urban Self-Help Grant. The Grant was not received.

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FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: moved and seconded to dispense with the reading.

No discussion took place. Voted favorably to dispense with the reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

~ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to rescind action taken on line item #26 entitled "Pentucket Supplemental Assessment- \$334,784.00" of Article #20 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 19th 2003; or take any other action relative thereto.

tote: The Supplemental Assessment requires favorable action by all three communities in the District. At the time Groveland voted at its annual town meeting this request had already failed in Merrimac thus making the need to vote null and void. In order to balance the town's FY '04 operating budget, the town's vote of favorable action on May 19th need to be rescinded.

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No discussion took place. Voted favorably. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

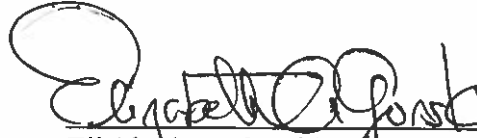
No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

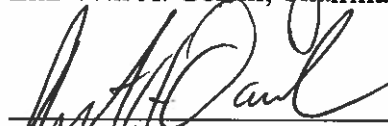
With no further business at hand a motion was made to dissolve and seconded No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

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.

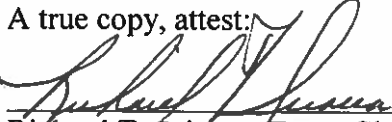
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Precinct Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.


Elizabeth A. Gorski, Chairman


William H. Darke

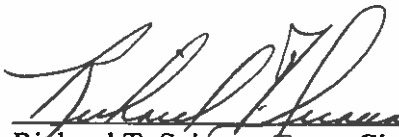

Barbara A. Sheehan

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.


Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk


Ronald C. Weeks, Police Chief