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TOWN OF GROVELAND

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT And 2005 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 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 Annual Town Meeting to meet at the **Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, 253 School Street, Groveland, MA** on **Monday, April 25, 2005 @ 7:15 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the State for any sum available under provisions of Chapter 90, said funds to be apportioned and expended by and under the direction of the State Department of Public Works (Massachusetts Highway Department) in accordance with said statutes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place.  
Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$190,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the Groveland Road Management Program funding for its ninth year, for Fiscal Year 2006, which, when combined with state Chapter 90 funds and town approved Highway Department funds, will enable the road improvement projects on the roads listed below beginning July 1, 2005; said vote contingent upon approval by the voters at the Annual Town Election on May 2, 2005 of a Capital Outlay Exclusion Ballot Question to increase the levy limit in the amount of the aforementioned appropriation FOR THE 2006 FISCAL YEAR ONLY; or take any action relative thereto.

King Street from Center Street to Gardner Street

Submitted by the Road Study Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place.  
Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) for the purpose of providing this amount to the William R. Dewhirst, Jr. Post 7366, Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States, Groveland, MA to pay for heat, electricity, and maintaining its meeting place and any expenses to support this request in Fiscal 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Authorization for this appropriation is provided in MGL, C. 40, S. 9.  
Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place.  
Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Veasey Memorial Park Revolving Fund as established at the Special Town Meeting held December 2, 1996 and authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this fund is for the Conservation Commission to pay operating costs of Veasey Memorial Park. The Conservation Commission may expend from this account an amount not to exceed FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$48,000.00) for Fiscal 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Conservation Commission shall give a report to the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2006.

Submitted by Conservation Commission.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Report for the past year was submitted and read by Michael Dempsey, Chairman of the Conservation Commission. He stated that Veasey Park is holding its own rental and other activities. He stated that Veasey is not costing the town any monies. He expresses thanks to Claire Walsh and Pam Blaquiére for their efforts to keep Veasey Park going. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Groveland Police Revolving Fund as established at Annual Town Meeting held June 30, 1992 and authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this fund is to allow receipts received from the General Court and Registry of Motor Vehicles pertaining to motor vehicle fines to be expended without further appropriation for the operation and maintenance of the Highway Safety Patrol Car. The Police Chief may, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, expend from this account an amount not to exceed FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) for Fiscal 2006. All monies received in excess of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars to be deposited in the Town's General Fund Account. The operation and maintenance of the Safety Car Program to be at no cost to the taxpayer; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Police Chief shall give a report to the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2006.

*Submitted by Police Chief.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005 Police chief Weeks stated that the fund was raised from 50 thousand to 55 thousand. Justification was cost of gasoline. Chief Weeks will submit a report for the Town Report. Voted unanimous for favorable action.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Pines Recreation Boat Ramp Revolving Fund as established at Special Town Meeting held October 13, 1992 and authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this fund is to allow receipts received from the sale of Pines Boat Ramp and Mooring Permits to be expended without further appropriation for the purchase of floats, safety equipment, walk ramp, necessary hardware for installation, and maintenance and repair of Pines Boat Ramp. The Pines Recreation Development Committee may, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, expend from this account an amount not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) during Fiscal 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

A representative of the Pines Recreation Development Committee shall give a report to the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2006.

*Submitted by Harbormaster.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Report given by David Abbott, for Harbormaster, Jack Callaghan. Discussion: Peter Sletthaug, 16 Hillview Dr. asked "With a surplus in your account, do you intend to turn it back to the town?" David responded, "No way, we intend to use it for other improvements". Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Recycling Revolving Fund as established at Special Town Meeting held March 4, 1991 and authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this fund is to allow receipts received from fees paid at tire drop off days, and donations made to the recycling fund to be expended without further appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the town's tire disposal day. The Board of Health may, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, expend from this account an amount not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) for Fiscal 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Board of Health shall give a report to the FY 2007 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2006.

Submitted by Board of Health.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Jack Bevelacqua, Board of Health, stated that the monies in this article will be used for a hazardous waste pick up, should there not be one in the area for Groveland residents to participate in. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) from the Groveland Municipal Electric Department Operation Account to Town Estimated Receipts to reduce the Tax Rate for the twelve months ending June 30, 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Electric Light Commissioners.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** Action 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

## 06 OMNIBUS

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the following sums to defray Town charges for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2006 and make appropriations therefor, or take any other action relative thereto:

	Appropriated FY'05	Requested FY'06	Finance Board Recommends
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
1 <b>MODERATOR</b>			
Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
2 <b>SELECTMEN</b>			
Selectman's Stipend	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Admin. Asst. Salary	\$ 43,343.00	\$ 43,343.00	\$ 45,510.00
Town Audit	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 18,900.00
Expenses	\$ 5,343.00	\$ 4,843.00	\$ 4,843.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 69,086.00</u>	<u>\$ 68,586.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,753.00</u>
3 <b>AD-HOC COMMITTEES</b>			
Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
4 <b>DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET &amp; FINANCE</b>			
Finance Director's Salary	\$ 65,790.00	\$ 67,106.00	\$ 67,106.00
Asst. Treasurer/Collector's Salary	\$ 34,988.00	\$ 34,988.00	\$ 36,737.00
Treasury/Collection Clerk	\$ 22,183.00	\$ 22,183.00	\$ 23,292.00
Tax Title-Treasury/Collection	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Computer Hardware Maint & Lic Fees	\$ -	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Expense	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 144,461.00</u>	<u>\$ 165,277.00</u>	<u>\$ 168,135.00</u>
5 <b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>			
Accountant's Salary	\$ 42,563.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 44,063.00</u>	<u>\$ 51,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 51,500.00</u>
6 <b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>			
Assessors' Stipends	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Assessors' Manager's Salary	\$ 33,128.00	\$ 33,128.00	\$ 34,784.00
Expenses	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Revaluation Maintenance	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Maps-Updating	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 66,028.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,828.00</u>	<u>\$ 72,484.00</u>
7 <b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>			
Legal Expense	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>

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8	<b>COMPUTER SYSTEM CONSULTANT</b>			
	Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
9	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
	Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 39,564.00	\$ 39,564.00	\$ 41,542.00
	Elections & Registrations	\$ 14,461.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 56,475.00</u>	<u>\$ 55,164.00</u>	<u>\$ 57,142.00</u>
10	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
	Stipends	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>
11	<b>PLANNING AND ENGINEERING</b>			
	Town Engineer	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
	Engineering Expenses	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Planning Members' Stipends	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Planning Board Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,500.00</u>
12	<b>MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION</b>			
	Assessment	\$ 1,895.00	\$ 1,895.00	\$ 1,895.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 1,895.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,895.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,895.00</u>
13	<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>			
	Expense	\$ 3,169.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 3,169.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,400.00</u>
14	<b>MUNICIPAL FIELDS &amp; WATER</b>			
	Expense	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>
15	<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS</b>			
	Supt. Of Buildings-Wages	\$ 7,181.00	\$ 7,181.00	\$ 7,540.00
	Expenses	\$ 88,520.00	\$ 105,700.00	\$ 105,700.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 125,701.00</u>	<u>\$ 142,881.00</u>	<u>\$ 143,240.00</u>
16	<b>TOWN INSURANCE</b>			
	Expenses	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 102,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 93,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 102,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 102,000.00</u>
17	<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>			
	Expenses	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 3,920.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<u>\$ 873,198.00</u>	<u>\$ 813,131.00</u>	<u>\$ 827,149.00</u>

## 06 OMNIBUS

## PUBLIC SAFETY

18	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
	Chief's Salary	\$ 73,061.00	\$ 90,028.00	\$ 90,028.00
	Lieutenant's & Sergeant's Salaries	\$ 113,146.00	\$ 170,360.00	\$ 170,360.00
	Patrolmen's Salary	\$ 234,137.00	\$ 211,193.00	\$ 211,193.00
	Secretary's Salary	\$ 20,580.00	\$ 20,580.00	\$ 21,609.00
	Other Wages	\$ 102,330.00	\$ 102,330.00	\$ 107,446.00
	Incentive Wages	\$ 85,489.00	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 94,000.00
	Cruiser	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00
	Harbormaster Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	Harbormaster Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 41,325.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 695,668.00</u>	<u>\$756,091.00</u>	<u>\$ 762,236.00</u>
19	<b>PARKING CLERK</b>			
	Expenses			
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
20	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
	Wages			
	Expenses	\$ 169,277.00	\$ 178,034.00	\$ 178,034.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 5,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,880.00</u>
		\$ 175,157.00	\$ 183,914.00	\$ 183,914.00
21	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
	Fire Engineers' Stipends	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Chief's Salary	\$ 13,767.00	\$ 13,767.00	\$ 14,455.00
	Clerk's Salary	\$ 5,570.00	\$ 5,570.00	\$ 5,849.00
	Firefighter Wages	\$ 70,170.00	\$ 70,170.00	\$ 70,170.00
	Inspector's Wages	\$ 2,192.00	\$ 2,192.00	\$ 2,302.00
	Drill Wages	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	Expenses	\$ 54,003.00	\$ 55,176.00	\$ 55,176.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 176,202.00</u>	<u>\$ 177,375.00</u>	<u>\$ 178,452.00</u>
22	<b>AMBULANCE SERVICE</b>			
	Contracted Expense	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
23	<b>INSPECTORS</b>			
	Wiring Inspector	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Wiring Inspector Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Plumbing & Gas Inspector	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Plumbing & Gas Inspector Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	Building Inspector	\$ 35,636.00	\$ 40,636.00	\$ 42,418.00
	Building Inspector's Secretary	\$ -	\$ 12,400.00	\$ -
	Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 3,807.00	\$ 3,807.00	\$ 3,807.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 54,193.00</u>	<u>\$ 83,593.00</u>	<u>\$ 72,975.00</u>

## 06 OMNIBUS

<b>24 CIVIL DEFENSE</b>			
Directors' Stipend	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>
<b>25 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
Contract Wages	\$ 7,112.00	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 13,781.00
Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,112.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,781.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$1,127,882.00</b>	<b>\$1,484,620.00</b>	<b>\$1,480,708.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
<b>26 EDUCATION</b>			
Pentucket Base Assessment	\$4,293,340.00	\$4,311,466.00	\$4,311,466.00
Pentucket Supplemental Assessment	\$ 84,296.00	\$ 532,714.00	\$ 532,714.00
Pentucket Capital Assessment	\$ 137,140.00	\$ 66,782.00	\$ 66,782.00
Pentucket Capital Assmnt Supplemntl	\$ 25,012.00	\$ -	\$ -
Whittier Vocational Tech Assessment	\$ 314,709.00	\$ 355,681.00	\$ 355,681.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,854,497.00</b>	<b>\$5,266,643.00</b>	<b>\$5,266,643.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$4,854,497.00</b>	<b>\$5,266,643.00</b>	<b>\$5,266,643.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
<b>27 TREE WARDEN</b>			
Tree Warden Stipend	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Expense	\$ 6,860.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>
<b>28 HIGHWAYS</b>			
Road Commissioner's Salary	\$ 55,495.00	\$ 55,495.00	\$ 58,270.00
Laborer/Operator/Driver	\$ 102,676.00	\$ 80,705.00	\$ 80,705.00
Part Time Laborer	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Emergency Help - Wages	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,600.00
Highway Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Front End Loader (Lease)	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Road Machinery Expense	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Road Maintenance Expense	\$ 142,323.00	\$ 166,345.00	\$ 166,345.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 453,694.00</b>	<b>\$ 478,145.00</b>	<b>\$ 480,920.00</b>
<b>29 STREET LIGHTING</b>			
Expenses	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>
<b>30 RUBBISH COLLECTION</b>			
Contract Administrator	\$ 7,396.00	\$ 7,396.00	\$ 7,766.00
Contract Expense	\$ 495,985.00	\$ 495,985.00	\$ 495,985.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 503,381.00</b>	<b>\$ 503,381.00</b>	<b>\$ 503,751.00</b>



## 06 OMNIBUS

## 31 CEMETERY

Commissioners	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Full Time Wages	\$ -	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 28,600.00
Part Time Wages	\$ 18,308.00	\$ 18,308.00	\$ 10,000.00
Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,775.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,608.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,983.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,900.00</b>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$1,007,343.00</b>	<b>\$1,068,809.00</b>	<b>\$1,056,871.00</b>
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## HUMAN SERVICES

## 32 BOARD OF HEALTH

Stipends	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Health Nurse Wages	\$ 5,464.00	\$ 5,464.00	\$ 5,737.00
Health /Sanitarian Agent Wages	\$ 36,047.00	\$ 36,047.00	\$ 37,849.00
Part-time Clerk Wages	\$ 10,844.00	\$ 10,844.00	\$ 11,386.00
Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 59,255.00</b>	<b>\$ 59,255.00</b>	<b>\$ 61,872.00</b>

## 33 COUNCIL ON AGING

Director's Salary	\$ 36,015.00	\$ 36,015.00	\$ 37,816.00
Part Time Office Staff	\$ 26,106.00	\$ 26,106.00	\$ 27,411.00
Outreach Worker	\$ 4,928.00	\$ 7,687.00	\$ 8,071.00
Part Time Van Driver	\$ 12,967.00	\$ 12,967.00	\$ 13,615.00
Expenses	\$ 6,336.00	\$ 5,916.00	\$ 5,916.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,352.00</b>	<b>\$ 88,691.00</b>	<b>\$ 92,829.00</b>

## 34 ELDER SERVICES OF MERRIMACK VALLEY

Assessment	\$ 392.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 392.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 392.00</b>	<b>\$ 392.00</b>	<b>\$ 392.00</b>

## 35 VETERANS

Veteran's Benefits	\$ 8,138.00	\$ 8,138.00	\$ 8,545.00
Investigation of Benefits	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28,138.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,138.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,545.00</b>

<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 174,187.00</b>	<b>\$ 175,476.00</b>	<b>\$ 186,836.00</b>
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## 36 LIBRARY

Library Director's Salary	\$ 42,959.00	\$ 48,138.00	\$ 48,138.00
Library Staff Wages	\$ 54,302.00	\$ 54,302.00	\$ 57,017.00
Summer Help - Page Wages	\$ 5,891.00	\$ 5,891.00	\$ 6,186.00
Expenses	\$ 42,800.00	\$ 47,567.00	\$ 47,567.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 145,952.00</b>	<b>\$ 155,898.00</b>	<b>\$ 158,908.00</b>

## 37 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Expenses	\$ 7,860.00	\$ 7,860.00	\$ 7,860.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,860.00</b>

## 38 HISTORIC COMMISSION

Expenses	\$ 980.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 980.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 980.00</b>	<b>\$ 980.00</b>	<b>\$ 980.00</b>

## 06 OMNIBUS

<b>39 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES</b>			
Expenses	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
	<b>\$185,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 185,348.00</b>	<b>\$ 185,348.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
<b>40 DEBT INTEREST</b>			
Bagnall School (91, refinanced 02)	\$ 33,223.00	\$ 25,008.00	\$ 25,008.00
Main St Drainage (99, Bonded 02)	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 2,378.00
Fire Pumper (00, Bonded 02)	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,920.00
Capital Plan (02)	\$ 3,516.00	\$ 8,094.00	\$ 8,094.00
Capital Plan (03)	\$ 974.00	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 1,880.00
Meadow Pond (02)	\$ 2,227.00	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00
Town Hall/Library Roofs (03)	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,360.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 47,626.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,400.00</b>
<b>41 DEBT PRINCIPAL</b>			
Bagnall School (91, refinanced 02)	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 255,000.00
Main St Drainage (99, Bonded 02)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Fire Pumper (00, Bonded 02)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Capital Plan (02)	\$ 80,838.00	\$ 80,838.00	\$ 80,838.00
Capital Plan (03)	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00
Meadow Pond (02)	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 38,400.00
Town Hall/Library Roofs (03)	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,800.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 480,438.00</b>	<b>\$ 480,438.00</b>	<b>\$ 480,438.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>			
	<b>\$ 528,064.00</b>	<b>\$ 528,838.00</b>	<b>\$ 528,838.00</b>
<b>42 ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT</b>			
Assessment	\$ 198,806.00	\$ 197,895.00	\$ 197,895.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 198,806.00</b>	<b>\$ 197,895.00</b>	<b>\$ 197,895.00</b>
<b>43 HAVERHILL RETIREMENT BOARD</b>			
Assessment	\$ 807.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 807.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 807.00</b>	<b>\$ 807.00</b>	<b>\$ 807.00</b>
<b>44 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION</b>			
Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>
<b>45 EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE</b>			
Expenses	\$ 248,000.00	\$ 349,000.00	\$ 349,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 248,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 349,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 349,000.00</b>
<b>46 EMPLOYEES' LIFE INSURANCE</b>			
Expenses	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>

## 06 OMNIBUS

## 47 MEDICARE TAX

Expenses

SUBTOTAL

\$ 32,280.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
<u>\$ 32,280.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,000.00</u>

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	\$ 437,544.00	\$ 523,452.00	\$ 523,452.00
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 676,188.00	\$ 818,181.00	\$ 827,149.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,027,682.00	\$ 1,234,629.00	\$ 1,280,708.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 4,328,497.00	\$ 5,288,848.00	\$ 5,488,648.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 1,602,548.00	\$ 1,083,809.00	\$ 1,056,871.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 371,407.00	\$ 475,478.00	\$ 488,638.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 185,822.00	\$ 185,822.00	\$ 185,822.00
TOTAL DEPT SERVICE	\$ 528,084.00	\$ 528,084.00	\$ 528,084.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>\$ 437,544.00</u>	<u>\$ 523,452.00</u>	<u>\$ 523,452.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,007,808.00	\$ 9,847,340.00	\$ 9,845,647.00

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$602,597.00) for use of the Water Department, said sum to be offset by Water Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by Water/Sewer Commissioners*

Commissioners' stipend	\$ 900.00
Superintendent's salary	\$ 54,600.00
Office Manager	\$ 29,007.00
Equip. Operators/Laborers	\$ 93,208.00
Overtime & On Call	\$ 20,797.00
Expense	\$189,459.00
Health Insurance	\$ 43,533.00
Retirement	\$ 25,760.00
Bond Debt Prin. & Int.	<u>\$145,333.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$602,597.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Clark Jenkins, 697 Salem St, asked "What is the income?" Bruce Adams explained that once the expenses have been paid for, then the excess monies are placed into a surplus account, to be used as needed. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$245,851.00) for use of the Sewer Department, said sum to be offset by Sewer Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by Water/Sewer Commissioners*

Commissioners' stipend	\$ 900.00
Superintendent's salary	\$ 13,650.00
Office Manager	\$ 7,252.00
Equip. Operators/Laborers	\$ 23,302.00
Overtime & On Call	\$ 5,200.00
Expense	\$ 50,800.00
Health Insurance	\$ 10,883.00
Retirement	\$ 6,440.00
Bond Debt Prin. & Int.	\$ 20,000.00
Haverhill Wastewater Plant	\$ 19,424.00
Haverhill Capital Bond	<u>\$ 88,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$245,851.00</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective and appointive officers of the Town for the twelve months ending June 30, 2006. Fixing of salaries according to Articles #10- #12 above.

Submitted by Finance Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$110,000.00) for the purpose of installing fire equipment ventilation systems in both the Public Safety Complex and the South Groveland Fire Station to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines and the accompanying electrical, plumbing and ceiling work; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND (\$83,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a 5 – Ton Dump Truck for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of installing two enclosed entry ways at the Public Safety Building to alleviate slip and fall ice problems at the Senior Lunch Center; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of committing the first of an annual appropriation which would fund a Town parade to be sponsored by the Groveland Activities Committee to be held every five years during Groveland Days; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Groveland Activities Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) and appropriate it to a Special Fund entitled "Police-Private Detail Account" in accordance with Massachusetts General law Chapter 44, Section 53C; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Doreen Blades, 16 Hillview Dr. asked What is a private detail account? Chief of Police, Ronald Weeks, explained that this was a work detail of which policemen work for a private company. The private company do not always pay the policemen in a timely manner. This money would be used to pay the policemen up front, then the monies. Voted unanimous favorable action.

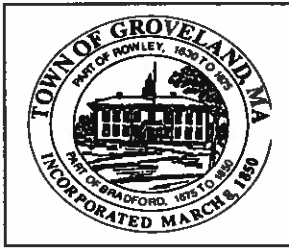
**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control from the Board of Selectmen for public domain purposes to the Water and Sewer Commission for water supply purposes, of a portion of the land known as the town forest, containing approximately 10+/- acres shown as Lot 1-A on a plan filed with the Town Clerk entitled: Compiled Plan of Land Town of Groveland Town Forest Wood Street Groveland, Ma. 01834 Essex County prepared by W. C. Cammett Engineering, Inc., and will authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek legislative approval for the transfer and new use of the land under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Motion made and seconded to amend from "containing approximately 10+/- acres to read approximately 5+/- acres.



## **Article 19 Annual Town Meeting of April 26, 2005**

### **Message from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners**

At the Town Meeting of November 13, 2002, two articles involving the proposed new water storage tank off of Wood Street were approved. Article 23 authorized the borrowing of \$1,900,000 for the water storage tank (\$1,200,000) and several water mains (\$700,000). Article 24 authorized the acceptance of an easement for the tank within the proposed Town Forest Crossing development.

The water storage tank was designed and bid. On January 22, 2003, a low bid of \$1,171,945 was received for construction of the tank. Unfortunately issues involving wetlands within the Town Forest Crossing development led to permitting delays and lawsuits. After 2 ½ years, these issues still remain unresolved. Because of this, the easements were never granted and the tank has not been built.

The original master plan of the Water Department calls for construction of the water tank within the Town Forest, where the road and tank site would occupy less than 2 acres of land. This area plus a buffer around the tank and roadway totals about 5 acres of land, or about 15 per-cent of the Town Forest. The Conservation Commission opposed the Town Forest site. Since the Town Forest Crossing developer was willing to provide the land for the tank and the Commission believed that the tank could be constructed relatively quickly, the Commission decided to pursue the Town Forest Crossing development site, even though it was not the favored site.

The Town Forest site, which is still the preferred site, will allow for construction of a tank that is 50 feet tall, rather than 85 feet tall, and with a capacity of 700,000 gallons rather than 1,500,000 gallons. This is because the Town Forest is higher than the developer's site, which results in a shorter tank on the taller Town Forest hill. The cost of constructing the tank in Town Forest would save over \$600,000 compared with the development site.

The tank was to be completed in 2003. The earliest that a new tank could be completed now is in 2006. The delay of three years, plus cost increases for energy and steel will cause the \$1,171,945 bid to increase to about \$1,420,000. The Commission does not want to request Town Meeting to approve an increase in the approved borrowing of \$1,900,000. We would rather spend less than the \$1,900,000.

In addition, new regulations have been put into place that will make the tank with greater capacity cause problems in the future. While the large tank capacity would provide a significant reserve of water, it will lead to water quality problems, including stagnation, due to the long length of time that water will be held in the tank.

The proposed plan for the tank within Town Forest, as shown on the plan referred to in Article 19, seeks to minimize the impact to the Forest by following the edge of the Forest and by avoiding the majority of wetlands.

As we move into the 21st century it is apparent that there is much that we must do to provide safe clean and plentiful water for customers. Dealing with an aging system, increased regulations, continuing growth and development, and increases in costs due to inflation will continue to be a challenge to the department. We will continue to seek to provide a high level of service at a reasonable cost.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to amend Chapter 2 – Article III – Sec. 2.41. Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program” by deleting paragraph 4 and inserting the following:

“Single residents may receive no more than \$40,000.00 annual household income and married residents may receive no more than \$55,000.00 annual household income.

Work-off applicants must have been Groveland residents for ten (10) years.”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Motion to waive the reading. Voted favorable to waive reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to designate the following streets or portions thereof within the town as scenic roads under the Groveland Scenic Roads Bylaw: Center Street (from Salem Street to House #55);  
King Street (from the Georgetown line to King’s Way);

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Groveland Conservation Commission

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. With discussion leading to confusion over this article. Motion to table and seconded. Voted 2/3 majority to table.



**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section I-1-A MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE and Section I-2-C QUORUMS, VOTES AND GOVERNANCE in their entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

**Section I-1**

- A. The Regional District School Committee shall consist of nine members, three from each member town, who shall be elected by the voters of that town; each member so elected shall serve a three year term.

**Section I- 2**

- C. Any action voted by the Regional District School Committee which directly and specifically affects the elementary school(s) in only one town requires that two of the three members of the Regional District School Committee from the town in which the affected elementary school is located vote in support of that action. In order, however, for a school to be closed in any member town where there is more than one elementary school, all three committee members from the affected town are required to vote in favor of the proposed closure after a public hearing is held in the affected town.

This amendment would become effective with the May 2006 Town Elections and would be implemented in all three Towns in a legal manner as determined by the Pentucket Regional School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by Pentucket School Committee.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Question was asked by Kathleen Kastinelis, 12 Hillview Dr., Because article from this one to Article 26 deal with the Regional Agreement, can we discuss all of them together? Moderator rules that since all are submitted as separate article then they will be treated as such.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section I-2-A QUORUMS, VOTES AND GOVERNANCE in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

- A. A quorum to conduct business at regular meetings shall consist of a simple majority of its members and special meetings shall require not less than two members from each of the towns.

This amendment will take effect after the May 2005 Town elections; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by Pentucket Regional School Committee.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Question was asked does this article keep the weighted vote. Carol Grazio responded that she believed so. Discussion ended. Voted favorable / yes 92 —Unfavorably / No 51. Article passes.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section X-A-1 & 3 BUDGET and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly and inserting in place thereof the following:

A-1. The budget process shall be initiated annually on or about January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall provide opportunity for the Selectmen and Finance Committee of each member town to have input into its preparation. On or about February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Regional District School Committee shall complete its proposed budget for the ensuing year, and said proposed budget shall be posted in the Town Hall of each member town, shall be provided to each member town's public library, and shall be submitted to the Selectmen, Finance Committee members and Finance Directors of each member town.

A-3. Prior to March 1st of each year the Regional District School Committee shall adopt by a two-thirds vote of all its members a budget with such changes as may have resulted from conferences and an open hearing. Within ten (10) days from the date on which the budget is adopted, the Treasurer of the District shall certify to the Treasurer of each member town its assessed share of such budget.

This amendment would become enacted for the Budget Year beginning July 1, 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by Pentucket Regional School Committee.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS ~~FAVORABLE~~/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion Question was raised "Will the School Board have adequate information from the towns as well as the state to put a budget together. Answer was given yes

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section X-A-5 & 6 BUDGET and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly and inserting in place thereon the following:

A-5. A majority vote of the voters present and voting on the question at an annual town meeting in two (2) out of the three (3) towns is needed to approve a budget.

This amendment would become enacted for the Budget Year beginning July 1, 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Submitted by Pentucket Regional School Committee.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS ~~FAVORABLE~~/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

**Discussion:** Question was raised "Will the School Board have adequate information from the towns as well as the state to put a budget together. Answer was given yes.

No further discussion taken place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section X-A-5 & 6 BUDGET and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly and inserting in place thereon the following:

A-5. A majority vote of the voters present and voting on the question at an annual town meeting in two (2) out of the three (3) towns is needed to approve a budget.

This amendment would become enacted for the Budget Year beginning July 1, 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Pentucket Regional School Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and Seconded for unfavorable action.

**Discussion:** Kathleen Kastrinellis, expressed as a parent and concerned citizen she believes that the financial has been unstable for the past three years for the school system. A minority of one town has had an effect on the the funding of the school budget. Thus damages have occurred to the whole educational program. She state that State Law says that dicates two out of three town are needed to pass a school budget, not what our agreement states , three out of three.

Lisa Dube-Carpenter, School Board member, stated The Town of Groveland has consistently supported our schools. However, the effects of one town not funding it, has eroded the quality of education.

Barbara Sheehan, Selectman Chair, stated It took six years to make this agreement. Groveland's finances are okay right now. What will happen when are finances are not good? Groveland may be force to pay something it can't afford.

William Darke, Selectman stated He believes 2 out of 3 town approving the budget should happen. He also felt that no one town should be force to pay for something they can't afford. In the past the budget process has not been as good as it should have been. Now with a new business manager it should be better. He pointed out over 50% of our budget goes to the school.

Thomas Minechiello, Finance Chairman, stated , Groveland has acted favorably to education. He went on to point out that this provision of three out of three was to protect a town who could not pay.

Debra Webster, 45 Wood Street stated: She was not in favor of this amendment because one of the selling points to accepting this agreement was because it protected the towns if monies were not available.. She pointed out specifically that one year the Town of Groveland voted down the override, and because the town meeting had not been closed, the school withdrew the town meeting article language "subject to and override" and thus took the monies from the rubbish line item. Thus the voters had to hold another town election and vote an override to get back their rubbish services. She also pointed out that monies funded by the state to schools have dried up and the town has been forced to pay for there increase to the budget.

Resident Benedictis, state "One it is illegal, Two, the agreement does not work well as it was formed by the original agreement.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section XIII- A AMENDMENTS in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

A. Amendments to the agreement must receive a majority vote of approval by each member town at any town meeting. Amendments may be initiated by the Regional District School Committee or by the Board of Selectmen of any one of the member towns.

This amendment would become enacted for the Budget Year beginning July 1, 2006; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Pentucket Regional School Committee.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS ~~FAVORABLE~~/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted as follows: Yes 102, No 32. Voted favorable action.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2006 annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects, and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

PURPOSE	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 20,000
<b>Reserves</b>	
Open Space	\$ 40,000
Historic Resources	\$ 40,000
Community Housing	\$ 40,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**EXPLANATION:** Groveland expects to realize approximately \$400,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$200,000) and matching funds from the State (\$200,000) in fiscal year 2006. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected for each of the following areas: open space, historic resources, and community housing. The above budget reserves these statutory minimums for each of the required three categories of expenditures, and appropriates the statutory maximum to be available for Community Preservation Committee expenses including appraisals, land surveys, postage, copying, and other administrative costs for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation Fund. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2006, or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2007.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/~~UNFAVORABLE~~ ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 25, 2005. Selectmen moved favorable action. Finance Board Favorable action. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 28:** To adjourn Town Meeting, and direct those qualified to vote in Annual Town Election to meet in their respective voting precinct **Town Hall, 183 Main Street Groveland, MA on Monday, May 2, 2005 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.** to elect the following Town Officers and vote on the following Ballot Questions:

**To Elect:** One Selectman for three years  
One Assessor for three years  
One member of the Board of Health for three years  
One member of the School Committee for three years  
One member of the School Committee for one year  
Three Trustees of the Langley-Adams Library for three years  
One member of the Water/Sewer Commission for three years  
One member of the Cemetery Commission for three years  
One member of the Municipal Light Commission for three years  
One member of the Planning Board for five years  
One member of the Groveland Housing Authority for five years  
One Tree Warden for one year  
One Moderator for one year

**To vote upon the following Question fill in the Oval to the right of the "YES" or "NO".**

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town of Groveland be allowed to assess an additional \$190,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for FISCAL YEAR 2006 ONLY, beginning on July 1, 2005, for the purpose of continuing the Groveland Road Management Program funding for its ninth year as described in Article #2 of the April 25, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

YES      ()

NO      ()

**QUESTION 2:** Shall the Town of Groveland be required to **REDUCE** the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 by an amount equal to \$376,968.00?

YES      ()

NO      ()

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand five.

  
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.

  
Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk

  
Ronald C. Weeks, Police Chief