



# 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, 253 School Street on Monday, April 25, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

With a quorum of 100 registered votes present, Moderator S. Valerie Osborne started the Special Town Meeting. She led the citizens in the Pledge to the Flag, followed with ground rules of conduct. Valerie also announced that since she was a part time employee of the Pentucket School system she would not preside over the Regional School articles.

Town Clerk, Richard T. Sciacca read the greeting and town meeting started at 7PM. The first order of business was a special Certificate of Appreciation presented by Chairman of the Board of Selectman presented to Harbormaster Edward "Jack" Callaghan".

\* The following was read: **In recognition of the countless hours of volunteer work you performed revitalizing, maintaining and overseeing the beautiful ramp and picnic area at the Pines Recreation site for the town's boaters and others to enjoy! Your tireless efforts and hard work have helped make our Town a better place and we "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts!!**

**" A life is not important except in the impacted has on others .... Jackie Robinson.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from one-time State Aid a sum not to exceed FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) as it's share of a joint project with the Water and Sewer Department for the purpose of replacing the generator at the Town Complex and connecting the Town Hall, Public Safety, and Library buildings along with the Water and Sewer booster pump to said generator to provide emergency power when needed; or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from one-time State Aid a sum not to exceed SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of demolishing and removing the structure condemned by the Board of Health located at 247 Main Street, said amount to be recouped through a lien placed on the property by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

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

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from one-time State Aid a sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$196.00) and transfer said amount to Council On Aging Outreach Worker Salary line item #01-5-541-110-19 to correct an error in calculating FY 2005 pay; or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

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

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to make the following transfers; or take any other action relative thereto:

\$69,813.00 from FY '04 Free Cash to Road Maintenance line item #01-5-426-200 for the purpose of paying paving bills for road work completed in FY '05;

\$27,709.00 from Town Counsel Purchase of Services line item #01-5-151-200 to Road Maintenance line item #01-5-426-200 for the purpose of paying paving bills for road work completed in FY '05;

\$3,500.00 from Treasurer's Tax Title line item #01-5-144-299 to Road Maintenance line item #01-5-426-200 for the purpose of paying paving bills for road work completed in FY '05;

\$2,000.00 from Selectmen's Expense line item #01-5-122-200 to Road Maintenance line item #01-5-426-200 for the purpose of paying paving bills for road work completed in FY '05;

\$2,000.00 from Town Accountant's Purchase of Services line item #01-5-135-200 to Road Maintenance line item #01-5-426-200 for the purpose of paying paving bills for road work completed in FY '05;

\$5,040.00 from Reserve Fund line item #01-5-132 to Cemetery Part-time Salary line item #01-5-491-110-13 for the purpose of paying cemetery worker's salary for the months of May and June 2005;

\$9,400.00 from Reserve Fund Account #01-5-132 to Unemployment line item #01-5-913-172 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$2,500.00 from Treasurer's Tax Title #01-5-144-299 to Computer System Manager Purchase of Services line item #01-5-155-200 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$4,500.00 from Elections Purchase of Services line item #01-5-162-200 to Town Insurance line item #01-5-193-299 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$606.72 from Building Inspector Expenses line item # 01-5-241-200-00 to Building Inspector Salary line item # 01-5-241-110 for the purpose of paying increased hours due to State Building Inspector review;

\$15,000.00 from Fire Salary line item #01-5-220-110 to Plumbing/Gas Inspector Salary line item #01-5-243-110 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$2,500.00 from Board of Health Purchase of Services line item #01-5-511-200 to Police Salary Differentials line item #01-5-210-140 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$1,500.00 from Treasurer's Purchase of Services line item #01-5-145-200 to Police Salary Differentials line item #01-5-210-140 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$1,300.00 from Town Counsel Purchase of Services line item #01-5-151-200 to Police Salary Other line item #01-5-210-110-09 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$1,638.85 from Library Purchase of Services line item #01-5-610-200 to Library Salary Staff line item #01-5-610-110-17 for the purpose of reimbursing Library Salary Staff account for sick leave buy-back paid to a retired former staff member.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

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

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,500.00) from Pine's Development Account (interest only) #24-3590-03 to Pine's Development Refurbish line item #01-5-631-240 for the purpose of completing the storage shed (\$5,000.00), snack stand (\$2,500.00), landscape design (\$5,000.00) and miscellaneous cleanup (\$1,000.00) at the Pine's Recreation area off Main Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD – NO RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2005 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>Reserves</b>    |                    |
| Open Space         | \$40,000           |
| Historic Resources | \$40,000           |
| Community Housing  | \$40,000           |

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** Groveland expects to realize approximately \$378,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$189,000) and matching funds from the state (\$189,000) in fiscal year 2005. 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. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2005, or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2006.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

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

**Discussion:** Peggy McDermott, 167 Center Street stated that she thought these monies could only be used to buy open space. Finance Director, Greg Labrecque, 11 Baldwin Terrace, stated that the state allows Open Space, Historic Resources and Community Housing to be able to divide these monies into these specific areas. With no further discussion, article was voted unanimous favorable action.

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 PM. 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 \_\_\_\_ day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand five.

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Barbara A. Sheehan, Chairman

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Elizabeth A. Gorski

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William H. Darke

A true copy, attest:

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Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk

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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.

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Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk

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Ronald C. Weeks, Police Chief