



TOWN OF GROVELAND

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT And 2006 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 24, 2006 @ 7:15 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

Moderator asked Town Clerk, Richard T. Sciacca to read the greeting of the annual town warrant. Moderator Valerie Osborne proceeded to read the following:

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. Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. **Motion made and seconded for favorable action. No discussion. Voted: Unanimous, favorable action.**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$132,369.00) 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. Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006 . **Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Voted favorably, to dispense with the reading of the article. Motion made and seconded for favorable action. No discussion was rendered. Voted: Majority favorable action.**

ARTICLE 3: 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 2007, 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, 2006; said vote contingent upon approval by the voters at the Annual Town Election on May 1, 2006 of a Capital Outlay Exclusion Ballot Question to increase the levy limit in the amount of the aforementioned appropriation FOR THE 2007 FISCAL YEAR ONLY; or take any action relative thereto.

Seven Star Road from Center Street to Georgetown line;
Murray Court and Murray Road;
Dartmouth Street, Harvard Road, Yale Street and Staunton Road
Submitted by the Road Study Committee.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. . Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Voted, favorably to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action on article three. No discussion was rendered. Moved and seconded for favorable action on article three. Voted, Majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$95,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a 5-Ton Dump Truck for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto. Article submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion made and seconded for favorable action on article four.

Discussion: Kathleen Kastrinellis, 12 Hillview Drive. She asked. " Why the monies for this article was being taken from cash rather then being bonded? She feel if it were to be bonded that this would free monies for the school override issue. Greg Labrecque , finance director stated that the town has tried to manage aproximately. \$150 thousand dollars for Town capital projects each year so as to keep the town from having to go to over-rides, in order to pay for these projects. Could the monies have been used as Kathleen suggested, yes. However in the budget process this was the way the town chose to fund this project. Kathleen then asked if the school override were to fail, would the town look at this article again? Greg stated that he was not going to go out and order the truck tomorrow and the town would wait to see how the election comes out.

With no more discussion, Voted by a hand count asked after a voice count by seven voters: Results Yes: 115, No. 75 Article Four passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve that portion of the 2007 Fiscal Year Supplemental Operating Budget of the Pentucket Regional School District that requires an override; and to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,974,846.00) 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 \$1,974,846.00 in real estate and personal property taxes; or take any other action relative thereto. Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS UNFAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion was made and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Permission was asked by Marie Piccolomini, school board member to allow the Supt. Of Schools Doctor Compton, a non resident to speak. Voted to allow him to speak. Doctor Compton used the handout which accompanies this town report with article in his discussion on this issue. He stated that the school budget is \$33,300,00.00 , which is an increase of \$5,795,000. In summary the salaries make up \$1,333,thousand, Supplies and materials make up \$3, 274, 730 dollars of the budget, Category three is Utilities, which make up \$1, 715, 93.

Benefits in this budget are \$4, 994, 547, Sped Tuition makes up \$ 1, 733,592 and our debt service amounts top \$ 1, 249,498. He stated that salaries represent 61% of the budget. Benefits 15%. He talked about the budget drivers (see in section two on enclosed sheet. The total of these budget drivers amounts to \$5,795,000. He stated that add additional Budget Increases of \$1, 194,000 all of which make up the budget. He stated that this coming year the "Department of Revenue will be taking over the school this year with an "over-site advisory board" working with school officials, to help the school district with its financial situation. He went one to state that the district will have to borrow some 2 million dollars to pay for the school deficit problem.

Kathy Kastrinelis, stated that this school system needs to be funded adequately. That funding the schools needs to be a priority. It should be more important than re-paving a parking lot, or a town dump truck. If the over-ride does not pass then we are looking at catastrophic cuts in the schools. She went on to state that 60% of the school budget is salaries, which if the over-ride does not pass, it will mean peoples jobs will be cut. She stated that she would give up having her trash pick-up, Then not having the school have the monies. She finally state she see a total lack of compassion of this town toward education.

Debby Webster, 50 Wood Street stated "this problem has been a long time in coming. It started with the total regionalization of this district. When it did regionalize K-12 more monies did come to the district. The district could not spend it fast enough. After the initial amount of money the state funded the district, it started to not fund monies to the district. In turn the towns had to fund more monies out of their budgets to the schools to compensate for it. She believes that the district has become less accountable to the people. Debbie asked how many classes a chair of a department teaches. A resident answered. She stated that her husband teaches two classes. Debbie than stated that a chair of a department should teach more than two classes.

Lisa Dube-Carpenter, member of the School Board. She stated that people should do research as to how the school district works. Go into the schools, volunteer, get involved. Don't come to this meeting unless you have done research. She went on to read the percentages the town allocated to town department. She stated the politicians are not funding the education. So the people have to make choices as to whether we want to fund our children's education.

John Osborne, 3 Pleasant Street, asked that two of our selectmen moved unfavorable action on this article. Could they answer as to why they did? Betty Selectman, Elizabeth Gorski, state that asking for a two million dollar over-ride will cause items such as

The trash will not be picked up, streets will not be plowed, will not have the police officer there for you, nor the fire department at your door when needed. She went on to point out that the town does not have a new senior center, nor a new library. The town does the best that we can, with what we do have for finances.

Selectman, Barbara Sheehan, stated "We cannot afford this over-ride at this time. "We have to go to the state, this is ridiculous, you read the papers it is not only Groveland, its every town. The State of Massachusetts is the people that have to step up on education, like they promised us when we regionalized. Every regional district is in the same situation. She stated that the successes that have come out of that school are fantastic. We must still see that are children doing well. But we can no longer on the household taxpayers back. It has to be done the state legislature.

Selectmen William Darke, stated "He stated that because the majority of the board voted for unfavorable action that he would come to the mike as a dissenting vote. He stated that he has served on the regional task force looking at this situation. He stated that the school does need more money, just in the salary account. He stated that the school department has been under-funded for the past couple of years. He has three children in the system. He graduated for the system. We have to educate of kids, there is no doubt about it. He believes that this question should go forward to the ballot. It's a huge number, but they need the monies. But what happens next year if they need more. We need to hold the administration accountable, the school committee to make sure there is accountability. He stated that he believe that the advisory board is a good thing.

**Vote was taken by a voice vote; however a hand vote was needed because seven voters asked for it. Voted in Favor: 89 Voted against: 139
Moderator declared article failed.**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the entrance doors at the Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Pentucket Regional School District

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion was made for favorable action and seconded. No discussion took place. Voted majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$33,500.00) for the purpose of replacing the boiler at the South Groveland Fire Station, the windows at the Town Hall, Langley-Adams Library and the remainder of the Public Safety Building; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 8 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of committing the second of an annual appropriation which will be used to fund a Town parade to be sponsored by the Groveland Activities Committee, said parade 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 24, 2006. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted favorable action.

ARTICLE 9: 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 2007; 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 ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. . Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Voted favorably to dispense with the reading of the article. No discussion took place. Voted Majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of financing the requirements of the town's NPDES Storm Water General Permit including without limitations all costs thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Storm Water Management Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN April 24, 2006. . Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Voted favorably to dispense with the reading of the article.

Discussion: Bruce Adams, Water Board member and member of Storm Water committee, stated that the state has asked that all communities adopt new regulations for storm water.

Question was asked if there was any way that developers could pay for this? Bruce stated that with working with Planning Boards there would be permit fees which in turn would take care of the cost factor and place it on the developer.

Voted Majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 11 : To see if the Town will vote to raise the following sums to defray Town charges for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2007 and make appropriations therefor, or take any other action relative thereto:

| | | Appropriated FY'06 |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | |
| 1 | MODERATOR | |
| | Stipend | \$ 100.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 100.00 |
| 2 | SELECTMEN | |
| | Selectman's Stipend | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | Admin. Asst. Salary | \$ 45,510.00 |
| | Town Audit | \$ 18,900.00 |
| | Expenses | \$ 4,843.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 70,753.00 |
| 3 | AD-HOC COMMITTEES | |
| | Expenses | \$ 400.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 400.00 |
| 4 | DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & FINANCE | |

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ARTICLE 11 : To see if the Town will vote to raise the following sums to defray Town charges for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2007 and make appropriations therefor, or take any other action relative thereto:

| | Appropriated FY'06 | Requested FY'07 | Finance Board Recommends |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| 1 MODERATOR | | | |
| Stipend | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 2 SELECTMEN | | | |
| Selectman's Stipend | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| Admin. Asst. Salary | \$ 45,510.00 | \$ 45,510.00 | \$ 47,785.00 |
| Town Audit | \$ 18,900.00 | \$ 22,500.00 | \$ 22,500.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 4,843.00 | \$ 5,384.00 | \$ 5,384.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 70,753.00 | \$ 77,894.00 | \$ 80,169.00 |
| 3 AD-HOC COMMITTEES | | | |
| Expenses | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| 4 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & FINANCE | | | |
| Finance Director's Salary | \$ 67,106.00 | \$ 80,000.00 | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Asst. Treasurer/Collector's Salary | \$ 36,737.00 | \$ 36,737.00 | \$ 38,574.00 |
| Treasury/Collection Clerk | \$ 23,292.00 | \$ 23,292.00 | \$ 24,457.00 |
| Tax Title-Treasury/Collection | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Computer Hardware Maint & Lic Fees | \$ 17,500.00 | \$ 23,663.00 | \$ 23,663.00 |
| Expense | \$ 17,500.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 168,135.00 | \$ 189,692.00 | \$ 192,694.00 |
| 5 TOWN ACCOUNTANT | | | |
| Accountant's Salary | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 52,500.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 51,500.00 | \$ 51,500.00 | \$ 54,000.00 |
| 6 BOARD OF ASSESSORS | | | |
| Assessors' Stipends | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| Assessors' Manager's Salary | \$ 34,784.00 | \$ 34,784.00 | \$ 36,523.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,700.00 | \$ 5,700.00 |
| Revaluation Maintenance | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 34,000.00 | \$ 34,000.00 |
| Maps-Updating | \$ 3,300.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 72,484.00 | \$ 78,884.00 | \$ 80,623.00 |
| 7 TOWN COUNSEL | | | |
| Legal Expense | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |

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| 8 | COMPUTER SYSTEM CONSULTANT | | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 9 | TOWN CLERK | | | |
| | Town Clerk's Salary | \$ 41,542.00 | \$ 41,542.00 | \$ 43,619.00 |
| | Elections & Registrations | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 |
| | Expenses | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 57,142.00 | \$ 65,042.00 | \$ 59,619.00 |
| 10 | CONSERVATION COMMISSION | | | |
| | Stipends | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 |
| 11 | PLANNING AND ENGINEERING | | | |
| | Town Engineer | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 |
| | Engineering Expenses | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 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 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 77,500.00 | \$ 87,500.00 | \$ 87,500.00 |
| 12 | MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION | | | |
| | Assessment | \$ 1,895.00 | \$ 1,924.00 | \$ 1,924.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 1,895.00 | \$ 1,924.00 | \$ 1,924.00 |
| 13 | ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | | | |
| | Expense | \$ 3,400.00 | \$ 12,060.00 | \$ 4,060.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 3,400.00 | \$ 12,060.00 | \$ 4,060.00 |
| 14 | MUNICIPAL FIELDS & WATER | | | |
| | Expense | \$ 27,000.00 | \$ 27,000.00 | \$ 27,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 27,000.00 | \$ 27,000.00 | \$ 27,000.00 |
| 15 | MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS | | | |
| | Supt. Of Buildings-Wages | \$ 7,540.00 | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Expenses | \$ 105,700.00 | \$ 123,700.00 | \$ 123,700.00 |
| | Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 143,240.00 | \$ 173,700.00 | \$ 163,700.00 |
| 16 | TOWN INSURANCE | | | |
| | Expenses | | | |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 102,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 95,000.00 |
| | | \$ 102,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 95,000.00 |
| 17 | TOWN REPORTS | | | |
| | Expenses | | | |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 4,200.00 |
| | | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 4,200.00 |

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| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | \$ 827,149.00 | \$ 917,296.00 | \$ 898,389.00 |
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PUBLIC SAFETY**18 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Chief's Salary | \$ 90,028.00 | \$ 93,916.00 | \$ 93,916.00 |
| Lieutenant's & Sergeant's Salaries | \$ 170,360.00 | \$ 195,159.00 | \$ 195,159.00 |
| Patrolmen's Salary | \$ 211,193.00 | \$ 246,700.00 | \$ 246,700.00 |
| Secretary's Salary | \$ 21,609.00 | \$ 21,609.00 | \$ 22,690.00 |
| Other Wages | \$ 107,446.00 | \$ 85,000.00 | \$ 89,250.00 |
| Incentive Wages | \$ 94,000.00 | \$ 102,670.00 | \$ 102,670.00 |
| Cruiser | \$ 24,500.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | \$ 24,000.00 |
| Harbormaster Stipend | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Harbormaster Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 42,000.00 | \$ 42,000.00 | \$ 42,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 762,236.00 | \$812,054.00 | \$ 817,385.00 |

19 PARKING CLERK

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| Expenses | | | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 |
| | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 |

20 COMMUNICATIONS

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|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wages | | | |
| Expenses | \$ 178,034.00 | \$ 185,390.00 | \$ 185,390.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 5,880.00 | \$ 5,880.00 | \$ 5,880.00 |
| | \$ 183,914.00 | \$ 191,270.00 | \$ 191,270.00 |

21 FIRE DEPARTMENT

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| Fire Engineers' Stipends | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Chief's Salary | \$ 14,455.00 | \$ 14,455.00 | \$ 15,178.00 |
| Clerk's Salary | \$ 5,849.00 | \$ 5,849.00 | \$ 6,141.00 |
| Firefighter Wages | \$ 70,170.00 | \$ 70,170.00 | \$ 70,170.00 |
| Inspector's Wages | \$ 2,302.00 | \$ 2,302.00 | \$ 2,417.00 |
| Drill Wages | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Mass Fire Academy Training | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 55,176.00 | \$ 59,282.00 | \$ 59,282.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 178,452.00 | \$ 187,558.00 | \$ 188,688.00 |

22 AMBULANCE SERVICE

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| Contracted Expense | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - |

23 INSPECTORS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Wiring Inspector | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Wiring Inspector Expenses | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Plumbing & Gas Inspector | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 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 | \$ 42,418.00 | \$ 42,418.00 | \$ 44,539.00 |
| Building Inspector's Secretary | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Building Inspector Expenses | \$ 3,807.00 | \$ 3,807.00 | \$ 3,807.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 72,975.00 | \$ 72,975.00 | \$ 75,096.00 |

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| 24 | CIVIL DEFENSE | | | |
| | Directors' Stipend | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| | Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 1,100.00 |

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| 25 | ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | | | |
| | Contract Wages | \$ 13,781.00 | \$ 13,781.00 | \$ 14,470.00 |
| | Expenses | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 16,781.00 | \$ 16,781.00 | \$ 17,470.00 |

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| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | \$ 1,230,708.00 | \$ 1,281,988.00 | \$ 1,291,259.00 |
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EDUCATION

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| 26 | EDUCATION | | | |
| | Pentucket Base Assessment | \$ 4,311,466.00 | \$ 4,746,702.00 | \$ 4,746,702.00 |
| | Pentucket Supplemental Assessment | \$ 532,714.00 | \$ 1,974,846.00 | \$ - |
| | Pentucket Capital Assessment | \$ 66,782.00 | \$ 53,535.00 | \$ 53,535.00 |
| | Pentucket Capital Assmnt Supplemntl | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Whittier Vocational Tech Assessment | \$ 355,681.00 | \$ 358,560.00 | \$ 358,560.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 5,266,643.00 | \$ 7,133,643.00 | \$ 5,158,797.00 |

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| TOTAL EDUCATION | \$ 5,266,643.00 | \$ 7,133,643.00 | \$ 5,158,797.00 |
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PUBLIC WORKS

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| 27 | TREE WARDEN | | | |
| | Tree Warden Stipend | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| | Expense | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 7,300.00 | \$ 7,300.00 | \$ 7,300.00 |

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| 28 | HIGHWAYS | | | |
| | Road Commissioner's Salary | \$ 58,270.00 | \$ 64,000.00 | \$ 61,184.00 |
| | Laborer/Operator/Driver | \$ 80,705.00 | \$ 83,127.00 | \$ 83,127.00 |
| | Part Time Laborer | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| | Emergency Help - Wages | \$ 7,600.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| | Highway Expense | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| | Front End Loader (Lease) | \$ 17,000.00 | \$ 34,000.00 | \$ 34,000.00 |
| | Snow & Ice Removal | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 125,000.00 |
| | Road Machinery Expense | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| | Road Maintenance Expense | \$ 166,345.00 | \$ 176,345.00 | \$ 176,345.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 480,920.00 | \$ 516,472.00 | \$ 538,656.00 |

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| 29 | STREET LIGHTING | | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 22,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 22,000.00 |

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|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 30 | RUBBISH COLLECTION | | | |
| | Contract Administrator | \$ 7,766.00 | \$ 7,766.00 | \$ 8,154.00 |
| | Contract Expense | \$ 495,985.00 | \$ 440,000.00 | \$ 440,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 503,751.00 | \$ 447,766.00 | \$ 448,154.00 |

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31 CEMETERY

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Commissioners | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| Full Time Wages | \$ 28,600.00 | \$ 28,600.00 | \$ 30,030.00 |
| Part Time Wages | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 42,900.00 | \$ 42,900.00 | \$ 44,330.00 |

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| TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | \$1,056,871.00 | \$ 1,036,438.00 | \$1,060,440.00 |
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HUMAN SERVICES

32 BOARD OF HEALTH

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stipends | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| Health Nurse Wages | \$ 5,737.00 | \$ 11,474.00 | \$ 12,048.00 |
| Health /Sanitarian Agent Wages | \$ 37,849.00 | \$ 37,849.00 | \$ 39,741.00 |
| Part-time Clerk Wages | \$ 11,386.00 | \$ 11,386.00 | \$ 11,955.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 61,872.00 | \$ 65,609.00 | \$ 68,644.00 |

33 COUNCIL ON AGING

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Director's Salary | \$ 37,816.00 | \$ 37,816.00 | \$ 39,707.00 |
| Part Time Office Staff | \$ 27,411.00 | \$ 27,411.00 | \$ 28,782.00 |
| Outreach Worker | \$ 8,071.00 | \$ 10,764.00 | \$ 11,313.00 |
| Part Time Van Driver | \$ 13,615.00 | \$ 13,615.00 | \$ 14,296.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 5,916.00 | \$ 6,516.00 | \$ 6,516.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 92,829.00 | \$ 96,122.00 | \$ 100,614.00 |

34 ELDER SERVICES OF MERRIMACK VALLEY

| | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Assessment | \$ 392.00 | \$ 392.00 | \$ 392.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 392.00 | \$ 392.00 | \$ 392.00 |

35 VETERANS

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Veteran's Benefits | \$ 8,545.00 | \$ 8,545.00 | \$ 8,972.00 |
| Investigation of Benefits | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 28,545.00 | \$ 28,545.00 | \$ 28,972.00 |

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| TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES | \$ 183,638.00 | \$ 190,668.00 | \$ 198,622.00 |
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36 LIBRARY

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|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Library Director's Salary | \$ 48,138.00 | \$ 51,025.00 | \$ 51,025.00 |
| Library Staff Wages | \$ 57,017.00 | \$ 62,993.00 | \$ 59,868.00 |
| Summer Help - Page Wages | \$ 6,186.00 | \$ 6,186.00 | \$ 6,495.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 47,567.00 | \$ 52,333.00 | \$ 52,333.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 158,908.00 | \$ 172,537.00 | \$ 169,721.00 |

37 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expenses | \$ 7,860.00 | \$ 7,860.00 | \$ 7,860.00 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 7,860.00 | \$ 7,860.00 | \$ 7,860.00 |

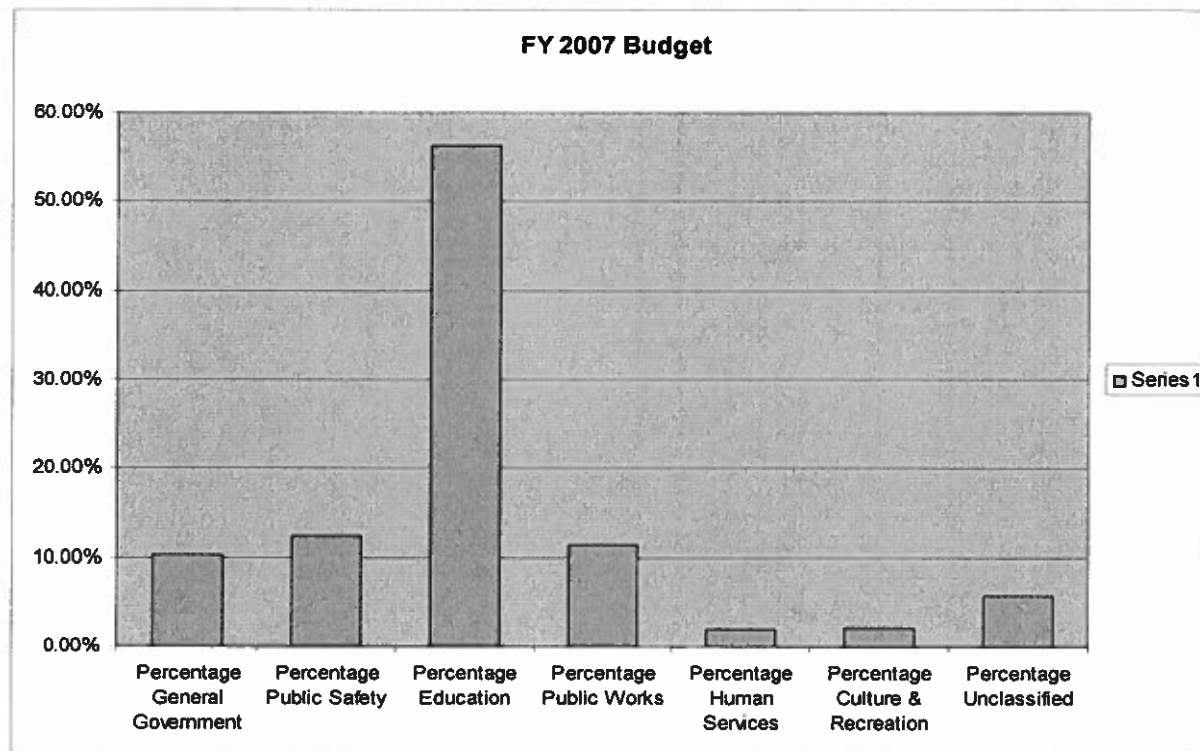
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| 38 | HISTORIC COMMISSION | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 980.00 | \$ 980.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 980.00 | \$ 980.00 |
| 39 | MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION | | \$168,348.00 | \$ 181,977.00 |
| | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | |
| 40 | DEBT INTEREST | | |
| | Bagnall School (91, refinanced 02) | \$ 25,008.00 | \$ 16,847.50 |
| | Main St Drainage (99, Bonded 02) | \$ 2,378.00 | \$ 1,737.50 |
| | Fire Pumper (00, Bonded 02) | \$ 1,920.00 | \$ - |
| | Capital Plan (02) | \$ 8,094.00 | \$ 4,042.00 |
| | Capital Plan (03) | \$ 1,880.00 | \$ 1,410.00 |
| | Meadow Pond (02) | \$ 5,760.00 | \$ 3,840.00 |
| | Town Hall/Library Roofs (03) | \$ 3,360.00 | \$ 2,520.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 48,400.00 | \$ 30,397.00 |
| 41 | DEBT PRINCIPAL | | |
| | Bagnall School (91, refinanced 02) | \$ 255,000.00 | \$ 245,000.00 |
| | Main St Drainage (99, Bonded 02) | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| | Fire Pumper (00, Bonded 02) | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ - |
| | Capital Plan (02) | \$ 80,838.00 | \$ 80,838.00 |
| | Capital Plan (03) | \$ 9,400.00 | \$ 9,400.00 |
| | Meadow Pond (02) | \$ 38,400.00 | \$ 38,400.00 |
| | Town Hall/Library Roofs (03) | \$ 16,800.00 | \$ 16,800.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 480,438.00 | \$ 415,438.00 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | | \$ 528,838.00 | \$ 445,835.00 |
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| 42 | ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT | | |
| | Assessment | \$ 197,895.00 | \$ 223,110.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 197,895.00 | \$ 223,110.00 |
| 43 | HAVERHILL RETIREMENT BOARD | | |
| | Assessment | \$ 807.00 | \$ 807.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 807.00 | \$ 807.00 |
| 44 | UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | | |
| | Expense | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 45 | EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 349,000.00 | \$ 330,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 349,000.00 | \$ 330,000.00 |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 46 | EMPLOYEES' LIFE INSURANCE | | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 |
| 47 | MEDICARE TAX | | | |
| | Expenses | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED | | \$ 593,452.00 | \$ 599,667.00 | \$ 599,667.00 |

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| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | \$ 827,149.00 | \$ 917,296.00 | \$ 898,389.00 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | \$1,230,708.00 | \$ 1,281,988.00 | \$1,291,259.00 |
| TOTAL EDUCATION | \$5,266,643.00 | \$ 7,133,643.00 | \$5,158,797.00 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | \$1,056,871.00 | \$ 1,036,438.00 | \$1,060,440.00 |
| TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES | \$ 183,638.00 | \$ 190,668.00 | \$ 198,622.00 |
| TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION | \$ 168,348.00 | \$ 181,977.00 | \$ 179,161.00 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | \$ 528,838.00 | \$ 445,835.00 | \$ 445,835.00 |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED | \$ 593,452.00 | \$ 599,667.00 | \$ 599,667.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$9,855,647.00 | \$11,787,512.00 | \$9,832,170.00 |



ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$660,500.00) for the use of the Water Department, said sum to be offset by Water Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Commissioners: | \$900 |
| Superintendent: | \$56,800 |
| Office Manager: | \$30,200 |
| Equipment Operators & Laborers: | \$97,000 |
| Overtime & On Call: | \$21,600 |
| Expenses: | \$194,000 |
| Health Insurance: | \$48,000 |
| Retirement: | \$27,000 |
| Bonded Debt P&I: | \$185,000 |
| TOTAL | \$660,500 |

Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006 . **Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article.** Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$289,400.00) for the use of the Sewer Department, said sum to be offset by Sewer Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Commissioners: | \$900 |
| Superintendent: | \$14,200 |
| Office Manager: | \$7,600 |
| Equipment Operators & Laborers: | \$24,300 |

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| Overtime & On Call: | \$5,400 |
| Expenses: | \$54,800 |
| Health Insurance: | \$12,000 |
| Retirement: | \$6,700 |
| Bonded Debt P&I: | \$44,000 |
| Haverhill Wastewater | \$92,000 |
| Haverhill Capital Bond | \$27,500 |
| TOTAL | \$289,400 |
| Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission | |

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted ,Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 14: 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, 2007. Fixing of salaries according to Articles #11 - #13 above.
Submitted by Finance Board

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 15: 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 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Conservation Commission shall give a report to the FY 2008 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2007.

Submitted by Conservation Commission.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Note: see attachment for Veasey Park Revolving funds expenditures as well as receipts for last fiscal year. Motion moved

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

ARTICLE 16 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 2007. 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 2008 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2007.

Submitted by Police Chief.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Note see attached report of financial activity for past fiscal year. Police Chief Weeks, reported that the car now brings in some 55 thousand dollars in one fiscal calendar year. No discussion. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted, unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 17: 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 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

A representative of the Pines Recreation Development Committee shall give a report to the FY 2008 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2007.

Submitted by Pines Recreation/Development Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. See attached report on fiscal activity for year. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted Favorable action.

ARTICLE 18: 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 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Board of Health shall give a report to the FY 2008 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2007.

Submitted by Board of Health.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion. Voted unanimous ,favorable action.

ARTICLE 19: 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, 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Electric Light Commissioners.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No. discussion took place. Voted, unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) 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 ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006 . Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted, Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$440,000.00) for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction sewers, sewer services and related sewer system improvements for a portion of Seven Star Road including without limitations all costs thereof; that to meet this appropriation the Finance Director with approval of the Selectman is authorized to borrow \$440,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L.c 44 Sec.7 or any other enabling legislation; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Finance Director with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues; and to take any other action relative thereto. Said amount to be offset by sewer betterment assessments.

Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND NON RECOMMENDATION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006 Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Bruce Adams, explained to citizens that this sewer project would go from Broad Street to Wood Street. Potentially 40 house lots could be developed. He explained that the Town would borrow the monies. Owners would pay betterment charges at 5% interest charges.

Debra Webster, 50 Wood Street, stated that she was against this extension of sewerage because at this time the town has not met its requirements for 40B's. She stated the extension will cost the taxpayers anything but the growth realized by this project will cost the taxpayers in addition town services.

Edward Winning, 30 Seven Star Rd. He stated that he feels that this project is not mandated program, he feel that this is for the purpose of developers.

It was also pointed out that should this project happen than water mains would also be put in. Thus, streets would be dug up, and need to be re-paved. Again, another cost to the townspeople tax dollars. Because this project would open a large tract of land to be developed open space would be lost.

Mr. Kulik, 41 Seven Star Road, stated that sewage is good for a community, and that he favors this.

(note that this Article needs a 2/3/ vote to pass) Vote was taken with the moderators declaring 2/3/ apposed. Thus the article fails.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to allow the discontinuance of existing sewer easements and accept by voluntary conveyance new sewer easements to replace the discontinued easements for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of town owned utilities located on a portion of land known as the Whitestone Village II, Assessors Map 25, Lot 12, as shown on plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land at Whitestone Village II in Groveland, Ma dated Feb. 9, 2006, Atlantic Engineering & Survey Consultants Inc."; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place on this article. (Note: this article needs a 2/3/ vote) Voted favorable action with a 2/3 vote declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E, as amended, allowing the Town to offset the normal operating costs in part or whole by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services.

Submitted by Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Carole Grazio, Governors, Road, asked "What Fee's ?". Finance Director, Greg Labrecque responded in saying that it was for engineering fees. Voted Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Section 2 of the Town of Groveland General By-Laws by adding Section 2-127 which will read as follows:

“Section 2-127: No member of an appointed Board, Commission, Committee or Council shall be in arrears to the Town of Groveland for any tax, fee, or assessment as determined by the Town Treasurer. The Town Treasurer shall inform any member of said Board, Commission, Committee or Council in writing of the delinquency by description and amount owed along with the date the payment must be received, which shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the notification letter. Failure on behalf of the Board, Commission, Committee or Council member to satisfy the amounts owed as stated in the notification letter by the due date shall constitute a letter of resignation by the member and the Treasurer shall notify the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, and the appropriate Board, Commission, Committee or Council that the individual is no longer a member.”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose: The purpose of this by-law is to be consistent with the provisions of other Town By-Laws which state that applicants for permits, variances, or hearings must be tax payers in good standing with the Town. It is only sensible that the persons deciding their fate also be taxpayers in good standing.

Submitted by Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Debra Young, Center Street. She asked, “Why are elected positions not part of this article? The answer, from Finance Director, was that elected could not be part of this article according to the laws. Voted: Majority Favorable Action.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to amend Sec. 2-144. Officers., paragraph (f) of the Council on Aging Bylaw by adding the word ‘first’ after the word ‘shall’ and the words ‘followed by the Secretary, and then the Treasurer,’ after the word ‘Vice-Chairperson’ so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

“(f) Election of officers to fill vacancies created by death, resignation or other cause may take place at any regular or special meeting and shall be for the unexpired term of the previous incumbent, except that the office of Chairperson, if vacated, shall first be filled by the Vice-Chairperson followed by the Secretary, and then the Treasurer, for the unexpired portion of the Chairperson’s term of office.”

Submitted by Council on Aging

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to amend Sec. 2-144. Officers., paragraph (l) of the Council on Aging Bylaw by deleting the words 'plus a majority of the Council members' after the word 'Treasurer' and adding the words 'and/or Chairperson of Board' so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"(l) Requests for expenditures shall be presented by the Council at the regular monthly meeting, and considered under New Business for approval by the Council for payment by the Town Accountant. The Treasurer and/or Chairperson of Board must approve and sign all vouchers for payment."

Submitted by Council on Aging

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend Sec. 2-149. Effective Date., of the Council On Aging Bylaw by deleting the word 'present' after the words 'two-thirds of members' so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"The effective date of these Bylaws shall be the date of that meeting at which the Bylaws have been approved by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of members."

Submitted by Council on Aging

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted, Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting the following paragraph into Section IV following paragraph 3 of the Town of Groveland Wetland Protection Bylaw and Regulations:

"After public notice and public hearing the Commission is authorized to include in any regulations adopted under this bylaw a fee schedule imposing application fees for permits, determinations, inspections, waivers and certificates of compliance. This application fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL C. 131, S. 40, and shall be commensurate with the costs incurred by the Commission. Failure to pay any fee required by regulations duly promulgated by the Commission shall be grounds for denial of the application"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion. Michael Dempsey, member of the Conservation Board, explained that this article if approved would provide charges for the services which the Conservation provided to applicants.

Voted majority favorable Action.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, section 4A, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other public health agencies to provide for mutual aid and assistance between municipalities; or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. NO discussion took place. Voted ,Unanimous, favorable Action.

Motion made to amend article 38 to read "To Dissolve" Town Meeting. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted favorable action. Moved and seconded for favorable action as amended on article 38. Voted Favorably.

Motion made to dissolve Annual Town Meeting. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted ,Favorable action to dissolve Town Meeting. Meeting dissolved at 9:50PM.

Attest to be a True Copy. Richard T. Sciacca, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to adjust the eligibility factors for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, in accordance with Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. By reducing the age of eligibility to age 65 (from 70).
2. By increasing the allowable income for applicants to \$20,000 if single and \$30,000 if married (from 15,000 if single and 20,000 if married).

Submitted by Board of Assessors

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous, favorable action.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2007 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 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Appropriations | |
| Committee Administrative Expenses | \$ 20,000 |
| Reserves | |
| Open Space | \$ 50,000 |
| Historic Resources | \$ 50,000 |
| Community Housing | \$ 50,000 |

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 2007. 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, 2007. 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 2007, or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2008.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Majority, favorable action.

ARTICLE 32: 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);

Seven Star Road

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Groveland Conservation Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Motion to amend this article was presented by Michael Dempsey, committee member of Senic Roads Committee which would "Remove, Seven Star Road" from the list. Discussion: Some discussion was asked as to what the list of roads protects. Michael, explained that it would protect stone walls and old tree. He felt that this road did not have anything that would require protection.

Motion was moved and seconded for favorable action on the amendment.

Amendment was voted, favorable. Original article was moved and seconded for favorable action as amended. Voted ,majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by relettering Section X. BUDGET A TO B and inserting a new subsection A as follows:

- A. There shall be a regional finance advisory committee, comprised of the following: one selectmen from each member town annually appointed by each member town Board of Selectmen; the finance director, or person holding such position by whichever title it may be known, from each member town; the Regional District School Committee Chair, or his/her designee; and the District Superintendent and/or Business Manager. The regional finance advisory committee will meet, from time to time, with the Regional District School Committee Chair, the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to discuss financial matters that may impact the District and/or the towns, including budget calendars and timelines, content and detail of budgets, revenue estimates and other revenue matters, capital budget items and use of

excess and deficiency funds. The chairmanship of the Advisory Committee shall rotate annually among the members from each of the towns.
or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the 2005 Pentucket Regional Agreement Task Force

Rationale: Formally establishing a Regional Finance Advisory Committee promotes a working relationship between town officials and the school

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Carole Grazio, School Board Member asked if was legal for the selectmen to offer this article. She asked if this violated the regional agreement. Town Counsel spoke and said that the agreement allows the selectmen to propose article and that it was legal. Voted Majority Favorable Action.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by adding to the end of Section XIII AMENDMENTS the following new subsection:

- C. This agreement will be reviewed every three years, after the adoption of this Article, by a task force formed by the member town's Board of Selectmen and will also include representation from the Regional District School Committee. The membership shall consist of four members appointed by each member town's Board of Selectmen, one of whom shall be a member from each town's Board of Selectmen and their alternate and one of whom shall be a citizen from each member town and their alternate. Also the Regional District School Committee shall appoint one of its members to the task force and one member to serve as an alternate.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the 2005 Pentucket Regional Agreement Task Force

Rationale: Currently the agreement does not stipulate a review timeframe. The task force is recommending the regional agreement be reviewed every three years to ensure the agreement stays current.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted Majority, favorable action.

ARTICLE 35: 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:

I-1-A. Commencing with the annual 2007 town elections, and subject to any necessary approvals, 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; provided that, seat 4 in each member town will be eliminated upon the expiration of said term in 2007; provided further that, in the town of Merrimac upon the expiration of the term for seat 2 in 2008 said term shall be for two years and will upon its expiration revert to a three year term.

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 shall require 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.
or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the 2005 Pentucket Regional Agreement Task Force

Rationale: Reducing the number of members will allow the committee to be more manageable. Also with fewer school committee seats to fill, it encourages more competition for the available seats.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/ ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action.

Discussion: Carole Grazio, Governors Road, School Board Member stated that she felt that reducing the size may hinder the work of the school board, placing a greater amount on less members.

Doreen Blades, Hillview Drive, and School Board Member, stated that the board members have weighted votes and questioned how this would effect the board's actions. She also expressed that meetings are often called in session during the day hours. And again some members may not be able to attend.

Lisa Dube Carpenter, School Board Member, stated that she feels that the meetings will be more manageable with fewer members.

Voted ,Majority, favorable action.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement in Section XIII AMENDMENTS A by inserting after the phrase "town meeting" in the first sentence thereof the following: "except as noted in the final subsection"

and

By adding to the end of Section XIII-AMENDMENTS the following new subsection C:

The following sections of the Regional Agreement may have a financial impact on the member towns and therefore require a ballot vote at Annual Town election:

Section V-1. DEFINITIONS

Section V-2. METHODS OF ASSESSING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Section VI. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADDITIONS, MAJOR
REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF SECONDARY AND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Section X. BUDGET

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the 2005 Pentucket Regional Agreement Task Force

Rationale: A ballot vote is a truer picture of the direction a community wants to take. Taking a ballot vote at Town election versus a vote at town meeting eliminates the ability to stack town meeting to pass an amendment to the regional agreement.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/ NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Motion moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Voted unanimous favorable action.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the town will vote to amend the Pentucket Regional School District Agreement by deleting reference to "V-3.B" in Section VI. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDITIONS, MAJOR REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, and substituting in place thereof the reference to "V-2.B."

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the 2005 Pentucket Regional Agreement Task Force

Rationale: To change a reference which mistakenly is V-3. B to V-2. B

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NO ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 24, 2006. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Majority favorable action.

ARTICLE 38: 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 1, 2006 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 Board of Health for two years
One member of the School Committee for three years
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 Municipal Light Commission for two years
One member of the Planning Board for five years
One member of the Groveland Housing Authority for three 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 2007 ONLY, beginning on July 1, 2006, for the purpose of continuing the Groveland Road Management Program funding for its ninth year as described in Article #3 of the April 24, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

YES ☐ NO ☐

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of Groveland be allowed to assess an additional ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,974,846.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the Fiscal Year 2007 Pentucket Regional School District Supplemental Budget Assessment as stated in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article # 5 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006?

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 7th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

Elizabeth A. Gorski, Chairman

Barbara A. Sheehan

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