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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT and 2007 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 30, 2007 @ 7:15 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

Greeting was read by Town Clerk Richard Sciacca. Meeting started at 7:15pm

**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 ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. 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 TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$210,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the Groveland Road Management Program funding for its ninth year, for Fiscal Year 2008, 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, 2007; said vote contingent upon approval by the voters at the Annual Town Election on May 1, 2007 of a Capital Outlay Exclusion Ballot Question to increase the levy limit in the amount of the aforementioned appropriation FOR THE 2008 FISCAL YEAR ONLY; or take any action relative thereto.

Murray Court and Murray Road;  
Dartmouth St., Harvard Rd., Yale St., Staunton Rd., Doris St. & Wilbert Ave.  
Submitted by the Road Commissioner

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007 Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted, favorable action, to dispense with the reading. No discussion took place on the article. Voted ,Unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$165,043.00) 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 30, 2007 Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted ,favorable action ,to dispense with the reading. No discussion took place. Voted, unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) for the purpose of installing a four-way stop light at the intersection of Salem and Washington Streets and an additional warning signal on Salem Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen and Road Commissioner

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Majority favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 5:** 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 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by Board of Selectmen**

**Note: Authorization for this appropriation is provided in MGL, C. 40, S. 9.**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$21,250.00) 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 ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: Moved and seconded for favorable action. Discussion: Question was raised , "What does this money buy?" Bruce Adams, of Water/Sewer department stated: "Bruce stated that the federal government has come up with regulation which adopted will help to clean storm water so as to make the it cleaner when permeating into the ground water. The committee has worked with Woody Cammett, an engineer as well as Merrick Valley Planning group to come up with methods to accomplish what is mandated by the Federal Guidelines. It will satisfy the plan for the next two year. When we accomplish this the Federal Government will not impose fines to the Town of Groveland.**

**No other discussion. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

The Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) continues in its effort to address the equipment needs of the Town's various departments. The following are the committee's recommendations for FY 2008 (Articles #6-#8):

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a used ¾ ton pickup truck for the Cemetery Department; or take any other action relative thereto.  
Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

**NOTE:** The purchase of a ¾ ton pickup truck will allow the Cemetery Department to keep up with necessary maintenance and snow removal. Due to limited use, it was determined that a used vehicle would meet the need.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$10,027.00) for the purpose of purchasing folders and binders for the Town Clerk's Office to be used to preserve birth and death records; or take and other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

**NOTE:** To address the need for the long-term preservation of birth and death records, protective folders and the binders to hold them would be purchased for the Town Clerk's office. These folders would be used in preserving existing records. The purchase of folders and binders for future records would be funded from the Town Clerk's operating budget.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the purpose of adding an enclosure to direct entry door at the rear of the Police Station; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

**NOTE:** The current configuration of a direct-entry door in the rear of the Police Station allows for considerable heat loss in winter and makes for a less-than-desirable environment for those working in the Police Department office area due to the draft of cold air directly into the office. The enclosure would save on heating costs and make for a better work environment.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 10:** 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, 2008 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 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted ,Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of TWE NTY 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 ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell to Division of Fisheries and Wildlife a parcel of land located on Center Street and identified as Assessors' Map 13, Lot 22, and containing 4.5 acres to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for the assessed value of NINETEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$19,100.00), said sale subject to a confirmatory appraisal paid for by DFW; or take any other action relative thereto.  
Submitted by Board of Selectmen

**NOTE:** This parcel of land abuts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Crane Pond Wildlife Management Area in Groveland.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: Moved to suspend reading. Voted favorable action. April 30, 2007. 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 SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$724,000.00) for the use of the Water Department, said sum to be offset by FY '08 Water Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

	<b><u>FY'08</u></b>
Commissioners Stipends (3)	\$ 1,260.00
Water/Sewer Superintendent's Salary	\$ 51,420.00
Water/Sewer Office Manager's Salary	\$ 29,400.00
Water/Sewer Equipment Operators/ Laborers' Wages (3)	\$ 88,635.00
Over-time Wages	\$ 21,600.00
Expenses	\$ 291,213.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$ 30,081.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 25,391.00
Bond Debt, Principal & Interest	<u>\$ 185,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 724,000.00</b>

Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

**WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30, 2007 . Moved and seconded for favorable action.**  
**Discussion: Charles Plummer asked, "What are the increases over last year?" Bruce Adams,, Water and Sewer member stated work needed to be done on Marjorie Street . Leak detectors are needed. The department needs to monitor fluoride. And the department is in need of a utility truck. No other discussion took place. Voted majority favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTHOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$334,900.00) for the use of the Sewer Department, said sum to be offset by FY '08 Sewer Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

	<b><u>FY'08</u></b>
Commissioners Stipends (3)	\$ 540.00
Water/Sewer Superintendent's Salary	\$ 22,040.00
Water/Sewer Office Manager's Salary	\$ 12,600.00
Water/Sewer Equipment Operators/ Laborers' (3) Wages	\$ 37,565.00
Over-time Wages	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses	\$ 61,805.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$ 12,900.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 12,000.00
Bond Debt, Principal & Interest	\$ 44,000.00
Haverhill Wastewater	\$ 98,000.00
Haverhill Capital Bond	<u>\$ 30,450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 334,900.00</b>

Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

**WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action.**  
**No discussion took place. Voted majority favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 16:** 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, 2008. Fixing of salaries according to Articles #13 - #15 above.

Submitted by Finance Board

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action.**  
**No discussion took place. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the town will vote to make the office of Tree Warden an appointed office, to be filled by appointment of the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 41, Section 1B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

**Note:** If Question #2 on the May 7, 2007 Town Election Ballot passes, the person who is simultaneously running for the elected position will hold office only until an appointment has been made by the Board of Selectmen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Keven McDermott, , 137 Seven Star Road, stated that keeping elected officials is better. Greg Labreque, finance director stated that the town would like to establish a department of public works, so as to control deficiencies across the board with other town department. Voted with hand count 109 yes, no with 69. Article passed favorable.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to make the office of Road Commissioner an appointed office to be known as Superintendent of Streets, to be filled by appointment of the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 41, Section 1B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

**Note:** If Question #3 on the May 7, 2007 Town Election Ballot passes, the person who is simultaneously running for the elected position will hold office only until an appointment has been made by the Board of Selectmen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Robert Arakelain Road Commissioner, supported this move. No other discussion. Voted Favorable action.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to its authority under General Laws 41, Section 1B, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint 3 citizens to serve on the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for a term of 3 years, all appointed officials to serve staggered terms in accordance with Chapter 41, Sections 1 and 21 of the General Laws, and to succeed the elected officials in their positions in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 1B of the General Laws, said vote contingent on the acceptance by the voters at the annual town election, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

**Note:** If Question #4 on the May 7, 2007 Town Election Ballot passes, the individual who is simultaneously running for the elected position will hold office only until such time as an appointment has been made by the Board of Selectmen; any Cemetery Commissioner serving at the time of acceptance by the voters of Question #4 shall continue to hold office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007 Motion made and seconded for favorable action. Discussion. Commissioner Sciacca, read statement as to the improvement made at the Cemetery in the past three and one half years. He stated that the biggest complaint of which the commissioners receive is with the condition of the road. He also stated that he , himself had heard this idea from Finance Director, however his board as well as himself, had never had a meeting with the Selectmen on it. The board of Selectmen refuted this claim, and stated that Mr. Sciacca has attended their meetings regularly and new this was going on. Sciacca, stated that he attended on briefly two of their meeting, and the subject was not mentioned. Selectman Darke, stated that the Cemetery board had not been told. Mr. Arakelian , stated the road were not done because the water mains need to be addressed. He went on to say that he attended meetings with the commissioners, and they were a waste of his time. He stated that he feels that the Commissioners are not competent to get things done. No further discussion took place, Article was passed with favorable action voted.



**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8G, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Chief of Police

**Explanation:** Acceptance of MGL C. 40, S. 8G will allow the town to enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities and towns, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives, safety and property of the people in the area designated in the agreement. Said agreement may include the furnishing of personal services, supplies, materials, contractual services, and equipment when the resources normally available to any municipality in the agreement are not sufficient to cope with a situation which requires police action.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN** April 30, 2007 Moved and seconded for Favorable action. Voted Unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town of Groveland to withdraw their elementary school (Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall Elementary School) from the Pentucket Regional School District pursuant to Section VIII-2. of the Pentucket Regional Agreement thereby dissolving the district at the elementary level; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN** April 30, 2007 Much discussion was raised on this issue, by many people. The general feeling was that not enough information was available to deal with this issue. It was the feeling of the crowd, that the Superintendent needs to be held accountable for fair and equitable treatment to the Town of Groveland. Motion was made and seconded to table this article. Voted 2/3/ favorable vote to table.

**ARTICLE 22:** 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 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Conservation Commission shall give a report to the FY 2009 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2008.

Submitted by Conservation Commission.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted favorably. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Note: report submitted to Town Clerk. No discussion. Voted Majority favorable action.

**ARTICLE 23:** 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 2008. 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 2009 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2008.

Submitted by Chief of Police

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted favorable action. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Chief Weeks asked to continue this service. No further discussion took place. Voted Majority favorable action.

**ARTICLE 24:** 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 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

A representative of the Pines Recreation Development Committee shall give a report to the FY 2009 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2008.

Submitted by Pines Recreation/Development Committee

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved , to dispense with the reading. Voted , favorably. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion Voted Unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 25:** 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 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Board of Health shall give a report to the FY 2009 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2008.

Submitted by Board of Health.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 30, 2007. Motion made to dispense with the reading. Voted favorably. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous favorable action.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2008 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	\$ 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 2008. 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, 2008. 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 2008, or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2009.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Move to dispense with the reading. And seconded. Voted Unanimous.favorable action.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Historic Preservation FY-2005 and FY 2006 to be made available for the purpose of a Historic Survey of Groveland to be managed by the Groveland Historical Commission under the CPA category of Historic Preservation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**Note:** On request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will fund a survey in Groveland to identify and catalog historic structures along with a matching grant from the state of \$9,000.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted ,favorably to dispense with the reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. After limited discussion, voted unfavorable action.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED-SIXTY DOLLARS (\$11,560.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Historic Preservation FY-2005 and FY 2006 to be made available for the purpose of a Re-Roofing of Historic Building at Veasey Park to be managed by the Groveland Conservation Commission under the CPA category of Historic Preservation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**NOTE:** On request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will fund a re-roofing of a historic building project at Veasey Park along with a matching grant of \$ 5,000. from the Friends of Veasey Park. The CPC requires three bids on the project defined in the proposal and the applicant organization must return any unexpended funds to the town for future CPC projects. All work must be completed within 2 years.

With respect to historic resources, rehabilitation shall have the additional meaning of work to comply with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties codified in 36 C.F.R. Part 68.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted ,favorably to dispense with the reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion. Voted Majority favorable action.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED-TWENTY DOLLARS (\$39,520.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Historic Preservation FY-2005 and FY 2006 to be made available for the purpose of an Electrical Upgrade of Historic Buildings at Veasey Park to be managed by the Groveland Conservation Commission under the CPA category of Historic Preservation, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee**

**NOTE:** On request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will fund an electrical upgrade of historic buildings and grounds at Veasey Park. The CPC requires three bids on the project defined in the proposal and the applicant organization must return any unexpended funds to the town for future CPC projects. All work must be completed within 2 years.

With respect to historic resources, rehabilitation shall have the additional meaning of work to comply with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties codified in 36 C.F.R. Part 68.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Move and seconded to dispense with the reading. Voted favorably to dispense with the reading. Voted Majority favorable action.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Historic Preservation FY-2005 and FY 2006 and FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$54,000) from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve FY-2005 and FY-2006 to be made available for the purpose of a Phase I Historic Preservation of Washington Hall to be managed by the Groveland Historical Society under the CPA category of Historic Preservation, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee**

**NOTE:** On request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will fund the first phase of a preservation of an historic building known as Washington Hall. The CPC requires three bids on the project defined in the proposal and the applicant organization must return any unexpended funds to the town for future CPC projects. All work must be completed within 2 years.

With respect to historic resources, rehabilitation shall have the additional meaning of work to comply with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties codified in 36 C.F.R. Part 68.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN :** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded to suspend with the reading. Voted favorably to suspend with the reading of the article. Moved and seconded for unfavorable action. Jeff Pappas asked what will be done to this building. Button up the building, Fix the roof, Electricity work, and smoke detectors installed. Bill Darke stated that contractors support this dollar amount. David Kowalski, finance Board member state that the town may have to support this building. Elaine York asked , "how many phases will this building have to have to complete the work needed? Claire Walsh stated 5 years worth, at app. 200-250 thousand dollars. Lynne Pappas, Center Street asked, one the building is fix how will the Historical Committee keep it up. Claire Walsh on stated that the Historical Group had only \$8000.00 in the treasury. It was stated by Greg Labreque, finance director that the town may need to use the upper floor for town group meetings Voted Favorable action.

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Open Space FY-2005 and FY 2006 to be made available for the purpose of an open space purchase titled Meadow Pond Reservation Addition (Lot 28A Uptack Road) to be managed by the Groveland Conservation Commission under the CPA category of Open Space or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**NOTE:** On request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will be applied toward the purchase of 8 acres open space adjoining and adding to the current Meadow Pond Reservation on Uptack Road. The Conservation Commission will be working with a third part non-profit organization to negotiate the terms of the sale. The purchase must be completed within 2 years.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: :** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded to suspend with the reading of the article. Voted favorably to suspend with the reading. Moved and seconded for favorable action. Finance board stated that 75 % of this figure is not fixed. It was stated that the 75% of the monies would be off-set with public land monies being sought. (This was stated by Michael Dempsey, Con. Con. Member.) James Dole an abutter, stated that the town does not have to support buying more land. Voted Majority favorable action.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Section 2-122 of the Town of Groveland General By-Laws by adding the following sentence to the end which will read as follows:

"If, at any time, membership of the Committee falls below three members, the authority for making decisions regarding capital improvements for the Town will revert to the Board of Selectmen."; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

**Purpose:** The purpose of this by-law change is to ensure that the assets of the Town of Groveland will continue to be evaluated in the event that the Capital Improvement Committee should have difficulty in attracting qualified members.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for favorable action. No discussion took place. Voted Unanimous , favorable action.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Section 2-123 of the Town of Groveland General By-Laws by replacing \$5,000 with \$10,000 so that the first sentence will now read as follows:

**“Section 2-123.** The CIC shall study proposed capital projects involving the planning for and improvement, preservation and creation of tangible assets and projects which 1) have useful life of no less than three years; 2) cost no less than \$10,000 and/or 3) for which the town is authorized to borrow funds.”; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by Capital Improvement Committee**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this by-law change is to better define the number which represents a capital item from a repair. As costs increase, many repairs of assets currently owned by the Town may exceed the level where they could be addressed by the maintenance budget and become a capital item. Delays in making these repairs while waiting for a Town Meeting may result in further damage to the asset.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007 Motion made and seconded to suspend reading. Voted, favorable to suspend reading. Voted, Unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the town will vote to accept the following Massachusetts General Law:

**Chapter 39: Section 23D. Adjudicatory hearings; attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification**

Section 23D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section. Submitted by member of the Groveland Zoning Board of Appeals

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Motion made and seconded to suspend reading. Voted favorable to suspend reading. Voted, Unanimous favorable action.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following General Bylaw:

**Chapter 14**  
**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND**  
**LAND DISTURBANCE BYLAW**

***Sec. 14.1 PURPOSE***

- 14.1.1 Eroded soil and storm water runoff entering water resources are considered non-point sources of pollution that are responsible for the degradation of water quality and hydrology in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that polluted storm water runoff is the leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40% of impaired waterbodies in the United States. (Source: 1998 EPA 303(d) list of impairment by category)

The impacts of construction activities and post development stormwater runoff quantity and quality can adversely affect public health, land, surface and groundwater resources, drinking water supplies, recreation, and aquatic life and habitat.

The purpose of this section is to reduce the degradation of public health, land, and the environment due to construction activities and land development from:

1. Soil erosion and sedimentation
2. Storm water runoff

The section regulates the design, construction, and maintenance of any development or other activity which disturbs soil or results in an increased rate of stormwater runoff on land in the Town of Groveland.

***Sec. 14.2 AUTHORITY***

- 14.2.1 This bylaw is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34

***Sec. 14.3 DEFINITIONS***

**ABUTTER:** Property owner of any property having a common boundary line with the Applicant's property, or any owner of any property located adjacent to the Applicant's property on a public way or stream, or any property owner located within a distance of three hundred feet (300') of the property.



**AGRICULTURE:** The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its implementing regulations.

**ALTERATION OF DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS:** Any activity on an area of land that changes the water quality, force, direction, timing or location of runoff flowing from the area. Such changes include: change from distributed runoff to confined, discrete discharge; change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area.

**APPLICANT:** Any person, individual, partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, trust, authority, agency, department, or political subdivision, of the Commonwealth or the Federal government to the extent permitted by law requesting a soil erosion and sediment control permit for proposed land-disturbance activity.

**AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY:** The Town of Groveland Planning Board, hereafter the Board, its employees or agents designated to enforce this by-law.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP):** An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of storm water runoff.

**THE BOARD –** Town of Groveland Planning Board.

**CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ( CPESC):**

A certified specialist in soil erosion and sediment control. This certification program, sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy, provides the public with evidence of professional qualifications.

**CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE MATERIALS:** Excess or discarded building or site materials, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at a construction site that may adversely impact water quality.

**CONVEYANCE:** Any structure or device, including pipes, drains, culverts, curb breaks, paved swales, or man-made swales of all types designed or utilized to move or direct stormwater runoff or existing water flow.

**CLEARING:** Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover.

**DEVELOPMENT:** The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.

**DISTURBANCE OF LAND:** Any action that causes a change in the position, location, or arrangement of soil, sand, rock, gravel or similar earth material.

**EROSION:** The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN:** A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE) and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.

**ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE AND CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS:** Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00).

**GRADING:** Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.

**GROUNDWATER:** All water beneath any land surface including water in the soil and bedrock beneath water bodies.

**GRUBBING:** The act of clearing land by digging up roots and stumps.

**IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

**INFILTRATION:** The act of conveying surface water into the ground to permit groundwater recharge and the reduction of stormwater runoff from a project site.

**LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY:** Any activity that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.

**MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:** (G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations at (321 CMR 10.00) which prohibit the “taking” of any rare plant or animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

**MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY:** The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131 §. 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act G.L. c. 21, §. 23-56. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or municipal storm drain system:** The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Groveland.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT:** Any construction or land disturbance of a parcel of land that is currently in a natural vegetated state and does not contain alteration by man-made activities.

**NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION:** Pollution from many diffuse sources caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into water resource areas.

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN:** A plan setting up the functional, financial and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a storm water management system to insure that it continues to function as designed.

**OUTFALL:** The point at which storm water flows out from a point source discernible, confined and discrete conveyance into waters of the Commonwealth.

**OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS (ORWs):** Waters designated by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as ORWs. These waters have exceptional sociologic, recreational, ecological and/or aesthetic values and are subject to more stringent requirements under both the Massachusetts Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00) and the Massachusetts Storm water Management Standards. ORWs include vernal pools certified by the Natural Heritage Program of the Massachusetts Department of

Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, all Class A designated public water supplies with their bordering vegetated wetlands, and other waters specifically designated.

**OWNER:** A person with a legal or equitable interest in property.

**PERSON:** An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

**PHASING:** Clearing a parcel of land in distinct sections, with the stabilization of each section before the clearing of the next.

**POINT SOURCE:** Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

**POST-DEVELOPMENT:** The conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the land development activity on a specific site or tract of land.

**PRE-DEVELOPMENT:** The conditions that exist at the time that plans for the land development of a tract of land are submitted to the Conservation Commission or Planning Board.

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION:** All activity in preparation for construction.

**PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES:** Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its regulations.

**RECHARGE:** The replenishment of underground water reserves.

**REDEVELOPMENT:** Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface or increase the impervious area on previously developed sites.

**RESOURCE AREA:** Any area protected under including, without limitation: the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts Rivers Act, or Town of Groveland Wetland Protection Bylaw and Regulations.

**RUNOFF:** Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

**SEDIMENT:** Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

**SEDIMENTATION:** The process or act of deposition of sediment.

**SITE:** Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where land-disturbing activities are, were, or will be performed.

**SLOPE:** The incline of a ground surface expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance.

**SOIL:** Any earth, sand, rock, gravel, or similar material.

**STORMWATER AUTHORITY:** Town of Groveland Planning Board or its authorized agents are responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined by this Bylaw.

**STABILIZATION:** The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods, to prevent or retard erosion.

**STORMWATER:** Storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:** A plan required as part of the application for a Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Bylaw Permit.

**STRIP:** Any activity which removes the vegetative ground surface cover, including tree removal, clearing, grubbing, and storage or removal of topsoil.

**TSS:** Total Suspended Solids.

**VERNAL POOLS:** Temporary bodies of freshwater which provide critical habitat for a number of vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife species.

**WATERCOURSE:** A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

**WETLAND RESOURCE AREA:** Areas specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131, § 40 and Groveland Wetland Protection Bylaw and Regulations.

WETLANDS: Tidal and non-tidal areas characterized by saturated or nearly saturated soils most of the year that are located between terrestrial (land-based) and aquatic (water-based) environments, as defined in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131, § 40, including freshwater marshes around ponds and channels (rivers and streams), brackish and salt marshes; common names include marshes, swamps and bogs.

***Sec. 14. 4. APPLICABILITY***

14.4.1 No person may undertake a construction activity, including clearing, grading and excavation that results in a land disturbance that will disturb equal to or greater than 20,000 square feet of land or will disturb less than 20,000 square feet of land but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than 20,000 square feet of land draining to the Town of Groveland without a Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit from the Board.

14.4.2 In addition, as authorized in the Phase II Small MS4 General Permit for Massachusetts, storm water discharges resulting from the above activities that are subject to jurisdiction under the Wetlands Protection Act and demonstrate compliance with the Massachusetts Storm Water Management Policy as reflected in an Order of Conditions issued by the Conservation Commission and contain an approved Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan may be exempt from compliance with the review process of this bylaw, as determined by the Planning Board upon the submittal of the following:

14.4.2.1 Two copies of a completed Application Form along with copies of the Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions. The Planning Board shall issue a Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit at its

next regularly scheduled meeting after receipt of said materials. The filing fee shall be waived.

***Sec. 14. 5. EXEMPTIONS***

- 14.5.1 Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural, aquacultural, forestry, or nursery operations as permitted as a main or accessory use.
- 14.5.2 Any emergency activity which is immediately necessary for the protection of public health, property or natural resources.
- 14.5.3 Emergency repairs to any storm water structure
- 14.5.4 Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas.
- 14.5.5 Construction of patios, walkways, driveways, fences, swimming pools and the replacement of wells or septic systems on lots having an existing dwelling.
- 14.5.6 Construction or emergency repair to any utilities other than drainage, which would not alter the terrain, ground cover or drainage patterns.

***Sec. 14. 6. ADMINISTRATION***

- 14.6.1 The Board shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Board may be delegated in writing by the Board to its agent.
- 14.6.2 The Board may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this by-law or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, where:
  - 1. such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations
  - 2. is in the public interest, and
  - 3. is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this by-law.
- 14.6.3 Rules and Regulations. The Board may adopt, and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this by-law. Failure by

the Board to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law.

***Sec. 14.7. PERMITS and PROCEDURE***

14.7.1 If a project requires a Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit, the applicant shall file eight (8) copies of a completed Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit Application Package to the Planning Board. Review of the complete application may be conducted concurrently with other applications to the Board. The application shall include the following:

14.7.1.1. Completed Application Form with original signatures.

14.7.1.2 A list of abutters, certified by the Assessors Office.

14.7.1.3 An Storm water Management & Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as specified in Section X.8 of this bylaw.

14.7.1.4 A Storm water Operation & Maintenance Plan (O&M) as specified in Section X.8 of this bylaw.

14.7.1.5 Payment of the application and review fees as specified in Section 14.7 of this bylaw.

14.7.2 Filing an application for a permit grants the Board or its agent, permission to enter the site to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions.

14.7.3 The Board shall notify the Town Clerk of receipt of the application, and shall give one copy of the application package to the Highway Department, Water Department, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health.

14.7.4 Public Hearing.

14.7.4.1 The Board shall hold a public hearing in conformance with the provisions of G.L. c.40A, Section 9.

14.7.4.2 The public hearing shall be held within 65 days after the filing of the application.



14.7.4.3 Notice shall be given by publication and posting and by first class mailings to parties of interest as defined in G.L. c. 40A, Section 11.

14.7.5 The applicant shall submit all additional information requested by the Board to issue a decision on the application.

14.7.6 The Board may:

14.7.6.1 Approve the Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law.

14.7.6.2 Approve the Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Board determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law.

14.7.6.3 Disapprove the Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit Application and deny the permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives and requirements of this by-law.

14.7.6.4 The decision of the Board shall be filed with the Board and the Town Clerk within 45 days following the close of the public hearing.

14.7.6.5 Failure of the Board to act within 45 days of the close of the public hearing shall be deemed a grant of the permit applied for.

**Note Amended from 45 days to 90 days**

14.7.7 Fees. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee as established by the Board. Applicants shall pay review fees as discussed and determined by the Board sufficient to cover any expenses connected with the public hearing and review of the Storm water Management and Land Disturbance Permit Application before the review process commences. The Board is authorized to retain a Registered Professional Engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Board

on any or all aspects of the Application. The Board may require an additional fee for review of any change in or alteration from an approved permit.

The review fee collected under this bylaw shall be deposited in a pass book account held by the Town of Groveland.

Subject to applicable law, any unused portion of any review fees collected shall be returned by the Planning Board to the applicant within forty-five calendar days of a written request by the applicant, unless the Planning Board decides in a public meeting that other action is necessary.

X.7.7.1 A non-refundable application fee of \$100 plus \$.0030 times the total square footage of the area to be altered by the project shall be due and payable to the Town of Groveland at the time an application is filed.

- 14.7.8 Project Changes. The permittee, or their agent, must notify the Board in writing of any change or alteration of a land-disturbing activity authorized in a Storm Water Management and Land Disturbance Permit before any change or alteration occurs. If the Board determines that the change or alteration is significant, based on the design requirements listed in Section X.8.2. and accepted construction practices, the Board may require that an amended Storm Water Management and Land Disturbance Permit application be filed and a public hearing held. If any change or alteration from the Storm Water Management and Land Disturbance Permit occurs during any land disturbing activities, the Board may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving the change or alteration.

#### ***Sec. 14.8. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT & EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN***

- 14.8.1 The Storm Water Management & Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, proposed erosion and sedimentation controls and proposed storm water management controls. The applicant shall submit such material as is necessary to show that the proposed development will comply with the design requirements listed in Section X.8.2 below.
- 14.8.2 The design requirements of the Storm Water Management & Erosion and Sediment Control Plan are:
- 14.8.2.1 Minimize total area of disturbance.

- 14.8.2.2 Sequence activities to minimize simultaneous areas of disturbance.
- 14.8.2.3 Minimize peak rate of runoff in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Storm water Management Policy dated March 1997 as amended.
- 14.8.2.4 Minimize soil erosion and control sedimentation during construction, provided that prevention of erosion is preferred over sedimentation control.
- 14.8.2.5 Encourage the use of nonstructural storm water management and low-impact development practices, such as reducing impervious cover, preserving green space, using bio-retention areas, rain gardens, and vegetated filter strips.
- 14.8.2.6 Divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas.
- 14.8.2.7 Maximize groundwater recharge.
- 14.8.2.8 Install and maintain all Erosion and Sediment Control measures in accordance with the manufacturers specifications and good engineering practices.
- 14.8.2.9 Prevent off-site transport of sediment.
- 14.8.2.10 Protect and manage on and off-site material storage areas (overburden and stockpiles of dirt, borrow areas, or other areas used solely by the permitted project are considered a part of the project).
- 14.8.2.11 Comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations including waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations, and air quality requirements, including dust control.
- 14.8.2.12 Prevent significant alteration of habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or Of Special

Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species from the proposed activities.

- 14.8.2.13 Institute interim and permanent stabilization measures, which shall be instituted on a disturbed area as soon as practicable but no more than 14 days after construction activity has temporarily or permanently ceased on that portion of the site.
- 14.8.2.14 Properly manage on-site construction and waste materials.
- 14.8.2.15 Prevent off-site vehicle tracking of sediments.

14.8.3 Storm Water Management & Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Content. The Plan shall contain the following information:

- 14.8.3.1 Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the owner, applicant, and person(s) or firm(s) preparing the plan.
- 14.8.3.2 Title, date, north arrow, names of abutters, scale, legend, and locus map.
- 14.8.3.3 The existing zoning, and land use at the site.
- 14.8.3.4 The proposed land use.
- 14.8.3.5 Watercourses and water bodies, wetland resource areas and all floodplain information, including the 100-year flood elevation based upon the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map, or as calculated by a professional engineer for areas not assessed on these maps.
- 14.8.3.6 Existing and proposed vegetation including tree lines, canopy layer, shrub layer, and ground cover.
- 14.8.3.7 Surveyed property lines showing distances and monument locations, all existing and proposed easements, rights-of-way, and other encumbrances, the size of the entire parcel, and the delineation and number of square feet of the land area to be disturbed.
- 14.8.3.8 Habitats mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern, Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife

and Certified Vernal Pools, and Priority Habitats of Rare Species within five hundred (500) feet of any construction activity.

- 14.8.3.9 Lines of existing abutting streets showing drainage and driveway locations, curb cuts and utilities.
- 14.8.3.10 Topographical features including existing and proposed contours at intervals no greater than two (2) feet with spot elevations provided when needed.
- 14.8.3.11 Proposed improvements including location of buildings or other structures, impervious surfaces, and drainage facilities, if applicable.
- 14.8.3.12 Existing soils, volume and nature of imported soil materials.
- 14.8.3.13 Location and details of erosion and sediment control measures with a narrative of the construction sequence/phasing of the project, including both operation and maintenance for structural and non-structural measures, interim grading, and material stockpiling areas.
- 14.8.3.14 Estimated seasonal high groundwater elevation in areas to be used for storm water retention, detention, or infiltration.
- 14.8.3.15 A drainage area map showing pre and post construction watershed boundaries, drainage area and storm water flow paths.
- 14.8.3.16 Pre and post development storm water runoff calculations in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Storm Water Management Policy.

- 14.8.3.17 A description and drawings of all components of the proposed drainage system including:
- a. locations, cross sections, and profiles of all brooks, streams, drainage swales and their method of stabilization.
  - b. all measures for the detention, retention or infiltration of water.
- 14.8.3.18 All measures for the protection of water quality.
- 14.8.3.19 The structural details for all components of the proposed drainage systems and storm water management facilities.
- 14.8.3.20 Notes on drawings specifying materials to be used, construction specifications, and typicals.
- 14.8.3.21 Path and mechanism to divert uncontaminated water around disturbed areas, to the maximum extent practicable.
- 14.8.3.22 Location and description of industrial discharges, including storm water discharges from dedicated asphalt plants and dedicated concrete plants, which are covered by this permit.
- 14.8.3.23 Location and description of and implementation schedule for temporary and permanent seeding, vegetative controls, and other stabilization measures.
- 14.8.3.24 A description of construction and waste materials expected to be stored on-site. The Plan shall include a description of controls to reduce pollutants from these materials, including storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to storm water, and spill prevention and response.
- 14.8.3.25 A description of provisions for phasing the project where one acre of area or greater is to be altered or disturbed.
- 14.8.3.26 Plans must be stamped and certified by a qualified Professional Engineer registered in Massachusetts and a

Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC).

- 14.8.3.27      Timing, schedules, and sequence of development including clearing, stripping, rough grading, construction, final grading, and vegetative stabilization.
- 14.8.3.28      A maintenance schedule for the period of construction.
- 14.8.3.29      Any other information requested by the Board.
- 14.8.3.30      An Operation and Maintenance plan (O&M Plan) is required at the time of application for all projects. The Board will consider natural features, proximity of site to water bodies and wetlands, extent of impervious surfaces, size of the site, the types of storm water management structures, and potential need for ongoing maintenance activities when making this decision. The Operation and Maintenance Plan shall remain on file with the Board and shall be an ongoing requirement. The maintenance plan shall contain the following
  - 14.8.3.30.1      Designed to ensure compliance with the Permit, this Bylaw, and that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314, CMR 4.00 are met in all seasons and throughout the life of the system.

14.8.3.30.2 The O&M Plan shall be prepared in conformance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Storm Water Management Policy.

14.8.3.30.3 The owner(s) of the storm water management system must notify the Board of changes in ownership or assignment of financial responsibility.

14.8.3.30.4 The maintenance schedule in the Maintenance Agreement may be amended to achieve the purposes of this by-law by mutual agreement of the Board and the Responsible Parties. Amendments must be in writing and signed by all Responsible Parties. Responsible Parties shall include owner(s), persons with financial responsibility, and persons with operational responsibility

***Sec. 14.9. PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE***

14.9.1 As a condition of a Storm Water Management and Land Disturbance Permit approval, the Planning Board may require that a performance bond,



secured by deposit of money or negotiable securities in the form selected by the Planning Board, be posted with the Town to guarantee that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. The Board may also require that an amount be included for land restoration not having to do with the construction of improvements. The amount of security shall be determined by an estimate from the applicant's engineer which may be confirmed or increased by the Board. If the project is phased, the Board may release part of the bond as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit but the bond may not be fully released until the Board has received the final report as required by X.11 and issued a certificate of completion.

- 14.9.2 The town may use the secured funds for their stated purpose in the event that the applicant does not complete all improvements in a manner satisfactory to the Board within two years from the date of approval, or the final date of the last extension of such approval, if any.

#### ***Sec. 14.10. INSPECTIONS***

- 14.10.1 Prior to starting clearing, excavation, construction, or land disturbing activity the applicant, the applicant's technical representative, the general contractor or any other person with authority to make changes to the project, shall meet with the Board and its designated agent, to review the permitted plans and their implementation.

- 14.10.2 The Board or its designated agent shall make inspections as hereinafter required and shall either approve that portion of the work completed or shall notify the permittee wherein the work fails to comply with the land disturbance permit as approved. The Permit and associated plans for grading, stripping, excavating, and filling work, bearing the signature of approval of the Board, shall be maintained at the site during the progress of the work. In order to obtain inspections, the permittee shall notify the Board or its designated agent at least two (2) working days before each of the following events:

- 14.10.2.1 Erosion and sediment control measures are in place and stabilized, and site clearing limits are clearly marked in the field.
- 14.10.2.2 Site Clearing has been substantially completed
- 14.10.2.3 Rough Grading has been substantially completed
- 14.10.2.4 Final Grading has been substantially completed
- 14.10.2.5 Close of the Construction Season; stabilization of the site.

14.10.2.6 Final Landscaping (permanent stabilization) and project final completion.

14.10.3 The permittee or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and following storm events greater than 0.5 inches. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his/her agent shall submit bi-weekly reports to the Board or designated agent in a format approved by the Board.

14.10.4 To the extent permitted by State law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Board, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this by-law and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Board deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

#### ***Sec. 14.11. FINAL REPORTS***

14.11.1 Upon completion of the work, the permittee shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans) from a Professional Engineer (P.E.) or Professional Land Surveyor (P.L.S.), and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), certifying that all erosion and sediment control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter.

14.11.2 The issuing authority will issue a letter certifying completion upon receipt and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this bylaw.

#### ***Sec. 14.12. ENFORCEMENT***

14.12.1 The Board or an authorized agent of the Board shall enforce this by-law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all non-criminal dispositions for such violations.

14.12.2 The Board or an authorized agent of the Board may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this by-law or the regulations thereunder, which may include:

- 14.12.2.1 A requirement to cease and desist from the land-disturbing activity until there is compliance with the bylaw and provisions of the land-disturbance permit.
  - 14.12.2.2 Maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures.
  - 14.12.2.3 Monitoring, analyses, and reporting.
  - 14.12.2.4 Remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity.
- 14.12.3 If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Groveland may, at its option, undertake such work, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town of Groveland's expenses.
- 14.12.4 Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Groveland, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in G.L. c. 59, § 57, after the thirty-first day following the day on which the costs were due.
- 14.12.5 Any violation of this by-law, any regulation promulgated hereunder, or any Storm Water Management and Land Disturbance Permit, will be punishable by non-criminal disposition under G.L. c. 40, Section 21D. The Town of Groveland, in which case, the Planning Board or authorized agent shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be \$250. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be \$300. The penalty for the 3rd and subsequent violations shall be \$300. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Note Penalty fine # 2 was amended from \$500.00 to \$300.00 And penalty 3 from \$1000.00 to \$300**

### ***SECTION 14.13. SEVERABILITY***

- 14.13.1 If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this by-law shall be held invalid for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

### ***SECTION 14.14. GENERAL***

- 14.14.1 Any application not accompanied by the appropriate fee shall be deemed incomplete. Payment must be made to the Town of Groveland in cash, money order, bank or certified check payable to the Town of Groveland.

- 14.14.2 An Applicant's failure to pay any additional review or inspection fee within five business days of receipt of the notice that further fees are required shall be grounds for disapproval.

- 14.14.3 The Applicant or the Applicant's representative will publish the public notice and send abutter notifications. Abutter notification shall be by certified mail-return receipt requested. The applicant shall provide the Planning Board with copies of the public notices and the return receipt cards.

- 14.14.4 Professional review fees include engineering review, legal review, and clerical fees associated with the public hearing and permit processing. A fee estimate may be provided by the Planning Board's consulting engineer;

or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by Storm Water Management**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** Voted April 30, 2007 Voted to table article. Voted to table was resided by a 2/3 vote in the majority favorable. Motion was made and seconded for favorable action as amended. Voted Majority favorable action.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map as follows:  
To amend the Zoning District on Parcel 21, Map 40 from Residential District R-B to Industrial District C as described as follows:  
Beginning at a point 270 feet, more or less, west of the centerline of Harvard Road on the northerly side of Center Street; thence proceeding in a westerly direction along the northerly right-of-way line of Center Street 200 feet more or less; thence in a northerly

direction 150 feet along the current R-B/C district boundary; thence proceeding in an easterly direction 190 feet more or less, along the current R-B/C district boundary; thence in a southerly direction 150 feet to the point of beginning; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning Board

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

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** Motion was made to table and seconded. Voted 2/3 favorable vote to table.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map as follows:  
To amend the Zoning District from Industrial District C to Residential District R-B as described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Center Street, 1400 feet east of the intersection of Center Street and Washington Street; thence in a northerly direction about 2100 feet on a line 150 feet east of the thread of the stream known as Grindle Brook, which point is about 1075 feet from the intersection of Main Street and Washington Street; thence in an easterly direction about 2800 feet to a point on the westerly side line of Mass Electric Company easement; thence in a southeasterly direction along the westerly side line of Mass Electric Company easement, about 1600 feet to a point; thence in a southerly direction about 450 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction about 210 feet to a point at the northwest corner of parcel 2, map 34; thence in a southerly direction about 50 feet to the current R-B/C district line; thence westerly about 650 feet to a point; thence northerly about 440 feet along the easterly boundary of parcel 77B, map 34 to a point; thence westerly about 320 feet along the northerly boundary of parcel 77B, map 34 to a point; thence northerly about 100 feet to a point; thence westerly about 190 feet to a point at the northwest corner of parcel 77B, map 34; thence in a southerly direction about 370 feet to a point about 400 feet north of Center Street; thence in a westerly direction about 740 feet to a point about 125 feet north of Center Street; thence in a southerly direction about 125 feet to the northerly line of Center Street; thence in a westerly direction along the northerly line of Center Street about 1450 feet to the point of beginning; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning Board

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** Motion was made to table article and it was seconded. Voted by 2/3 majority vote to table

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 11, Utilities, Article III. Sewers of the Town's General Bylaws by adding the following Section:

**Sec. 11-52. Sewer Extension.** No permit for an extension in excess of five hundred (500) lineal feet to be located within a public way or within an easement to be dedicated to the Town for common sanitary sewer and/or other street and/or other utility purposes, shall be approved by the Sewer Commissioners, in any calendar year, unless and until it shall have received approval by the voters assembled at the next town meeting warned within the calendar year following submission of the application for said permit. The provisions of this bylaw shall apply to any extension (regardless where it may be installed) which is in excess of five hundred (500) lineal feet, with the following exception: a private pressure sewer installed on private property, the use of which is restricted to service to a lot which has on-site disposal works system which has been determined by the Groveland Board of Health to be in failure.

Submitted by petition of 10 Groveland residents

**WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**BOARD OF SELECMEN RECOMMEND UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 30, 2007. Moved and seconded for unfavorable action.

Debra Webster, 45 Wood Street spoke in favor stating that the article would be a tool to control growth for the town. She stated that currently the Town has no say when sewer lines are extended and a developer is paying for it. Ms. Webster stated that most of the land left cannot be developed without sewer. Sewer enables developers to put in large projects which then the Town has to provide services. James Sheehan, Water Commissioner spoke against the article saying it would limit the water department and make projects have to wait until a town meeting before being approved.

Karl Kravchuck, spoke that he had 5 1/2/ areas of land in which he hoped that he could develop home lots for his children. He stated that if this article passes he will not be able to do for his children. BillDarke asked if this can suppress 40 B's? Someone stated it may set case law. Jim Sheehan, Water/Sewer Commissioner stated that this would take control out of the Water/Sewer Department, and ask for unfavorable action.

Moved and seconded for unfavorable action. Voted Unfavorable Action.

Motion was made to dissolve Annual Town Meeting at 11:04PM. Moved and seconded. Voted Unanimous favorable action

I attest that this is a true attest of the proceeding of this Town Meeting.

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Richard T. Sciacca , Town Clerk of Groveland

**ARTICLE 40:** 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 7, 2007 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 Selectman for one year
- One Town Clerk for three years
- One Road Commissioner for three years
- One Tree Warden for one year
- One Moderator for one year
- One Assessor for three years

One member of the Board of Health for three 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 Planning Board for five years  
One member of the Housing Authority for five years

**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 \$210,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for FISCAL YEAR 2008 ONLY, beginning on July 1, 2007, for the purpose of continuing the Groveland Road Management Program funding for its ninth year as described in Article #2 of the April 30, 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

YES      ☐                                      NO      ☐

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the Town?

YES      ☐                                      NO      ☐

QUESTION 3: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Road Commissioner become an appointed Superintendent of Streets of the Town?

YES      ☐                                      NO      ☐

QUESTION 4: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Cemetery Commission become an appointed Cemetery Commission?

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

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William H. Darke, Chairman

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Elizabeth A. Gorski

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