



TOWN OF GROVELAND

2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex,ss:

To Ronald C. Weeks, Chief of Police of the Town of Groveland, in the County of Essex

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Annual Town Meeting to meet at the **Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, 253 School Street, Groveland, MA on Monday, April 28, 2008 @ 7:15 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS (\$164,206.00) 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 RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$172,340.00) for the purpose of continuing the Groveland Road Management Program on the roads listed below beginning July 1, 2008, said vote contingent upon approval by voters of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question #1 to allow the town to levy an additional \$172,340.00 in real estate and personal property taxes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Dartmouth Street, Harvard Road, Yale Street and Staunton Road

Article submitted by the Road Commissioner

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept Stephenson Way, from Salem Street south for 566.43 feet, as a public way in accordance with the report of the Selectmen, as originally laid out in 1914 on Plan No. 49 of Book 28, and modified on the 1916 Essex County Layout of Salem Street and on Plan No. 21 of 1966, and as now shown on Plan No. 56 of Book 145, said plans on file with the Town Clerk and recorded with the Essex Country Registry of Deeds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

ROAD COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 5: 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.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen and requires approval at Annual Town Election.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN APRIL 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

The Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) continues in its effort to address the equipment needs of the Town's various departments. The following is the committee's recommendations for FY 2009:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$48,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing one 1-ton truck with dump body and plow for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 7: 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 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) 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.

Article submitted by the Storm Water Management Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise the following sums to defray Town charges for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2009 and make appropriations therefor, or take any other action relative thereto:

Line Item	Appropriated FY'08	Requested FY'09	Finance Board Recommends
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1 MODERATOR			
Stipend	100.00	100.00	100.00
SUBTOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00
2 SELECTMEN			
Selectmen's Stipend	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Admin. Asst. Salary	50,174.00	52,683.00	52,683.00
Town Audit	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
Reserve Fund		20,000.00	20,000.00
Expenses	5,384.00	5,446.00	5,446.00
SUBTOTAL	82,558.00	105,129.00	105,129.00
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 (inc. T/C)	82,400.00	84,872.00	84,872.00
Asst. Treasurer/Collector's Salary	40,503.00	42,528.00	42,528.00
Treasury/Collection Clerk	25,680.00	26,964.00	26,964.00
Tax Title Treasury/Collection	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Computer Hardware Maint & Lic Fees	18,963.00	23,663.00	23,663.00
Expense	20,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
SUBTOTAL	193,546.00	205,027.00	205,027.00
5 TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
Accountant's Salary	55,125.00	57,881.00	57,881.00
Computer Training			
Expenses	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
SUBTOTAL	56,375.00	59,131.00	59,131.00
6 BOARD OF ASSESSORS			
Assessor's Stipends	900.00	1,500.00	900.00
Assessors' Manager's Salary	40,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
Expenses	6,650.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Revaluation Maintenance	18,800.00	20,800.00	20,800.00
Maps - Updating	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
SUBTOTAL	69,850.00	74,800.00	74,200.00
7 TOWN COUNSEL			
Legal Expense	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
SUBTOTAL	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
8 COMPUTER SYSTEM CONSULTANT			
Expense	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	45,800.00	48,090.00	48,090.00
Elections & Registrations	10,500.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
SUBTOTAL	59,300.00	63,090.00	63,090.00

10 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Stipends	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Expenses			
SUBTOTAL	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00

11 PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

Town Engineer	-	-	-
Town Engineer Expenses	-	-	-
Planning Members' Stipends	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Expenses	6,000.00	14,500.00	8,000.00
SUBTOTAL	7,500.00	16,000.00	9,500.00

12 MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Assessment	1,957.00	1,992.00	1,992.00
SUBTOTAL	1,957.00	1,992.00	1,992.00

13 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Zoning Members' Stipends			
Contracted Services & Expenses	4,060.00	4,060.00	4,060.00
SUBTOTAL	4,060.00	4,060.00	4,060.00

14 MUNICIPAL FIELDS & WATER

Expense	27,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
SUBTOTAL	27,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00

15 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Supt. Of Buildings Wages			
Expenses	129,700.00	138,800.00	138,800.00
Repairs & Maintenance	40,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
SUBTOTAL	169,700.00	183,800.00	183,800.00

16 INSURANCE

Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
SUBTOTAL	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00

17 TOWN REPORTS

Expenses	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
SUBTOTAL	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	823,946.00	894,129.00	887,029.00
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PUBLIC SAFETY**18 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief's Salary	97,999.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Lieutenant's Salary (Sarg) (Corp.)	202,967.00	144,000.00	144,000.00
Patrolmen's Salary	268,265.00	334,086.00	334,086.00
Secretary's Salary	23,824.00	17,852.00	17,852.00
Other Wages	84,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Incentive Wages	106,980.00	78,685.00	78,685.00
Cruiser (Article)	26,500.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Harbormaster Stipend	-	-	-
Harbormaster Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Expenses	42,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
SUBTOTAL	853,535.00	809,623.00	809,623.00

19 PARKING CLERK

Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00
SUBTOTAL	250.00	250.00	250.00

20 COMMUNICATIONS

Wages	196,514.00	202,410.00	202,410.00
Expenses	5,880.00	5,880.00	5,880.00
SUBTOTAL	202,394.00	208,290.00	208,290.00

21 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Engineers' Stipends	500.00	500.00	500.00
Chief's Salary	15,936.00	16,733.00	16,733.00
Clerk's Salary	6,448.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Firefighter Wages	73,678.00	77,362.00	77,362.00
Inspector's Wages	2,538.00	2,665.00	2,665.00
Drill Wages	31,500.00	33,075.00	33,075.00
Mass. Fire Academy Training	5,000.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
Expenses	59,282.00	69,319.00	69,319.00
SUBTOTAL	194,882.00	212,904.00	212,904.00

22 AMBULANCE SERVICE

Contracted Expense	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	-	-	-

23 INSPECTORS

Wiring Inspector	10,000.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
Wiring Inspector Expenses	450.00	450.00	450.00
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Expenses	450.00	450.00	450.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	750.00	750.00	750.00
Building Inspector	46,766.00	49,104.00	49,104.00
Building Inspector Secretary	-	-	-
Building Inspector Expenses	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
SUBTOTAL	75,216.00	79,554.00	77,554.00

24 CIVIL DEFENSE

Director's 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

25 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Contract Wages	15,193.00	16,640.00	15,953.00
Expenses	3,000.00	3,437.00	3,437.00
SUBTOTAL	18,193.00	20,077.00	19,390.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,345,570.00	1,331,798.00	1,329,111.00
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EDUCATION**26 EDUCATION**

Pentucket Base Assessment	5,928,523.00	6,263,751.00	6,263,751.00
Pentucket Supplemental Assessment	335,228.00	251,170.00	251,170.00
Pentucket Capital Assessment	44,241.00	31,205.00	31,205.00
Pentucket Capital Assessment Supplement	-	-	-
Whittier Vocational/Technical Assessment	431,068.00	434,686.00	434,686.00
SUBTOTAL	6,739,060.00	6,980,812.00	6,980,812.00

TOTAL EDUCATION	6,739,060.00	6,980,812.00	6,980,812.00
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PUBLIC WORKS**27 TREE WARDEN**

Tree Warden Stipend	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SUBTOTAL	7,300.00	7,300.00	7,300.00

28 HIGHWAYS

Road Commissioner's Salary	64,243.00	67,455.00	67,455.00
Highway Salary	88,712.00	91,374.00	91,374.00
Highway Salary - Part Time	18,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Emergency Overtime	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Highway Expense	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Front End Loader (Lease)	32,200.00	32,200.00	32,200.00
Snow & Ice Removal	155,000.00	165,000.00	165,000.00
Road Machinery Expense	30,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Road Maintenance Expense	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
SUBTOTAL	582,155.00	605,029.00	605,029.00

29 STREET LIGHTING

Expenses	24,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
SUBTOTAL	24,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00

30 RUBBISH COLLECTION

Contract Administrator	8,562.00	8,990.00	8,990.00
Contract Expense	470,000.00	470,000.00	470,000.00
SUBTOTAL	478,562.00	478,990.00	478,990.00

31 CEMETERY

Commissioner's Stipend	300.00	900.00	300.00
Full Time Wages	31,531.00	21,500.00	21,500.00
Part Time Wages	10,000.00	16,554.00	16,554.00
Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
SUBTOTAL	45,831.00	42,954.00	42,354.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,137,848.00	1,160,273.00	1,159,673.00
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HUMAN SERVICES**32 BOARD OF HEALTH**

Health Members' Stipends	900.00	900.00	900.00
Health Nurse Wages	12,650.00	13,282.00	13,282.00
Health/Sanitation Agent Wages	41,728.00	43,814.00	43,814.00
Part-time Clerk Wages	12,553.00	13,181.00	13,181.00
Part-time Wages			
Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
SUBTOTAL	71,831.00	75,177.00	75,177.00

33 COUNCIL ON AGING

Director's Salary	41,692.00	43,777.00	43,777.00
Senior Aide (1) Salary	31,859.00	26,896.00	26,896.00
Outreach Worker	12,971.00	13,620.00	13,620.00
Part Time Van Driver	15,011.00	15,762.00	15,762.00
Expenses	11,516.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
SUBTOTAL	113,049.00	108,055.00	108,055.00

34 ELDER SERVICE OF MERRIMACK VALLEY

Assessment	392.00	392.00	392.00
SUBTOTAL	392.00	392.00	392.00

35 VETERANS

Veterans' Agent	9,421.00	9,892.00	9,892.00
Veterans' Benefits	20,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
SUBTOTAL	29,421.00	34,892.00	34,892.00

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	214,693.00	218,516.00	218,516.00
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CULTURE & RECREATION**36 LIBRARY**

Library Director's Salary	53,576.00	52,000.00	52,000.00
Library Staff Wages	67,885.00	71,279.00	71,279.00
Part Time Wages	6,820.00	8,024.00	8,024.00
Expenses	50,225.00	52,702.00	52,702.00
SUBTOTAL	178,506.00	184,005.00	184,005.00

37 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SUBTOTAL	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00

38 HISTORIC COMMISSION

Expenses	980.00	980.00	980.00
SUBTOTAL	980.00	980.00	980.00

39 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Expenses	600.00	600.00	600.00
SUBTOTAL	600.00	600.00	600.00

TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	187,086.00	192,585.00	192,585.00
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DEBT SERVICE**40 DEBT INTEREST**

Used Fire Truck (98)	-	-	-
Bagnall School (91, Refunded 02)	8,640.00	-	-
Dump Truck (99)	-	-	-
Main Street Storm Drainage (99, Bonded 0:	900.00	-	-
Breathing Equipment (00, Bonded 02)	-	-	-
Elm Park SAAN (04)	-	-	-
Fire Pumper (00, Bonded 02)	-	-	-
Short Term Borrowing	-	-	-
Capital Plan (02)	-	-	-
Capital Plan (03)	-	-	-
Meadow Pond (02)	1,920.00	-	-
Town Hall / Library Roof (03)	1,680.00	-	-
SUBTOTAL	13,140.00	-	-

41 DEBT PRINCIPAL

Used Fire Truck (98)	-	-	-
Short-Term Borrowing	-	-	-
Bagnall School (91, Refunded 02)	240,000.00	-	-
Dump Truck (99)	-	-	-
Main Street Storm Drainage (99, Bonded 0:	25,000.00	-	-
Fire Pumper (00, Bonded 02)	-	-	-
Breathing Equipment (00, Bonded 02)	-	-	-
Capital Plan (02)	-	-	-
Capital Plan (03)	-	-	-
Meadow Pond (02)	38,400.00	-	-
Town Hall / Library Roofs (03)	33,600.00	-	-
SUBTOTAL	337,000.00	-	-

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	350,140.00	-	-
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UNCLASSIFIED**42 ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND**

Assessment	230,868.00	251,974.00	251,974.00
SUBTOTAL	230,868.00	251,974.00	251,974.00

43 HAVERHILL RETIREMENT BOARD

Assessment	807.00	807.00	807.00
SUBTOTAL	807.00	807.00	807.00

44 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Expense	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
SUBTOTAL	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00

45 EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE

Expenses	345,000.00	335,000.00	335,000.00
SUBTOTAL	345,000.00	335,000.00	335,000.00

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	622,425.00	633,531.00	633,531.00
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GRAND TOTAL	11,420,768.00	11,411,644.00	11,401,257.00
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ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$745,300.00) for the use of the Water Department, said sum to be offset by FY '09 Water Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

	<u>FY'08</u>	<u>FY '09</u>
Commissioners Stipends (3)	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,260.00
Water/Sewer Superintendent's Salary	\$ 51,420.00	\$ 49,000.00
Water/Sewer Office Manager's Salary	\$ 29,400.00	\$ 30,870.00
Water/Sewer Equipment Operators/ Laborers' Wages (3)	\$ 88,635.00	\$ 89,500.00
Over-time Wages	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 21,600.00
Expenses	\$ 291,245.00	\$333,800.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$ 30,081.00	\$ 35,760.00
Retirement Buy-back	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,800.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 25,391.00	\$ 23,710.00
Bond Debt, Principal & Interest	<u>\$ 185,000.00</u>	<u>\$157,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 724,032.00	\$745,300.00

Article submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008

FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$384,400.00) for the use of the Sewer Department, said sum to be offset by FY '09 Sewer Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

	<u>FY'08</u>	<u>FY '09</u>
Commissioners Stipends (3)	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00
Water/Sewer Superintendent's Salary	\$ 22,040.00	\$ 21,000.00
Water/Sewer Office Manager's Salary	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 13,230.00
Water/Sewer Equipment Operators/ Laborers' (3) Wages	\$ 37,537.00	\$ 38,400.00
Over-time Wages	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses	\$ 61,810.00	\$ 80,600.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 15,330.00
Retirement Buy-back	0.00	\$ 1,200.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,200.00
Bond Debt, Principal & Interest	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 28,300.00
Haverhill Wastewater	\$ 98,000.00	\$140,000.00
Haverhill Capital Bond	<u>\$ 30,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 334,877.00	\$384,400.00

Article submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION** Bruce Adams amended to reduce the expense line item from \$80,600 to \$49,800, a reduction of \$30,800. To reduce the total budget from \$384,400 to \$353,600. **AMENDMENT FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 12: 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, 2009. Fixing of salaries according to Articles #9 - #11 above.

Article submitted by Finance Board

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to make the office of Tree Warden an appointed office to be known as Tree Warden, 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.

NOTE: This Article also requires approval on the May 5th, 2008 Election Ballot.
Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 114 Section 27 and Chapter 41, Section 21, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint three (3) residents to serve on the Cemetery Commission for a term of three (3) years, said vote contingent on the acceptance by the voters at the Annual Town Election; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81A, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five (5) residents to serve as members of the Groveland Planning Board for terms of three (3) years, provided however that such members shall be appointed only as the terms of current elected Planning Board members expire; the initial terms of the appointed Planning Board members shall be established so that the eventual three-year terms will be staggered such that no more than two positions shall expire in any one year, or take any other action relative thereto.

NOTE: If approved, the Board of Selectmen will appoint the first Planning Board member as of July 1, 2009, and one member each year thereafter as each of the 5 existing elected Planning Board member's 5 year elected terms expire.
Chapter 41, Section 81A does not require Town Election Ballot approval.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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HAND COUNT**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to partially fund a Groveland Parade to take place prior to Groveland Day, September, 2008, said funds to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Activities Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to partially fund two outdoor/indoor summer concerts, free to residents, during the months of July and August, 2008; or take any other action relative thereto. Article submitted by Activities Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000.00) for the purpose of financing \$300,000.00 cost increase of a new water tank, \$350,000.00 for renovations and improvements to Well #1 Pump Station, and \$50,000.00 water main improvements for Benham Street, Seven Star Road, a portion of Main Street and others, including without limitations all costs thereof; that to meet this appropriation the Finance Director with approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$700,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G.L.c 44 Sec.8; 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 necessary to carry out the project.

Article submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000.00) for the purpose of financing the completion of the sewer project and related improvements on lower Main Street from Broad Street to the West Newbury town line, including without limitations all costs thereof; that to meet this appropriation the Finance Director with approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$175,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L.c 44 Sec.8; 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 necessary to carry out the project.

Article submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 20: 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, 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Electric Light Commissioners.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 21: 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 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) for Fiscal 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Conservation Commission shall give a report to the FY 2010 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2009.

Article submitted by Conservation Commission.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION** Michael Dempsey stated "income to come from user fees for the facility and contributions".

ARTICLE 22: 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 2009. 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 2010 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2009.

Article submitted by Chief of Police

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 23: 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 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

A representative of the Pines Recreation Development Committee shall give a report to the FY 2010 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2009.

Article submitted by Pines Recreation/Development Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 24: 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 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Board of Health shall give a report to the FY 2010 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2009.

Submitted by Board of Health.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 **FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2009 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	\$ 35,000
Historic Resources	\$ 35,000
Community Housing	\$ 35,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: Groveland expects to realize approximately \$ 330,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$200,000) and matching funds from the state (\$130,000) in fiscal year 2009. 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, 2009. 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 2009, or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2010.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008

FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$70,920.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Historic Preservation FY-2008 and FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$14,080.00) from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve FY-2008 to be made available for the purpose of a Phase 2 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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

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FAVORABLE ACTION

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000.00) from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve FY-2008 to be made available for the purpose of the creation of a park and engineering work for additional soccer fields at Shanahan Field under the CPA category of Recreation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2008 FAVORABLE ACTION

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in said Town, one copy in each of the three parts of Town known as Savaryville, the Village, and South Groveland, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.

S/ William H. Darke, Chairman

S/ Elizabeth A. Gorski, Selectman

S/ Donald N. Greaney, Selectman

A true copy, attest:

S/ Anne Brodie, Town Clerk

S/ 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.

S/ Anne Brodie, Town Clerk

S/ Ronald C. Weeks, Police Chief