



# TOWN OF GROVELAND

## 2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Essex, ss:*

To Robert J. Kirmelewicz, 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 27, 2009 @ 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 ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

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**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the following streets, in accordance with the report of the Selectmen and Road Commissioner, as laid out on plans on file with the Town Clerk and recorded with the Essex County Registry of Deeds:

Rocky Woods Road – Plan Book 209; Plan No. 25;  
Evergreen Lane – Plan Book 316, Plan No. 44 and Plan Book 331, Plan No. 46;  
Hemlock Lane – Plan Book 331, Plan No. 46;  
Pineau Avenue – Plan Book 289, Plan No. 4; and  
Wyka Lane – Plan Book 360, Plan No. 42;  
or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Road Commissioner and Board of Selectmen

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

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**ARTICLE 3:** 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 Road Commissioner and Board of Selectmen and requires majority vote at Annual Town Election.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION. APRIL 27, 2009 FAVORABLE ACTION**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of paying the town's share of the Supplemental Operating Budget assessment, contingent upon approval by the voters the 2009 Annual Town Election on Monday, May 4, 2009 of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question to allow the town to levy an additional \$100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Finance Director & Board of Selectmen

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

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**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the following sums to defray Town charges for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2010 and make appropriations therefore, or take any other action relative thereto:

Line Item	Appropriated FY'09	Requested FY'10	Finance Board Recommends
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
<b>1 MODERATOR</b>			
Stipend	100.00	100.00	100.00
SUBTOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>2 SELECTMEN</b>			
Selectmen's Stipend	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Admin. Asst. Salary	52,683.00	59,517.00	59,517.00
Town Audit	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Expenses	5,446.00	5,264.00	5,264.00
SUBTOTAL	105,129.00	111,781.00	111,781.00
<b>3 AD-HOC COMMITTEES</b>			
Expenses	400.00	400.00	400.00
SUBTOTAL	400.00	400.00	400.00
<b>4 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET &amp; FINANCE</b>			
Finance Director's Salary (inc. T/C)	84,872.00	89,116.00	89,116.00
Asst. Treasurer/Collector's Salary	42,528.00	44,229.00	44,229.00
Treasury/Collection Clerk	26,964.00	27,762.00	27,762.00
Tax Title Treasury/Collection	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Computer Hardware Maint & Lic Fees	23,663.00	20,913.00	20,913.00
Expense	21,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
SUBTOTAL	205,027.00	208,020.00	208,020.00
<b>5 TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>			
Accountant's Salary	57,881.00	60,196.00	60,196.00
Expenses	1,250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	59,131.00	61,196.00	61,196.00
<b>6 BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>			
Assessor's Stipends	900.00	900.00	900.00
Assessors' Manager's Salary	42,000.00	43,680.00	43,680.00
Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Revaluation Maintenance	20,800.00	39,500.00	39,500.00
Maps - Updating	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
SUBTOTAL	74,200.00	94,580.00	94,580.00
<b>7 TOWN COUNSEL</b>			
Legal Expense	40,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
SUBTOTAL	40,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b>8 COMPUTER SYSTEM CONSULTANT</b>			
Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
SUBTOTAL	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>9 TOWN CLERK</b>			
Town Clerk's Salary	48,090.00	50,014.00	50,014.00
Elections & Registrations	12,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
SUBTOTAL	63,090.00	62,014.00	62,014.00
<b>10 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
Stipends	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
SUBTOTAL	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00

<b>11 PLANNING AND ENGINEERING</b>			
Planning Members' Stipends	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	3,000.00
SUBTOTAL	9,500.00	9,500.00	4,500.00
<b>12 MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION</b>			
Assessment	1,992.00	1,992.00	1,992.00
SUBTOTAL	1,992.00	1,992.00	1,992.00
<b>13 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>			
Contracted Services & Expenses	4,060.00	6,060.00	4,060.00
SUBTOTAL	4,060.00	6,060.00	4,060.00
<b>14 MUNICIPAL FIELDS &amp; WATER</b>			
Expense	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
SUBTOTAL	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
<b>15 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS</b>			
Expenses	138,800.00	143,950.00	143,950.00
Repairs & Maintenance	45,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
SUBTOTAL	183,800.00	183,950.00	183,950.00
<b>16 INSURANCE</b>			
Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
SUBTOTAL	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
<b>17 TOWN REPORTS</b>			
Expenses	4,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
SUBTOTAL	4,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00

<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>887,029.00</b>	<b>928,193.00</b>	<b>921,193.00</b>
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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>18 POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Chiefs Salary	80,000.00	82,400.00	82,400.00
Deputy Chiefs Salary	74,932.00	77,250.00	77,250.00
Sargeant's Salary	69,068.00	67,568.00	67,568.00
Patrolmen's Salary	334,086.00	374,934.00	374,934.00
Secretary's Salary	17,852.00	23,400.00	23,400.00
Other Wages	80,000.00	74,000.00	74,000.00
Incentive Wages	78,685.00	89,956.00	89,956.00
Cruiser (Article)	24,000.00	29,600.00	29,600.00
Harbormaster Expenses	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,000.00
Other Expenses	50,000.00	66,700.00	66,700.00
SUBTOTAL	809,623.00	886,858.00	886,808.00
<b>19 PARKING CLERK</b>			
Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00
SUBTOTAL	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>20 COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
Wages	202,410.00	207,941.00	207,941.00
Expenses	5,880.00	6,174.00	6,000.00
SUBTOTAL	208,290.00	214,115.00	213,941.00

**21 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Engineers' Stipends	500.00	500.00	500.00
Chiefs Salary	16,733.00	17,402.00	17,402.00
Clerk's Salary	8,000.00	8,320.00	8,320.00
Firefighter Wages	77,362.00	80,456.00	80,456.00
Inspector's Wages	2,665.00	2,772.00	2,772.00
Drill Wages	33,075.00	34,398.00	34,398.00
Mass. Fire Academy Training	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
Expenses	69,319.00	71,788.00	69,319.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>212,904.00</b>	<b>220,886.00</b>	<b>218,417.00</b>

**22 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	11,000.00	10,000.00
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Expenses	450.00	450.00	450.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	750.00	750.00	750.00
Building Inspector	49,104.00	51,068.00	51,068.00
Building Inspector Expenses	3,800.00	3,800.00	2,800.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>77,554.00</b>	<b>79,518.00</b>	<b>75,518.00</b>

**23 CIVIL DEFENSE**

Director's Stipend	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>

**24 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Contract Wages	15,953.00	16,591.00	16,591.00
Expenses	3,437.00	3,609.00	3,437.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>19,390.00</b>	<b>20,200.00</b>	<b>20,028.00</b>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>1,329,111.00</b>	<b>1,422,977.00</b>	<b>1,416,062.00</b>
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**EDUCATION****25 EDUCATION**

Pentucket Base Assessment	6,263,751.00	6,514,921.00	6,514,921.00
Pentucket Supplemental Assessment	251,170.00	245,828.00	145,828.00
Pentucket Capital Assessment	31,205.00	20,474.00	20,474.00
Pentucket Capital Assessment Supplemental	-	-	-
Whittier Vocational/Technical Assessment	434,686.00	457,041.00	457,041.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6,980,812.00</b>	<b>7,238,264.00</b>	<b>7,138,264.00</b>

<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>6,980,812.00</b>	<b>7,238,264.00</b>	<b>7,138,264.00</b>
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**PUBLIC WORKS****26 TREE WARDEN**

Tree Warden Stipend	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>

**27 HIGHWAYS**

Road Commissioner's Salary	67,455.00	70,153.00	70,153.00
Highway Salary	91,374.00	96,030.00	96,030.00
Highway Salary - Part Time	20,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Emergency Overtime	7,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
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	165,000.00	165,000.00	165,000.00
Road Machinery Expense	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Road Maintenance Expense	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
SUBTOTAL	605,029.00	612,383.00	612,383.00

**28 STREET LIGHTING**

Expenses	26,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
SUBTOTAL	26,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00

**29 RUBBISH COLLECTION**

Contract Administrator	8,990.00	9,350.00	9,350.00
Contract Expense	470,000.00	480,000.00	480,000.00
SUBTOTAL	478,990.00	489,350.00	489,350.00

**30 CEMETERY**

Commissioner's Stipend	300.00	900.00	300.00
Full Time Wages	21,500.00	29,250.00	29,250.00
Part Time Wages	16,554.00	8,640.00	8,640.00
Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
SUBTOTAL	42,354.00	42,790.00	42,190.00

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,159,673.00</b>	<b>1,179,823.00</b>	<b>1,179,223.00</b>
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**HUMAN SERVICES****31 BOARD OF HEALTH**

Health Members' Stipends	900.00	900.00	900.00
Health Nurse Wages	13,282.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Health/Sanitation Agent Wages	43,814.00	45,567.00	45,567.00
Part-time Clerk Wages	13,181.00	13,708.00	13,708.00
Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
SUBTOTAL	75,177.00	74,175.00	73,175.00

**32 COUNCIL ON AGING**

Director's Salary	43,777.00	45,528.00	45,528.00
Senior Aide (1) Salary	26,896.00	27,972.00	27,972.00
Outreach Worker	13,620.00	14,165.00	14,165.00
Part Time Van Driver	15,762.00	16,392.00	16,392.00
Expenses	8,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00
SUBTOTAL	108,055.00	114,057.00	112,057.00

**33 ELDER SERVICE OF MERRIMACK VALLEY**

Assessment	392.00	392.00	392.00
SUBTOTAL	392.00	392.00	392.00

**34 VETERANS**

Veterans' Agent	9,892.00	10,228.00	10,228.00
Veterans' Benefits	25,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
SUBTOTAL	34,892.00	60,228.00	60,228.00

<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>218,516.00</b>	<b>248,852.00</b>	<b>245,852.00</b>
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**CULTURE & RECREATION****35 LIBRARY**

Library Director's Salary	52,000.00	54,600.00	54,600.00
Library Staff Wages	71,279.00	74,130.00	74,130.00
Part Time Wages	8,024.00	8,345.00	8,345.00
Expenses	52,702.00	54,523.00	54,523.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>184,005.00</b>	<b>191,598.00</b>	<b>191,598.00</b>

**36 RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>

**38 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**

Expenses	600.00	600.00	600.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>

<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>191,605.00</b>	<b>199,198.00</b>	<b>199,198.00</b>
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**DEBT SERVICE****39 DEBT INTEREST**

SUBTOTAL	-	-	-
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**40 DEBT PRINCIPAL**

SUBTOTAL	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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**UNCLASSIFIED****41 ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND**

Assessment	251,974.00	280,320.00	280,320.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>251,974.00</b>	<b>280,320.00</b>	<b>280,320.00</b>

**42 HAVERHILL RETIREMENT BOARD**

Assessment	807.00	807.00	807.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>807.00</b>	<b>807.00</b>	<b>807.00</b>

**43 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Expense	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

**44 EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE**

Expenses	335,000.00	335,000.00	335,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>335,000.00</b>	<b>335,000.00</b>	<b>335,000.00</b>

**45 EMPLOYEES' LIFE INSURANCE**

Expenses	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>

**46 MEDICARE TAX**

Expenses	38,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>38,000.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>

<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>633,531.00</b>	<b>663,877.00</b>	<b>663,877.00</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>11,400,277.00</b>	<b>11,881,184.00</b>	<b>11,763,669.00</b>
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**APRIL 27, 2009      FAVORABLE**



**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS (\$758,293.00) for the use of the Water Department, said sum to be offset by FY '10 Water Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

	<u><b>FY'09</b></u>	<u><b>FY '10</b></u>
Commissioners Stipends (3)	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,260.00
Water/Sewer Superintendent's Salary	\$ 49,000.00*	\$ 53,508.00
Water/Sewer Office Manager's Salary	\$ 30,870.00	\$ 32,105.00
Water/Sewer Equipment Operators/ Laborers' Wages (3)	\$ 89,500.00	\$ 93,080.00
Over-time Wages	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 24,600.00
Expenses	\$ 333,800.00	\$294,191.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$ 35,760.00	\$ 43,409.00
Retirement Buy-back	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,650.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 23,710.00	\$ 28,490.00
Bond Debt, Principal & Interest	<u>\$ 157,000.00</u>	<u>\$185,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 745,300.00</b>	<b>\$758,293.00</b>

Article submitted by Water & Sewer Commissioners

\*Note: If at Special Town Meeting Article #2 passes, this number will change to \$51,450 bringing the total water budget for FY'09 to \$747,750.00.

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

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: APRIL 27, 2009      FAVORABLE ACTION**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$400,313.00) for the use of the Sewer Department, said sum to be offset by FY '10 Sewer Department Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto:

	<u>FY'09</u>	<u>FY '10</u>
Commissioners Stipends (3)	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00
Water/Sewer Superintendent's Salary	\$ 21,000.00*	\$ 22,932.00
Water/Sewer Office Manager's Salary	\$ 13,230.00	\$ 13,759.00
Water/Sewer Equipment Operators/ Laborers' (3) Wages	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 39,936.00
Over-time Wages	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses	\$ 80,600.00	\$ 49,800.00
Employees' Health Insurance	\$ 15,330.00	\$ 18,604.00
Retirement Buy-back	1,200.00	\$ 1,180.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 12,210.00
Bond Debt, Principal & Interest	\$ 28,300.00	\$ 66,181.00
Haverhill Wastewater	\$ 140,000.00	\$140,000.00
Haverhill Capital Bond	<u>\$ 32,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,171.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 353,600.00	\$400,313.00

Article submitted by the Water & Sewer Commissioners

\*Note: If at Special Town Meeting Article #2 passes, this number will change to \$22,050 bringing the total sewer budget for FY'09 to \$354,650.00.

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

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

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**ARTICLE 8:** 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, 2010. Fixing of salaries according to Articles #5 - #7 above.

Article submitted by Finance Board

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

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**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$57,000.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Historic Preservation FY-2009 to be made available for the purpose of a historic restoration of The Little Red Schoolhouse to be managed by the Groveland Garden Club under the CPA category of Historic Preservation, or take any other action relative thereto.

*NOTE: On request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will fund the preservation of an historic building known as the Little Red Schoolhouse. 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.*

Article submitted by Community Preservation Committee

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

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**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) from the Community Preservation Fund 10% set aside for Open Space FY-2009 to be made available for the purpose of an Open Space purchase titled Meadow Pond Reservation Addition (Off Stephenson's Way) to be managed by the Groveland Conservation Commission under the CPA category of Open Space or take any other action relative thereto.

*NOTE: Upon request of the Community Preservation Committee, this will be applied toward the purchase of 6 acres open space adjoining and adding to the current Meadow Pond Reservation on Stephenson's Way. The Conservation Commission has a signed purchase and sales agreement for \$60,000 and is working with a third party non-profit organization to meet the terms of the sale. The purchase must be completed within 2 years.*

Article submitted by Community Preservation Committee

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**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the town's General By-laws by deleting Chapter 13 Community Preservation Committee Bylaw, in its entirety, and further vote to REVOKE its acceptance of Section 3 to Section 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by petition of taxpayers.

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

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: APRIL 27, 2009 POSTPONE INDEFINITELY**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2010 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	\$ 35,000
Historic Resources	\$ 35,000
Community Housing	\$ 35,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

**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 2010. 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, 2010. 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 2010, or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2011.

Article submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

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**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a used Tractor for the Cemetery Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Capital Improvement Committee

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**ARTICLE 14:** 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 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 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

**NOTE:** Authorization for this appropriation is provided in MGL, C. 40, §9.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen

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**ARTICLE 15:** 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, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Electric Light Commissioners.

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**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to recognize members of the town's call fire department as employees as defined in MGL C. 32B, §2(d) for the purpose of being allowed to enroll in the town's health insurance plan at 100% of the premium cost; or take any other action relative thereto. Article submitted by Board of Selectmen at request of Fire Chief

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**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Regional Agreement of the Pentucket Regional School District as follows, contingent upon approval by all three member towns of a school building plan which includes an expanded (grades 6 – 8) Middle School residing within the present middle and high school complex and passage of debt exclusion votes in all three member towns to fund said project; said amendment of the Regional Agreement becoming effective when the expanded middle school is ready for beneficial occupancy and the overall plan is ready for implementation as voted by the Pentucket Regional District School Committee; and

- 1) Changing the wording in Section II. Type of School, Subsection B from grades 7-12 to grades 6-12;
- 2) Changing the wording in Section II. Type of School, Subsection C from grades PK-6 to grades PK-5;
- 3) Changing the wording in Section III. Location of Schools, Subsection B from grades PK-6 to grades PK-5; and
- 4) Changing the wording in Section VIII-2. Withdrawal of member towns from the regional school district at the elementary level, Subsections A and C, from grades PK – 6 to grades PK – 5;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Superintendent of Schools on behalf of PRSD Committee.

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**ARTICLE 18:** 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 SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) for Fiscal 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Conservation Commission shall give a report to the FY 2011 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2010.

Article submitted by Conservation Commission.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

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**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: APRIL 27, 2009      FAVORABLE ACTION      UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 19:** 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 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

A representative of the Pines Recreation Development Committee shall give a report to the FY 2011 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2010.

Article submitted by Pines Recreation/Development Committee

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**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: APRIL 27, 2009      FAVORABLE ACTION (GREG GAVE REPORT)**

**ARTICLE 20:** 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 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) for Fiscal 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Board of Health shall give a report to the FY 2011 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2010.

Submitted by Board of Health.

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**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: APRIL 27, 2009      FAVORABLE ACTION      UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this fund is to hold fees paid by the applicants and to be expended without further appropriation for the payments of advertising and associated clerical work relative to the applicant's application. The Zoning Board of Appeals 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 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall give a report to the FY 2011 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2010.

Submitted by Finance Director.

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**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Bagnall School Summer Program Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. The purpose of this fund is to hold fees paid by the applicants and to be expended for salaries/wages and expenses of the Bagnall School Summer Program. The Zoning Board of Appeals may, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, expend from this account an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) during Fiscal 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Director of the Bagnall School Summer Program shall give a report to the FY 2011 Annual Town Meeting detailing the total receipts and expenditures of this fund for Fiscal 2010.

**Submitted by Finance Director.**

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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 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

  
Elizabeth A. Gorski, Chairman

  
William H. Darke, Selectman

  
Donald N. Greaney, Selectman

A true copy, attest:

  
Anne Brodie, Town Clerk

  
Robert J. Kirmelewicz, 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.

  
Anne Brodie, Town Clerk

  
Robert J. Kirmelewicz, Police Chief

## 2009 Annual Town Meeting April 27, 2009

Article 1: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 2: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 3: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 4: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 5: April 27, 2009 – passed

Article 6: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 7: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 8: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 9: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 10: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 11: April 27, 2009 – postpone indefinitely

Article 12: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 13: April 27, 2009 – postpone indefinitely

Article 14: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 15: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 16: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 17: April 27, 2009 – favorable action

Article 18: April 27, 2009 – favorable action, unanimous

Article 19: April 27, 2009 – favorable action (Greg gave report)

Article 20: April 27, 2009 – favorable action, unanimous

Article 21: April 27, 2009 – favorable action, unanimous

Article 22: April 27, 2009 – favorable action, unanimous