



TOWN OF GROVELAND

SPECIAL 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 **Special Town Meeting** to meet at the **Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, 253 School Street on Monday, April 28, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.** to vote on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to rescind part (ii) of Article 21 voted at the Annual Town Meeting on April 25, 2011 as the funds were not required to complete the project known as the green repairs to the Dr. Elmer Bagnall Elementary School; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2014 A 2/3 vote was required and received. Favorable Action as Amended Unanimous

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 voted at the Annual Town Meeting on April 29, 2013 by reducing the available funds transferred to TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$213,867.00) due to a change in the final State appropriation ; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Finance Director

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ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) from the Conservation Commission Fees Account #2601-990-45305-000 to the Conservation Commission Expense account line item #1001-171-52000-052 ; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Conservation Commission

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ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize an additional sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) to be expended from the Bagnall Summer Program Revolving Fund over the amount authorized by the Annual Town Meeting Article 23 on April 29, 2013 to cover additional expenses due to increased participation; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Finance Director

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ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to file on behalf of the Town of Groveland any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (P.L.88-578, 78 Stat 897) and/or any others in any way connected with the purchase of a certain parcel of land located off Main Street containing a total of 48 acres more or less, identified as Town Assessors Map 33, Lot 009; as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Article 13 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Conservation Commission

This article authorizes the Selectmen to accept a \$200,000 grant towards the purchase of the Mattingly property approved at last year's town meeting. The specific language in the article must match the State's requirement.

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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of the land described below from the board currently maintaining such care, custody, and control for its current purpose jointly to such board and the Board of Selectmen for its current purpose and for the additional purpose of disposition of the rights as described herein, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant such easements, covenants and/or restrictions on said property or portions thereof as may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection and/or the Environmental Protection Agency, said property as shown on Assessors Map 32 as Lot 25; or to take any action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Article requires a 2/3 Vote

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 28, 2014 A 2/3 vote was required and received. Favorable Action Unanimous (The land is behind the Water Department on Washington St)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will approve the appropriation and borrowing of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$1,668,387) for the purpose of a roof and boiler replacement project, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, at the District Middle School located at 20 Main Street, West Newbury, Massachusetts (the "Project"), authorized by a vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2014. The proposed project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") for the Project. The amount appropriated by such vote shall be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs of the Project that the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty and Seventy-Nine Hundredths percent (50.79%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized for the Project pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Pentucket Regional School Committee

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ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$1,400,000 appropriation and borrowing authorized by a vote of the Pentucket Regional School District School Committee on March 18, 2014 for the purpose of paying costs of athletic field improvements, acquisition of land, and construction and development of the athletics plan, including all costs incidental or related thereto, which amount shall be in addition to the \$700,000 previously appropriated for such purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Pentucket Regional School Committee

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the purposes of the \$800,000 borrowing originally authorized by vote of the Pentucket Regional School District School Committee on March 6, 2012, so that such appropriation may be used for the purpose of paying costs of projects for the repair of deficient building and grounds, including land acquisition and the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, as follows:

- Athletic field improvements, acquisition of land, and construction and development of the athletics plan (not to exceed \$700,000), and
- Upgrade or replace High School Theatre rigging, lighting, choral risers and platforms instrument storage, and any other safety related items (not to exceed \$100,000),

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Pentucket Regional School Committee

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ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment passed on March 18, 2014, to the \$250,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Pentucket Regional School District School Committee on April 3, 2012, for the purpose of paying the costs of replacement of kitchen equipment and related renovation to the District's Helen R. Donaghue Elementary School in Merrimac, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Donaghue Project"), which amendment provides that to the extent any balance of the appropriation remains after completion of the Donaghue Project, such amount shall be applied to the remediation of flooring at the District's Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir Elementary School in Merrimac, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Sweetsir Project"), and to acknowledge that pursuant to the District Agreement, all costs of the Donaghue and Sweetsir Projects, including the debt service on the bonds or notes issued by the District to finance the Donaghue and Sweetsir Projects, shall be allocable solely to the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Pentucket Regional School Committee

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ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section XIII of the Regional Agreement by adding at the end the following new Section:

B. In the event that a member town should determine, prior to the issuance by the District of long term indebtedness to finance a Capital Cost, to make an upfront cash contribution to pay all of its allocable share of such Capital Cost, then the total borrowing authorized to pay costs of such Capital Cost shall be reduced by the amount of such upfront cash contribution. A member town's share of Capital Costs for purposes of this section shall be determined in the same manner as used in determining the allocation of Capital Costs for the fiscal year in which the District's borrowing for a particular Capital Cost is authorized.

When a member town has paid its entire share of such Capital Cost, then such member town shall not be assessed for any portion of Debt Service incurred by the District to finance the balance of such Capital Cost. Then, notwithstanding the provisions of Section VII (A) to the contrary, Debt Service on the amount to be borrowed shall be assessed upon the member town or towns that did not determine to make an upfront cash contribution on account of such Capital Cost, as if the District's total enrollment consisted solely of the students from the noncontributing town or towns.

Any upfront cash contribution on account of a Capital Cost shall be paid to the District prior to the issuance of long term bonds by the District to finance such capital cost.

Article Submitted by the Pentucket Regional School Committee

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ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to amend the fourth sentence of Section XIII, "Incurring of Debt," which currently reads as follows:

Each member town shall hold a Town Meeting for the purpose of expressing approval or disapproval of the amount of debt authorized by the Regional District School Committee by a majority of voters present and voting on the question.

shall be amended to read as follows:

Each member town which would bear a financial responsibility for the debt through the assessment of all or a portion of the principal and interest on such debt shall hold a Town Meeting for the purpose of expressing approval or disapproval of the amount of debt authorized by the Regional District School Committee by a majority of voters present and voting on the question.

Article submitted by the Pentucket Regional School Committee

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ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$21,785.00) from Fiscal Year 2013 Free Cash to the Snow and Ice Expense line item #1001-423-51100-051 to cover the Fiscal Year 2014 initial funding shortfall ; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Finance Director

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to expend ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$168,298.00) from Fiscal Year 2013 Free Cash for the purpose of purchasing a new 5-Ton Truck for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to expend ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND- DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account #2447-131-52000-052 for the purpose of purchasing Turnout Gear for the Town's Call Firefighters; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ACTION

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ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer THREE THOUSAND-SEVENTY DOLLARS and EIGHTY-NINE CENTS (\$3,070.89) from the OVERLAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT #2447-131-52000-052 to the Stabilization Fund Account #8500-050-35992-000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Finance Director

Action Requires a 2/3 vote

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ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (25,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2013 Water Enterprise Department Retained Earnings for the purpose of reimbursement of funds for Variable Frequency Drives (VFD); or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Water/Sewer Commissioners

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ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2013 Sewer Enterprise Department Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding an Infiltration and In Flow Study along with associated improvements; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Water/Sewer Commissioners

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ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to make the following transfers; or take any other action relative thereto:

\$2,000.00 from Treasurer Tax Title Expense line item #1001-144-52990-052 to Treasurer Expense line item #1001-145-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$32,276.00 from Pentucket Supplemental Assessment line item #1001-301-57000-057 to Snow / Ice Salary-Expense line item #1001-423-51100-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$40,939.00 from Health Insurance Expense line item #1001-914-51501-051 to Snow / Ice Salary-Expense line item #1001-423-51100-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$15,000.00 from Rubbish Pickup Expense line item #1001-433-52000-052 to Snow / Ice Salary-Expense line item #1001-423-51100-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$12,000 from FB Cable TV line item #2600-000-35904-000-000-000 to Computer System Consultant Expense line item #1001-155-57000-057-000-000 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$6,470.00 from Police Secretary Salary line item #1001-210-51112-051 to Patrolmen's Salary line item #1001-210-51111-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$8,000.00 from Police Other Wages Salary line item #1001-210-51113-051 to Police Expense line item #1001-210-57000-057 to cover initial funding shortfall;

\$4,000.00 from Finance Director Salary line item #1001-133-51100-051 to Veteran's Benefit Expense line item #1001-545-57701-057 to cover initial funding shortfall;

Article submitted by the Various Departments by Request

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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.

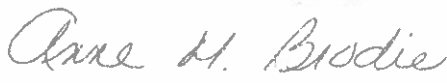
Given under our hands this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.


Donald N. Greaney, Chairman


Joseph R. D'Amore, Selectman


Elizabeth A. Gorski, Selectman

A true copy, attest:


Anne Brodie, Town Clerk
TOWN OF GROVELAND


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