

SAMPLE BALLOT



**EARLY / ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GROVELAND, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 6, 2024**

Elizabeth Curry
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

ASSESSOR For Three Years Vote for One (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	BOARD OF HEALTH For Three Years Vote for One JAMES S STEPANIAN <input type="radio"/> 4 Scotland Yard Est Candidate for Re-Election (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	LIGHT COMMISSION For Three Years Vote for One MICHAEL J CLOUTIER <input type="radio"/> 15 Byfield Road Candidate for Re-Election (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
ASSESSOR For Two Years Vote for One (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER For Three Years Vote for One (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	MODERATOR For One Year Vote for One (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
SELECTMEN For Three Years Vote for Two EDWARD H WATSON <input type="radio"/> 104 Washington Street Candidate for Re-Election STEVEN F BAKER <input type="radio"/> 5 Sunset Circle REBECCA MEGAN BEAUCHER <input type="radio"/> 765 Salem Street WILLIAM F DUNN <input type="radio"/> 10 Garrison Street ADAM J HAYWOOD <input type="radio"/> 15 Abbott Street WILLIAM G ONEIL <input type="radio"/> 45 Elm Park (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	HOUSING AUTHORITY For Five Years Vote for One ELIZABETH A GORSKI <input type="radio"/> 182 Washington Street Candidate for Re-Election (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	PLANNING BOARD For Two Years Vote for One PATRICK H MILLINA <input type="radio"/> 7 Savory Lane (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	LIBRARY TRUSTEE For Three Years Vote for Three JAN L DEMPSEY <input type="radio"/> 33 Uptack Road Candidate for Re-Election LEONARD LEE THOMAS <input type="radio"/> 4 Baldwin Terrace Candidate for Re-Election (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	SCHOOL COMMITTEE For Three Years Vote for One (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
		WATER/SEWER COMMISSION For Three Years Vote for One WILLIAM M GRIM III <input type="radio"/> 16 King Street Candidate for Re-Election (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Question 1:
Shall the town vote to have its elected Board of Assessors become an appointed Board of Assessors of the town?

YES

NO

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Question 2:

Shall the town repeal sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as voted on May 3, 2004 by the voters of the Town, a summary of which appears below:

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of repealing the town's acceptance of the Community Preservation Act, which means that, if the measure passes, the town's bylaws and policies will change such that the town will no longer collect a surcharge imposed upon real estate within the town to be placed in a Community Preservation fund. If the measure fails, there will be no change to the town's bylaws or policies.

Groveland accepted Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, and established a "Community Preservation Fund" with a dedicated funding source. Fund monies may be spent to (1) acquire, create and preserve open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, (3) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic buildings and resources, (4) acquire, create, preserve and support affordable housing and (5) rehabilitate and restore open space and affordable housing that was acquired or created with community preservation funds. The funding source is a 3 % surcharge on the annual property tax assessed on real property and if the CPA was accepted under Section 3(b $\frac{1}{2}$), appropriations from other municipal revenues. Groveland has adopted the following exemptions from the annual surcharge:

- (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile of a person who qualifies for low income housing, or low- or moderate-income senior housing, as defined in the Act;
- (2) the real estate tax assessed on \$100,000 of the value of each parcel of residential real property as defined for property tax classification purposes;

A revocation of acceptance will take effect starting in fiscal year 2025, which begins on July 1, 2024. However, the surcharge will continue to be assessed in future years until monies in the Community Preservation Fund are sufficient to fully pay all community preservation obligations incurred by Groveland. If acceptance is revoked, any monies remaining in the Community Preservation Fund must still be appropriated and spent only for the open space, historic and affordable housing purposes allowed by the Act.

YES

NO

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