

# 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.

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

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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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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