

Commonwealth of Massachusetts;  
To Either of the Constables of Granville,

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Granville qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Granville Village School, 409 Main Road, Granville, on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm to vote on the articles which follow:

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of Town Boards and Committees and to act thereon.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of elected officers and Town employee salaries where stipulated, provide for a reserve fund and for capital outlay, to determine the sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, or to take any other action relative thereto:

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Assessor Salaries.....	\$4,142.00
Assessor Maintenance.....	\$22,000.00
Assessor Clerk Salary.....	\$18,054.00
Bookkeeper: Salary.....	\$32,265.00
Bookkeeper Maintenance.....	\$12,000.00
Finance Board Maintenance.....	\$350.00
Reserve Fund.....	\$28,276.00
Historical Comm. Maintenance....	\$2,000.00
Planning Board .....	\$450.00
Selectboard Stipends.....	\$12,000.00
Commissions Clerk.....	\$6,500.00
Town Administrator Salary.....	\$88,000.00
Gen. Gov't Supplies.....	\$20,000.00
Building Operations.....	\$145,000.00
Information Technology.....	\$8,000.00
Medicare Taxes.....	\$25,000.00
Hampden Co. Retirement.....	\$145,269.00
Health/Life Insurance .....	\$70,000.00
Prop/ Cas/Liab. Insurance.....	\$80,000.00
Worker's Compensation.....	\$13,500.00
Unemployment/Salary Benefits.	\$10,001.00
Veteran's Assessment.....	\$9,544.00
Veteran's Benefits.....	\$500.00
Regional Planning Assessment....	\$281.00
Law Department.....	\$26,000.00
Moderator: Maintenance.....	\$85.00
Tax Collector: Salary.....	\$14,930.00
Tax Coll. Maintenance.....	\$14,000.00
Town Clerk: Salary.....	\$12,671.00
Town Clerk Maintenance .....	\$8,300.00
Town Report.....	\$1,500.00
Town Audit .....	\$3,000.00
Treasurer Salary.....	\$14,218.00
Treasurer Maintenance.....	\$12,500.00
ZBA Maintenance.....	\$300.00

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Emergency Management.....	\$11,350.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance.....	\$71,780.00
FD/EMT Salaries.....	\$100,574.00
FD/EMS/Ambulance Stipends....	\$90,324.00
Police Salaries.....	\$184,250.00
Police Maintenance.....	\$32,200.00
Building Dept. Fees/Stipends.....	\$12,000.00
Bldg. Dept. Maintenance.....	\$2,000.00

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Salaries and Wages: .....	\$374,794.00
Maintenance... ..	\$413,250.00
Town Green Maintenance.....	\$2,000.00

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Board of Health.....	\$10,000.00
Cemeteries.....	\$1,200.00
Transfer Station.....	\$47,250.00
Animal Inspector.....	\$4,000.00

#### **CULTURE, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION**

Conservation Fund.....	\$450.00
Conservation Maintenance.....	\$2,000.00
Conservation Stipends.....	\$2,404.00
Memorial Day.....	\$500.00
Recreation Commission.....	\$1,000.00
Harvest Fair.....	\$5,640.00
Town Newsletter. ....	\$8,000.00
Council on Aging.....	\$4,000.00
Library Salaries.....	\$30,116.00
Library Maintenance.....	\$11,819.00
Library Janitor Salary.....	\$3,350.00
Library Books.....	\$9,255.00
Grant Funded Youth Program.....	\$2,000.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,070,197.00 for the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District assessment for Fiscal Year 2024 commencing July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, or to take any other action relative thereto.

REQUESTED BY THE SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND-GRANVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town of Granville will vote not to disapprove certain additional debt authorized by the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee under a vote dated March 28, 2023, which reads as follows: "Voted: approve authorization to incur debt by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes up to the amount of \$515,000.00 for the purchase of all items specified in STGRSD FY2024 Capital Improvement Plan, as follows:

Grounds Improvements		\$515,000.00
• Network Improvements	\$450,000.00	
• Maintenance Van	\$65,000.00"	

or to take any other action relative thereto.

REQUESTED BY THE SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND-GRANVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$58,030.00 from the Ambulance Fees Collected Fund, more often called Ambulance Use Fund, in accordance with Town Bylaws Additions of 1988, Ambulance Service, Section 10, and to further appropriate and transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$83,030.00 to fund the Town EMT Maintenance and Training Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

TRANSFERS FROM AMBULANCE FUND AND FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply, accept and expend any and all grants from the federal government or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source such as private foundations, for the purposes for which said grants are authorized, or to take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from so-called Chapter 90 available funds, any Transportation Bond Issue or any other such sums as are available for highway work, or to take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to carry over the balances in the following Accounts to be available in FY 2024: Assessor's Legal, Assessor's Computer Maintenance, Assessor's Three Year Update, Assessor's Tax Map Maintenance, Ambulance Fees Collected, Selectboard's Salary Benefits, Treasurer's Audit, Tax Title, as well as donation and gift accounts and any other accounts which may be carried over from year to year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$53,046.00 to be applied to the \$252,000 FY21 Emergency Communications & Police Cruiser Loan, or to take any other action relative thereto. (# of payments remaining 2, principal balance due \$100,800.00)

TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$44,100.00 to be applied to the \$210,000 FY19 DPW Truck Loan, or to take any other action relative thereto. (# of payments remaining 1, principal balance due \$42,000.00)

TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$25,080.00 to be applied to the \$220,000.00 FY17 Pond Brook Culvert Repair Loan, or to take any other action relative thereto. (# of payments remaining 3, principal balance due \$66,000.00.)

TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$47,528.00 to be applied to debt service for the FY20 Transportation Improvement Program Reconstruction Project Loan authorized by Article 15 of the 2017 ATM, or to take any other action relative thereto. (authorized borrowing \$532,000.00; third issuance in amount of \$229,600.00 (# of payments remaining 1, principal balance due \$45,920.00))

TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$172,494.00 to be applied to the \$1,369,000.00 FY20 Road Project Loan, or to take any other action relative thereto. (# of payments remaining 7, principal balance due \$958,300.00.)

TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$21,400.00 to be applied to debt service for the \$60,000.00 FY22 DPW Truck and Plow Loan authorized by Article 17 of the 2021 ATM, or to take any other action relative thereto. (# of payments remaining 1, principal balance due \$20,000.00)

TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide \$300,000.00 to purchase and equip a new DPW plow truck, including all incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

BORROWING RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2/3 vote required.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide \$60,000.00 to purchase and equip a new DPW pickup truck, including all incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

BORROWING RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2/3 vote required.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$25,000.00 to fund additional tree cutting and the removal of hazardous, dead and/or diseased trees, including all incidental and related costs; said funds to be appropriated to the Department of Public Works Tree Maintenance Account; or to take any action relative hereto.  
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$9,000.00, which appropriation hereunder shall serve as the Town's 5% share for a Assistance to Firefighters Grant through FEMA, for the purchase of replacement radio equipment, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any action relative hereto.  
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$50,000.00 for the design and construction of renovations to the West Granville Firehouse, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any action relative hereto.  
BORROWING RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2/3 vote required.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$30,000.00 to fund training for the officers of the Granville Police Department, including state mandated MPTC Bridge Academy training and all incidental and related costs; or to take any action relative hereto.  
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$175,642.00 to fund payment of the unused accrued benefits that a retiring Town of Granville employee is entitled to receive; or to take any action relative hereto.  
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 7A of MGL Chapter 32B, allowing the Selectboard to increase the Town's share above fifty percent of the premium for contributory group and life insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 9E of MGL Chapter 32B, allowing the Selectboard to increase the Town's share above fifty percent of the premium for contributory life, hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for employees retired from the service of the Town, and their dependents, or take any other action relative thereto.

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**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues or otherwise as specified the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for qualified community preservation projects, committee administrative expenses and other expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Reserves:

From FY 2024 revenues for Historic Preservation Reserve	\$ 3, 150.00
From FY 2024 revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 3,150.00
From FY 2024 revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 3,150.00
From FY 2024 revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$22,050.00


Appropriations:

From FY 2024 revenues for Committee Administrative expenses \$ 400.00  
to be appropriated from Budgeted Reserve Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.  
SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from the Budgeted Reserve Account of the Community Preservation Fund as a grant to the Granville Selectboard to be used for the ongoing preservation, restoration and stabilization of historic grave markers at the Town-owned Main Cemetery as outlined in the grant application received by the Community Preservation Committee in January 2023, including any incidental or related costs, , or to take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies therein in each of the usual places in Town for posting such notice, seven days at least before the time and place of said meeting, given under our hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.



David K. Ripley  
Selectboard, Chair



Nicole M. Berndt  
Selectboard



Scott J. Bergeron  
Selectboard