TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

Town Meeting
March 10, 2009

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE **SULLIVAN COUNTY**

Moderator Victoria Smith called the 233rd Annual Town Meeting to order at 5:15pm. The Moderator called for a moment of silent reflection and then Cub Scout Troop 276, accompanied by Troop leader Tom TenHaken, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator made mention of corrections on page 98 concerning elected officials. The Honorable Jean Shaheen, US Senator was omitted from the page. Matthew Houde is the NH Senator for District 5. The NH Representatives for District 1 are Charlotte Houde Quimby and Carla Skinder. On page 58 the date of the opening of the pedestrian bridge was Sept. 29, 2008.

The Grantham Town Report was dedicated to Dennis and Connie Howard, tireless contributors to the Town of Grantham. Unfortunately, Connie and Dennis were unable to attend the meeting. Moderator Smith recognized Selectmen Warren Kimball who made a key to the Town of Grantham to present to Dennis and Connie. He invited any one who wanted to personalize the key with a colored ribbon holding a name or message.

Moderator Smith stated that the meeting having been properly warranted as it is certified on page 20 of the Town Report and by the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of New Hampshire I do now declare the 233rd Annual Meeting of the Town of Grantham officially opened for business. Polls were officially opened at 10:00am for ballot voting and close at 7:00pm. Absentee ballots were counted at 1:00pm in the afternoon.

School Moderator Carl Hanson was introduced and informed the assembly that the Grantham Village School District Annual Report started on page 99 of the Town of Grantham Annual Report. He stated that voting on the officers for the Grantham School District is today from 10:00am until the polls close at 7:00pm. The meeting for the Grantham School District will take place on March 18, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Grantham Village School.

Moderator Smith introduced Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rita Eigenbrode, Town Administrator Tina Stearns, Selectman Constance Jones, Selectman Harold Haddock and Selectman Warren Kimball. At the voting machine were Assistant Moderator Kenneth Story and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cynthia Towle. Police Chief Walter Madore was recognized. Ballot Clerks were Lorie McClory, Missy Walla, Martha Menard and April McGuire.

The rules of the Meeting, on page 12 of the Town Report, were adopted and the Moderator directed the Town Clerk to make the rules of the meeting a permanent part of the meeting record.

Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

2009 Town Meeting Rules

1. Non-voters who are not officers of the town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the town votes to permit it.
2. All voters will direct their remarks to the moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify him or herself.
3. Unless superseded by State law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared. A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over $100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting. The town may also vote to restrict reconsideration of any other vote in the same manner.
4. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot vote when five voters make a written request prior to a voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion.
5. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted.
6. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.

Registered voters only will be seated in the center section of the meeting hall. Non-Voters will be seated in the visitor's gallery in the area bounded by the pillars and the inside wall of the meeting hall.

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers
To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Harold Haddock, Jr.	Selectman	3 years
Carl D. Hanson	Planning Board	3 years
Karen Ryan	Planning Board	3 years
Edward C. Jenik	Library Trustee	3 years
Tanya D. McIntire	Library Trustee	3 years
Thomas E. Buckman	Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Don Noordsy	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years

ARTICLE 2 – Are you in favor of the Adoption of Amendment No. X as Proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Update Grantham's Zoning Ordinance "ARTICLE III-K SHORE LAND AND RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT" to reflect the revision and amendment to the "THE COMPREHENSIVE SHORE LAND PROTECTION ACT" of RSA 483-B as adopted by the State of New Hampshire July 1, 2008.

Rationale: The State's amended "Comprehensive Shore Land Protection Act" outlines the criteria for the environmental protection of land within 250 feet of the shore line of certain water bodies and rivers within the State, including eleven located in the Town of Grantham. The State will require their approval and a permit from the DES in these designated areas before any change to an existing or new land use can be initiated.

YES 222 NO 57

ARTICLE 3 – Petitioned – Old Town Hall Building Expenses & Trust Fund
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars ($10,000) each year to defray operating costs of the Grantham Old Town Hall Building, and to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be put into the trust fund each year to defray capital improvements of maintaining the Grantham Old Town Hall Building in order to continue to make this building available for community functions.
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Moderator Smith recognized Tanya McIntire to speak to this article. She presented an amendment to article 3: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $10,000 to help defray operating cost of the Old Town Hall Building and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund, and to raise and appropriate $10,000 towards this purpose to help defray capital improvements in order to maintain the Old Town Building, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. These requests are in order to continue to make this building available for community functions.* It was moved and seconded. Tanya was recognized to speak to the amendment and stated that she supported the amendment because it's about the preservation of a historic building that has become our town's landmark. The Moderator next recognized Kristina Burgard who questioned who actually owned the building. The United Methodist Church owns the building. Further discussion ensued. Joey Holmes spoke of the building's past history and said that the Church's finances were not in good condition and she feared that without help the Church would close.
Amendment failed by majority hand vote. YES 90 NO 95

The vote on article 3, as originally presented, was called.

Article 3 Failed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 4 – General Government
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$891,766** to defray the cost of **General Government** operations.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Selectmen's Office	153,725	140,150
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	97,700	98,453
Supervisors of the Checklist	7,906	7,900
Financial Administration	62,000	60,789
Tax Maps/Assessing	30,000	35,000
Legal	15,000	15,000
Personnel Administration	358,450	379,900
Planning Board	7,800	7,750
Zoning Board of Adjustment	3,400	2,450
General Government Buildings	88,350	98,470
Cemeteries	15,000	20,000
Insurance	23,000	23,000
Regional Associations	2,806	2,904
TOTAL	**865,137**	**891,766**

Article 4 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 5 – Public Safety
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **$537,903** to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Police Department	376,329	370,100
FAST Squad	52,037	45,882
Fire Department	100,220	102,246
Forest Fire	375	375
Building Inspection	5,500	7,000
Emergency Management	11,500	12,300
TOTAL	**545,961**	**537,903**

The Moderator asked Selectman Kimball to address this article. He said all Departments were asked to hold the line and they did. Ken O'Keefe was recognized and voiced his concern over the Police Department budget since they are asking for $14,000 for cameras in a later article. He questioned the budget items and offered an amendment to the Police Department line. The amendment: *To reduce the Police Department Budget from $370,100 to $354,100.* The amendment was moved and seconded. Chief Madore was recognized to speak. He stated that like every other department the Police Department worked on the budget to bring it in under funded from what it was in the 2008/09 budget. Decreasing this budget the amount on the amendment would put the Department budget back 3 to 4 years from what it is right now. Chief Madore felt that the Department could adequately operate next year on the budget as it was originally presented. **Amendment failed by majority voice vote.**

Article 5 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 6 – Public Works
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$662,763** to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Highway Administration	162,280	172,713
Highway Maintenance	138,000	159,000
Street Lights	3,000	4,000
Transfer Station	141,000	136,550
Waste Disposal	182,500	183,000
Landfill Monitoring	7,000	7,500
TOTAL	**633,780**	**662,763**

The Moderator recognized Kristina Burgard for a question. She requested an explanation regarding the increases in Highway Administration and Highway Maintenance. Administrator Stearns replied by saying the Highway Administration increased for overtime, vehicle repairs, heating fuel, building maintenance, rental and lease fees, general supplies, tires, equipment maintenance. The Highway Maintenance line increases were for paving material costs and salt.

Moderator Smith recognized Phil Schaffer who questioned the snowplowing of the school parking lot and the maintenance of the school grounds during the summer. The School Board has a line item in the budget for about $25,000 for this responsibility since it is being transferred from the Town of Grantham to the Grantham School District. Where is the reduction in the highway budget? The Moderator asked Selectman Kimball, who stated that the road agent figured 4 hours of plowing snow at $22/hour for approximately 10 storms/year, fuel and maintenance for the loaders the cost of snow removal and mowing. The cost for the services would be approximately $2,200 for the year.

The Moderator recognized Jeremy Turner to present an amendment: *To reduce the $159,000 proposed amount in the 2009/10 Highway Maintenance account by withdrawing the $50,600 which is the amount estimated to pave Miller Pond Road.* The amendment was moved and seconded. Jeremy Turner was recognized to speak to his amendment. He would like to see the town spend money to improve Miller Pond Road instead of paving Miller Pond Road. Joseph Newcomb, Road Agent recognized by the Moderator, said that the recommendations to pave Miller Pond Road are for maintenance costs associated with Miller Pond Road. We estimated costs for paving 1600', which is to the top of the first hill and the worst part of the road, to be $2,500 a year. If the majority of the people don't want the road paved I would recommend that we don't pave it, but we need many other roads in town that need paving. I think we should keep the paving budget as is. Kevin Barton was recognized by the Moderator and said there is a need to do something about Miller Pond Road. Instead of paving we should use the money to fix the bottom part of the road and take the money for the asphalt and use it to fix the other spots on the road that are bad. Duncan Wood was the next recognized speaker. He asked for clarification of the amendment by asking: If we vote to reduce the Highway Department budget they won't have any money to spend on any improvements on Miller Pond Road. The Moderator replied in the affirmative. The Moderator recognized Merle Shotanous and he stated that there were environmental reasons not to pave Miller Pond Road. It is immediately adjacent to Skinner Brook, which is a very valuable native trout habitat. Whether or not the amendment is adopted I think the Selectmen have been advised to go slowly concerning Miller Pond Road. **The amendment failed by majority voice vote.**

Moderator Smith recognized Lorie McClory for an amendment to article 6: *To increase the budget by $2,200 to continue maintaining the school parking lot and summer mowing for one year.* It was moved and seconded. Lorie McClory wants to see how much extra time it does take to plow and mow for one year before more equipment is purchased for the school. **Yes 74 No 44 The amendment passed by majority hand count.**

The Moderator announced that the total amount of the proposed budget in article 6 is now $664,963. Kevin Barton was recognized to speak and he voiced his concern that Miller Pond Road would have no repairs because they don't want the road paved. Selectman Haddock replied that the intention of the Selectboard is not to penalize Miller Pond Road but to do whatever other repairs are necessary on the road within the budget of the Highway Department.

Article 6 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 7 – Health and Welfare

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$24,155** to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Boarding Animals	1,000	1,000
Community Services	12,763	13,155
Town General Assistance	7,500	10,000
TOTAL	**21,263**	**24,155**

Article 7 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 8 – Culture and Recreation
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$203,790** for **Culture and Recreation**.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Recreation	25,775	26,677
Dunbar Free Library	146,803	150,531
Activities	23,435	26,082
Archives	500	500
TOTAL	**196,513**	**203,790**

Article 8 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 9 – Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes
It was moved and seconded: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$113,200** for **Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes**.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Conservation Commission	1,100	1,600
Bond Payment	65,000	65,000
Bond Interest	49,520	46,500
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	100	100
TOTAL	**115,720**	**113,200**

Article 9 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 10 – Capital Reserve Funds
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$103,000** to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
Fire Department Capital Reserve	25,000	10,000
Highway Equip Capital Reserve	30,000	25,000
Town Office Equip Capital Reserve	1,000	1,000
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	20,000	10,000
Library Addition Capital Reserve	50,000	20,000
Mowers Capital Reserve	0	2,000
Athletic Fields Capital Reserve	0	25,000
TOTAL	**136,000**	**103,000**

The Moderator recognized Simon Mayer who spoke against the proposed budget by saying that we have enough money already put away for the various things we want. He said that there are people that are having a hard time paying their taxes now and we should vote no on this article. A resident questioned what the Athletic Fields Capital Reserve was for. Selectman Jones was recognized and answered by saying this Capital Reserve would be a start to putting funds away for building fields and improvements. The Moderator recognized Bob LaGassa who stated he would like to see a breakdown of what intended projects cost, how much will have to be put away this year and next year, instead of a lump sum. Kristina Burgard was recognized and said that last year we were told that we would not have to spend any more money on athletic fields than the cost of purchase; that everything would be done through grants and fund raising. Ms. Burgard presented an amendment to the article: *To reduce the Athletic Fields Capital Reserve Fund to zero.* It was moved and seconded. Marsha Googins, Town of Grantham Athletic Director, recognized by the Moderator, asked to speak against the amendment. She stated that she has been supporting the Committee that is overseeing the property. We are currently working on obtaining funds to support this property. It is a long process. Debra Cheever was next and asked what grants have been applied for and what fundraisers have been done in order to obtain money for the fields? Marsha Googins replied by saying that Missy Walla was working on some grants and it is a long process. We are looking for donations and have plans to do fund raisers. Missy Walla was called upon to list the grants received and applied for by the Recreation Department. We have received $2,800 from the Grantham Chamber of Commerce and $2,500 from the Eastman Charitable Foundation. We are looking at the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, which would be $50,000. We will have an auction on July 3, 2009. We are still working a budget to figure out how much money to raise. The purpose of the $25,000 is to comply with some of these grants that require matching funds. **Amendment failed by Majority Voice Vote.**

Article 10 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 11 – Highway Dump/Plow Truck
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred dollars ($139,400) for the purchase of a new highway dump truck complete with plow and sander and authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars ($70,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of sixty-nine thousand four hundred dollars ($69,400) less the trade-in value is to come from general taxation.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

The Moderator recognized Theodore Fantl who asked for clarification of the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund that was just approved in article 10. Administrator Stearns replied that money is put into the Capital Reserve Fund every year. The Road Agent has a schedule when equipment needs to be replaced. There is now over $100,000 and we are only asking to take $70,000 so that when it comes time to replace a grader or larger piece of equipment that there is money set aside and the taxpayers are not asked for the total cost all in one year.

Article 11 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 12 – Police Video Cameras
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred eight-five dollars ($14,485) for the purchase of three (3) in-car video systems for the police cruisers. The sum to come from general taxation.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Majority vote required)

The Moderator called on Chief Madore to address this article. The Chief said there are a couple a reasons why this request is being proposed this year. In this litigious society we want to be able to document everything possible to avoid any liability on the Town. By having the cameras in the cruiser any action the Officers take are recorded from the onset. The documentation by the cameras also helps in Court. The tapes can also be used for training.

YES 79 NO 63

Article 12 Passed by Majority Hand Count

ARTICLE 13 – Land Preservation Capital Reserve Fund
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA Chapter 35 for the purchase of Grantham property deemed to be vital in conservation and preservation and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) towards this purpose, and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.
Requested by the Conservation Commission
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Warrant Article

Moderator Smith asked Selectman Kimball to speak to this article. He stated that this fund would allow the Town of Grantham to purchase land that became available that would be advantageous for conservation areas. Lorie McClory was recognized and asked if there was a requirement to have a

public hearing before money is expended. The answer was no and Lorie McClory offered an amendment: *To remove the following phrase: "and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend"*. It was moved and seconded. Jeremy Turner was recognized and said that when a piece of property comes up for sale time is of the essence. To have to wait until a special meeting or town meeting would be counterproductive. Open space is a net profit. The investment is monumental. Merle Schotanous was recognized and said he hoped that we would vote against this amendment. If this particular trust fund is going to be useful in protecting and conserving our lands the Selectmen have to have the flexibility to use it. The $20,000 not only represents the message that the Town wants to convey, it is also a pot of money that can be leverage to provide leverage for getting private funds from private conservation organizations. **Amendment failed by Majority Voice Vote.**

Article 13 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 14 – Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the future revaluation of the municipality and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) towards this purpose, and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Warrant Article

Selectman Jones stated that another revaluation is scheduled for 2011. The last revaluation cost the Town $147,596. It makes sense to put money aside for it.

Article 14 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 15 – Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) towards this purpose, and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Warrant Article

Article 15 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 16 – Recreation Revolving Fund
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Moderator Smith recognized Lorie McClory who asked if this money would be used for activities and recreation. Selectman Kimball was called upon to clarify the article. He stated that the funds would not be for the Recreation, Activities or the Athletic Departments. This is for the Recreation Area for maintenance issues or if we have an idea where we can use these funds.

Article 16 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 17 – Acceptance of Credit Cards
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following ordinance: Acceptance of Credit Cards. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be allowed to accept credit card payments pursuant to RSA 80:52-c for the collection of local taxes, charges generated by the sale of utility services or other fees. The Town will add to the amount due, in addition to any interest and penalties payable, a service charge for the acceptance of the card. The amount of the service charge shall be disclosed at the time of the billing. The Board of Selectmen in coordination with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector may adopt rules and regulations regarding the collection procedures.

Article 17 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 18– Discontinue Capital Reserve Funds
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the town's general fund.
(Majority Vote Required)

Town Green CRF – established 1996 - balance $0.00
Gym Floor Renovation CRF – established 1997 - balance $0.00
Village School Paving CRF – established 1997 - balance $0.00

Article 18 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 19 – Change Purpose of Library Addition CRF
To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund to the Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.
Requested by the Library Trustees
(2/3 Vote Required)

Moderator Smith called upon Cynthia Towle, Library Trustee to explain this article. She said that this is a change in wording in our Capital Reserve Fund that enables the Trustees to expand the Dunbar Free Library sometime in the future. As the Capital Reserve Fund is now worded we are currently restricted to adding on to the existing library. The change in wording would allow the expansion of the library. This would allow the town to purchase property if so needed. Kristina Burgard, Trustee of the Trust Funds, said the name of the existing Capital Reserve Fund is actually "The Dunbar Free Library Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of an addition to." An amendment was presented to fix the wording. The proposed amendment: *To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing Dunbar Free Library Capital Reserve Fund to future expansion of*

Dunbar Free Library and change the name of the fund to The Library *Expansion Capital Reserve Fund....***Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Article 19 Passed by Unanimous Hand Count

ARTICLE 20 – Library Expansion Capital Reserve
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty-eight thousand eight hundred seventy-two dollars and seventy-six cents ($248,872.76) which is the gifted amount from the Jeremy Brown Estate and to authorize the transfer of the monies from the Town's General Fund to the Dunbar Free Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund.
Requested by the Library Trustees
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Warrant Article

Selectman Jones was recognized to speak to this article and she moved to postpone this article indefinitely. The funds from the Jeremy Brown Estate are private funds and the Capital Reserve Funds are public funds and cannot ever be co-mingled. The money is in the hands of the Trustees, in a secured bank account.

Article 20 Postponed Indefinitely by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 21 – Disposal of Town Owned Property
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any acquired properties through sealed bids or auction, with the Selectmen reserving the right to accept or refuse any or all bids.

Article 21 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 22 – Conservation Commission Contributions
It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property. The properties must be within the town boundaries of Grantham.

Article 22 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 23 – End of Meeting
It was moved and seconded: To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

This year's Hog Reeves are Jesse and April Barton. The Fence Viewers are Steven and Kimberly Becker. Congratulations!

There being no further business or reports, Moderator Smith declared the 233rd Town meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

A True Copy Attest:

Rita Eigenbrode. Town Clerk
March 18, 2009