

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN MEETING WARRANT YEAR 2009

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in Sullivan County, in the State of New Hampshire, *who are qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Grantham will be held at the **Grantham Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South** on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** to act on the following subjects. **Articles 1 & 2** shall be by ballot at the polls which shall be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The remaining articles shall be considered during the business meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers

To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Selectman	3 years
Planning Board – 2 positions	3 years
Library Trustee – 2 positions	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
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 _____NO

ARTICLE 3 – Petitioned – Old Town Hall Building Expenses & Trust Fund

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 function.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4 – General Government

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 5 – Public Safety

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

ARTICLE 6 – Public Works

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

ARTICLE 7 – Health and Welfare

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 8 – Culture and Recreation

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 9 – Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes

“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 10 – Capital Reserve Funds

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

ARTICLE 11 – Highway Dump/Plow Truck

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)

ARTICLE 12 – Police Video Cameras

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)

ARTICLE 13 – Land Preservation Capital Reserve Fund

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

ARTICLE 14 – Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

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

ARTICLE 15 – Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

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 16 – Recreation Revolving Fund

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.

ARTICLE 17 – Acceptance of Credit Cards

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 18– Discontinue Capital Reserve Funds

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 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)

ARTICLE 20 – Library Expansion Capital Reserve

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

ARTICLE 21 – Disposal of Town Owned Property

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 22 – Conservation Commission Contributions

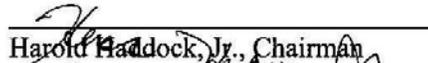
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to ‘qualified organizations’ for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the

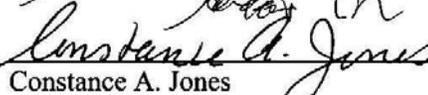
town will retain no interest in the property. The properties must be within the town boundaries of Grantham.

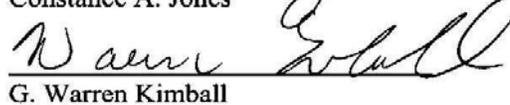
ARTICLE 23 – End of Meeting

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.

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of February, 2009.

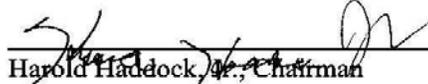

Harold Haddock, Jr., Chairman

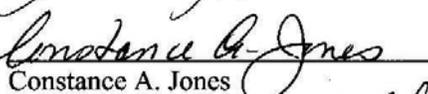

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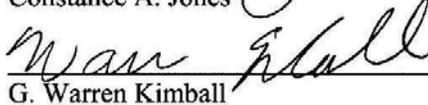

G. Warren Kimball

Board of Selectmen

We certify that on the 13th day of February, 2009, we cause a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Grantham Town Office on 300 Route 10 South, the Dunbar Free Library at Route 10 South and the Grantham Post Office at Willis Avenue.


Harold Haddock, Jr., Chairman


Constance A. Jones


G. Warren Kimball

Board of Selectmen

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BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: GRANTHAM

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From 07/01/2009 to 06/30/2010

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 13, 2009

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

Harold Haddock Jr
Constance A Jones
Warren Kimball

HAROLD HADDOCK JR
CONSTANCE A JONES
WARREN KIMBALL

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

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MS-6 Budget - Town of GRANTHAM FY 09/10

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 1/31/2009	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	4	153725	77455	140150	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	4	105606	61425	106353	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	4	62000	35687	60789	
4152	Revaluation of Property	4	30000	3350	35000	
4153	Legal Expense	4	15000	887	15000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	4	358450	207258	379900	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	4	11200	4944	10200	
4194	General Government Buildings	4	88350	53355	98470	
4195	Cemeteries	4	15000	1408	20000	
4196	Insurance	4	23000	19204	23000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4	2806	2806	2904	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	5	376329	190879	370100	
4215-4219	Ambulance	5	52037	36925	45882	
4220-4229	Fire	5	100595	25567	102621	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	5	5500	3722	7000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	5	11500	6196	12300	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	6	162280	87847	172713	
4312	Highways & Streets	6	138000	100367	159000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	6	3000	1344	4000	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection	6	141000	89922	136550	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	6	182500	79747	183000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	6	7000	2242	7500	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control	7	1000	75	1000	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	7	12763	12763	13155	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.					
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	7	7500	4632	10000	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	8	25775	14134	26677	
4550-4559	Library	8	146803	96354	150531	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	8	23435	11227	26082	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	8	500	238	500	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	9	1100	625	1600	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	65000	65000	65000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	49520	49325	46500	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	9	100	0	100	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*	10	136000	136000	103000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			2,514,374	1,482,910	2,536,577	

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		4000	2358	2000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		25000	12142	10000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		560000	593481	512000
3230	Building Permits		15000	12043	12000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		10000	14705	12180
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		5423	10843	10843
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		103409	103409	103409
3353	Highway Block Grant		48999	50482	52322
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		15000	18546	1500
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		60000	75416	48550
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	500	0
3502	Interest on Investments		125000	99478	75000
3503-3509	Other		20000	29432	25000

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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		207,000	215,206	318,873
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1,198,831	1,238,041	1,183,677

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	2,514,374	2,536,577
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	50,000	303,873
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	895,000	153,885
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,459,374	2,994,335
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	(1,198,831)	(1,183,677)
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	2,260,543	1,810,658