



# TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN MEETING MARCH 09, 2004

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SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Merle Schotanus called to order the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Grantham Town Meeting at 10:00 a.m. The Moderator invited Pastor Ron Bruce to offer the invocation. The combined Color Guard of the Cub Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts of Grantham led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time the Moderator recognized that several corrections needed to be made to the 2003 Town Report: Articles 1-3, the election of officers and two zoning issues, were inadvertently omitted from the minutes; Peter Burling's name was misspelled on page 99 and Articles 5-7 in the School minutes were omitted from the 2003 Town Report in error. Inserts for the missing items were made available for each 2003 Town Report.

This year's Town Report is dedicated to the Grantham Volunteer Fire Department. The Moderator recognized Selectman Connie Jones for remarks regarding this dedication. She stated that we are very proud to dedicate the 2003 Town Report to the Volunteer Fire Department. The Department was founded in 1954 and this month we celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year of meeting the needs of our community. The volunteers are on call "24/7" and this is done out of a sincere dedication and commitment in the heart of each and every member. Town Administrator Tina Stearns was called upon to read the poems she wrote to honor three individuals who have served, selflessly, in the department for many, many years.

### Kenneth O. Barton

Grantham's Fire Warden since '61  
Need a burn permit? He's the one!  
Many Town positions he held well  
Many Town Meetings he did yell.  
Here is a man who speaks his mind  
There's very few left of his kind.  
We extend our heartfelt "Thank You"  
Acknowledgement that's well overdue!

### Carlton Benoit

Starting out in Town politics  
In the Fire Department he found his niche.  
Outstanding Chief for a good long run  
Carly was there to get the job done.  
His family joined in and did their part  
Forever close to his heart.  
Thank you, Carly, for who you are  
The Fire Department's shining star!

### Donald Barton, Jr.

Ever willing to go the extra mile  
Acting gruff but you see his smile.  
Grantham's always been his town  
Stop at the Fire House; he's sure to be around.  
Always accepting whatever life handed  
A man of his word, never leaving you stranded.  
Don, we sincerely appreciate all you do  
And extend a wholehearted Thank You!

Moderator Schotanus, stating that the meeting having been properly warranted as it is certified on pages 18 and 19 in the Town Report and by the authority vested in him by the laws of the State of New Hampshire declared the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting officially open for business. He added that the polls are now open, and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on Article 1 in the warrant and also for School District Officers.

At this time the Moderator introduced the School Moderator, Carl Hanson to make any announcements regarding the Grantham Village School. Moderator Hanson stated that the School District meeting would be held one week from today, March 16, 2004. Today, you have the opportunity to vote by official ballot for school district officers.

Moderator Schotanus introduced the Town Clerk, Rita Eigenbrode; the Selectmen: Harold Haddock, Bill Hutchins and Head Selectman, Connie Jones; the Town Administrator, Tina Stearns. Manning the video camera for the purpose of recording the Town Meeting proceedings is Chief of Police Russell Lary. The Moderator announced the appointment of Victoria Smith as Assistant Moderator to help with the supervision of the balloting. The four ballot clerks appointed are Connie Howard, Sarah Barton, Lori McClory and Sandy Palermo. Moderator Schotanus continued by drawing attention to page 10 in this year's Town Meeting report. Page 10 is an interesting study of where this town is compared to the 1971 Town Report. In 1971, I-89 ended at exit 13. The Town Clerk was Joey Holmes, her office was the kitchen table, and her hours were whenever she was home. The Town's population boasted 300 residents. The valuation of the Town in those days was \$1,500,000 for taxation purposes. We had no Zoning Board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historical Society, Recreation Director, or Transfer Station Attendant, in part because we didn't have enough people to fill the positions, but also in part because we didn't need them. Today, our Town numbers about 2,250 people; we have 10 full time employees and seven part time employees. The valuation of our Town today is \$258,000,000, to give you some idea of how we've grown. About 200 folks volunteer to help keep this Town running.

The moderator directed attention to the 2004 Town Meeting Rules in the Town Report. Seeing that there were no questions concerning the rules it was moved by Ella Reney and seconded by John Zentis that the rules be adopted as printed. **Passed by unanimous voice vote.** The Town Clerk was directed to make them part of the current record.

The Moderator indicated that article 1 will be acted upon by official ballot. Articles 2-16 will be open for discussion and debate.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Constance A. Jones	Selectmen	3 years
Merle Schotanus	Moderator	2 years
Rita Eigenbrode	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 years
Conrad Frey	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Robert Barnes	Planning Board	3 years
M. Hope Miller	Library Trustee	3 years
Donald M. Kreis	Library Trustee	3 years
?	Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Sandra A. Noordsy	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years

**ARTICLE 2:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,528,000** (gross budget) for the construction and original equipping of a new Grantham Town Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$1,270,000** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of **\$258,000** from the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose.

*2/3 Majority Ballot Vote Required  
Special Warrant Article  
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Harold Haddock to speak to this article. Selectman Haddock commented that the Select Board enthusiastically supports this article. Last May the Selectmen appointed a Building Committee to evaluate the needs for and make a proposal for a new Town Building. The Building Committee consists of Bruce St. Peter, Bill Zimmerman, Roger Woodworth, Mary Hutchins, Bob Champagne and Bob Friday. The Committee far exceeded our expectations with the amount of effort that they put into this difficult project. There were four open hearings to bring people up to date as to where the process stood. Selectman Haddock pointed out that the Board decided not to hire engineers and other consultants until we had the approval of the Town Meeting to proceed. We engaged an architect, Jay Barrett of Church and Barrett, at minimal cost to finalize a plan that was developed by one of the Committee members. Mr. Barrett came up with an educated cost estimate of the proposed Town Building. Included in the cost is approximately \$50,000 of engineering cost and other fees. Selectman Haddock stated that if the bids for the new proposed building came in over the amount that was voted on at this Town Meeting we would not proceed with this building unless we could substantially complete it with the allocated funds.

Selectman Haddock stated that the Report of the Trust Funds in the 2004 Town Report does not indicate that we have \$258,000 to spend from the Municipal Building Fund. The reason is that report is for the year ended June 30, 2003. The \$125,000 for the Municipal Building Fund voted on at the 2003 Town Meeting was put into the fund on July 1, 2003, the earliest date possible.

At this time the Moderator introduced Roger Woodworth, one of the Municipal Building Committee Members. Mr. Woodworth introduced the other members; Bill Zimmerman, Bruce St Peter, Mary Hutchins. Bob Champagne and Bob Friday were the two members that were not able to be present.

Mr. Woodworth stated that the Committee has made every effort to keep the Town informed of their progress during every stage of this project. The Committee's Report had been mailed to each resident via the Town of Grantham newsletter. The proposal before us is to construct a Grantham Town Building to house Municipal offices, Police Station, the SAU offices and a large meeting hall to be used for Town meetings, for voting and for general public use. The needs of the Municipal offices, the Police Department and the School Administration were carefully assessed. Combined Municipal Buildings in similar communities were studied and space requirements were established after considering present day professional standards. The Building Committee recommends that the bond issue be spread over twenty years to minimize the tax rate impact and have future residents, who will use the facility, share in the payments for them.

Mr. Woodworth went on to explain that the Town has secured an excellent site with 8.4 acres of land in the center of town on Route 10 South and Dunbar Hill Road that will be convenient and will serve our citizens for many years to come.

Moderator Schotanus asked if any one had an objection to Mr. Jay Barrett, the architect from the firm of Church and Barrett, addressing the Town Meeting. Seeing none, Mr. Barrett was invited to speak. He complimented the Building Committee, the plans and the choice of land. He stated that the site provides ample future expansion.

John Zentis was recognized by the Moderator and asked where the public entrance to the building was going to be? Mr. Barrett answered that the entrance would be off Route 10. Jim Hunt was recognized next and stated that he lives at 344 Route 10 South, at the corner of Route 10 and Dunbar Hill Road. He asked if there would be an occasion for abutters to sit and talk with engineers concerning drainage issues, hard top and wetland issues. The Moderator asked Selectman Haddock to respond and he said yes, absolutely. He stated that the plans will go before the Planning Board, for formal approval, and all abutters will be notified when that will happen.

Dick Armstrong was recognized by the Moderator. He asked about the plans for an elevator or elevator shaft in the proposed building. Jay Barrett answered that by State and Federal law, because of the design of the building and how it is situated on the site, it does not need to have the two floors connected by an elevator. However, an elevator can be put into the plan in a way that does not undo the rest of the plan.

The Moderator recognized Chuck Currier who asked Mr. Barrett how he arrived at the cost figures for the building. Mr. Barrett stated that the actual cost of the building, excluding site work and related site development, was calculated using a square foot multiplier most of which was \$125 per square foot. Some of that multiplier varied a little bit. Mr. Currier then stated that he felt the building and site work were under funded.

The Moderator recognized Chick Pillsbury who stated his support for Article 2 and made a motion to move the article. Myron Cummings seconded the motion. The Moderator then asked the Building Committee to make a closing statement before he called the question. Lori McClory appealed the Moderator's decision. The Moderator then stated the question: Should the Moderator allow the Building Committee to make a closing statement prior to putting the question even though it has been moved and seconded but not voted on that the question be moved? The Moderator stated that he was overruled by majority hand vote and would go to the question immediately. He then asked for a voice vote to determine those in favor of limiting debate and to approve the motion made by Chick Pillsbury and seconded by Myron Cummings. **The voice vote was non-decisive.**

Moderator Schotanus called for a hand vote to determine the motion before the Town to limit debate on Article 2. **Passed by Majority Hand Vote.**

The Moderator explained that the ballot box would be open at 11:30 am until 1:00 pm for voting on Article 2.

**Passed by 2/3 Ballot Vote 344 Votes Cast 287 yes 57 no**

Moderator Schotanus resumed the meeting at 1:00 pm and announced that the ballot box for voting on Article 2 was officially closed. The Assistant Moderator and ballot clerks were instructed to count the ballots.

**ARTICLE 3:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 to purchase two parcels of property known as Grantham Tax Map 233 Lot 4, Dunbar Hill Road and Grantham Tax Map 233 Lot 6, Route 10 South with a combined acreage of 8.4 acres and authorize the use of the June 30 fund balance in that amount for this purpose.

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Harold Haddock who spoke to the article. Selectman Haddock said that Reginald Field gave the Town a very fair price on the piece of land. He pointed out that, in addition to the \$85,000, the agreement with the Fields was to exchange ten acres immediately adjoining the Transfer Station that the Town has held for a few years. That will give the Fields’ flexibility in their operation.

The Moderator recognized JoAnn Purdy for a question. She asked if the purchase of the land was contingent on a successful perc test. Selectman Haddock answered that it was not and the Board had no fear that they would get a successful perc test on 8.4 acres.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 4:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to purchase a new Fire Department Tanker Truck and authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is to come from taxation.”

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 5:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to purchase a new Police Department Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Police Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is to come from taxation.”

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 6:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to establish a paid part-time Recreation Director.

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator called upon Selectman Connie Jones to speak to this article. Selectman Jones explained that in the fall of 2003 a group of Grantham parents came to the Selectmen to voice their concerns regarding the Recreation Directorship. At this meeting the Selectmen suggested that the Parent Group form a committee and put together a proposal highlighting the job description of a part-time Recreation Director and the monetary requirements for the position. Lori McClory, chairman of the committee, reported back to the Selectmen with recommendations. A copy of the part-time Recreation Director proposal has been available at the Town Office and we have them here for inspection.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 7:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the town will vote to accept as a Class V highway a right-of-way, commonly known as Yankee Barn Road, beginning at the northerly end of said Yankee Barn Road and extending in a northerly direction for approximately twelve hundred feet (1,200'), being more specifically shown on a plan entitled "Easement and Right of Way Plat for Yankee Barn Road Realty Trust", prepared by Hathorn Surveys, Inc., which plan is dated January 14, 2002 and being Project No. 164702, which acceptance will be effective upon completion of improvements to the aforesaid right-of-way at the expense of Yankee Barn Road Realty Trust, its successors and assigns, in accordance with applicable Town of Grantham road specifications for Class V highways."

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator stated that this issue was discussed in a limited way at the 2002 Town Meeting but it was felt at that time by the Town that action on this particular project was premature. The discussion was indefinitely postponed which would not allow it to be brought up again in the Town Meeting of 2002. The project is now complete.

Moderator Schotanus recognized Selectman Connie Jones to speak to the article. Selectman Jones stated that Mr. Bob MacNeil met all of the specifications and engineering requirements for a Class V highway set forth by the Town.

Rosie Bard was recognized by the Moderator and stated she lives on Yankee Barn Road. She asked that when her driveway floods, as a result of the improvements made to Yankee Barn Road, who is responsible for fixing the problem? Selectman Jones stated that the Town would be responsible for helping Ms. Bard.

The Moderator, after asking for and receiving permission from the voters, recognized Bob MacNeil, a resident of West Lebanon, and the person responsible for Article 7. Mr. MacNeil commented that as the road was engineered he approached Rosie Bard and suggested that during the construction they would lift her driveway above the water level. Ms. Bard refused.

Selectman Jones stated that when Mr. MacNeil first brought up the issue described in Article 7 the Selectboard told Mr. MacNeil if he brought the road up to engineering and Town specifications that they would accept the road.

**Passed by Majority Hand Vote**

**ARTICLE 8:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$626,413 to defray the cost of **General Government** operations.”

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Selectmen’s Office.....	94,676	95,575
Town Clerk/Tax Collector .....	64,428	75,603
Financial Administration .....	48,500	49,200
Tax Maps/Assessing .....	25,000	115,000
Legal .....	12,000	8,000
Personnel Administration.....	144,970	198,120
Planning Board.....	4,175	6,075
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	2,770	2,260
General Government Buildings .....	61,040	45,700
Cemeteries.....	9,900	12,000
Insurance .....	14,750	16,800
Regional Associations.....	2,080	2,080
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>484,289</b>	<b>626,413</b>

*(Majority vote required)  
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Selectman Connie Jones was recognized by the Moderator to speak to this article. Selectman Jones explained that the biggest jump in the proposed budget was in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector line, increasing \$11, 175. This is due to the addition of a full time employee. Cindy Towle will be working full time instead of part time.

Tax Maps/Accessing is \$125,000 of which \$95,000 is for the revaluation which will begin this year and it will pay for ¾ of the revaluation. Next year we will have to raise \$40,000 to finish it off.

The increase in Personnel Administration is due to two full time employees going onto the Health Insurance program.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 9:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$414,839 to defray the cost of Public Safety operations."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Police Department.....	268,156 .....	286,990
FAST Squad.....	38,460 .....	49,624
Fire Department .....	49,775 .....	67,850
Forest Fire .....	375 .....	375
Building Inspection.....	10,000 .....	10,000
 TOTAL .....	 376,766 .....	 414,839

*(Majority vote required)  
The Selectmen recommend this article*

Moderator Schotanus asked Selectman Haddock to speak to the article. Selectman Haddock commented on the increase in the Police Department line by saying that the Department has applied for a grant from the New Hampshire Fish & Game Commission to patrol off road trails and class 6 highways looking for violations of State regulations. This grant is reflected in the revenues of the Town budget; in the Police Department expense budget is an amount for \$13,700, which would provide for the Officers' time and rental of the off road vehicle, to sustain this program. The grant has not been awarded yet but it balances out within the budget. Another major item in the Police Department budget is the need for a computer server and that has been budgeted for \$4,250.

The Fast Squad proposed budget increase is for the purchase of necessary equipment and payment to New London Hospital for estimated use of their ambulance service.

The Fire Department has requested funds to replace the garage door in the fire station. The approximate cost is \$7,000-\$8,000.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 10:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$442,690 to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.”

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Highway Administration.....	127,910	133,590
Highway Maintenance .....	86,000	74,300
Street Lights .....	2,400	2,400
Solid Waste Collection .....	89,440	86,600
Waste Disposal.....	145,000	137,800
Landfill Monitoring .....	10,000	8,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>460,750</b>	<b>442,690</b>

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 11:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,546 to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations.”

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Boarding Animals .....	300	300
Community Services.....	9,988	10,246
Town General Assistance .....	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>15,546</b>

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 12:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,104 for Culture and Recreation.

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Recreation .....	6,000	6,000
Dunbar Free Library .....	102,951	98,604
Town Archives .....	500	500
Old Home Day .....	2,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>111,451</b>	<b>107,104</b>

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 13:** It was moved and seconded “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,950 for Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes.”

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Conservation Commission .....	1,100	800
Bond Interest .....	16,000	8,050
Bond Payment .....	70,000	70,000
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest .....	100	100
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>87,200</b>	<b>78,950</b>

*(Majority vote required)*  
*The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Town Administrator Tina Stearns who proposed an amendment to article 13, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,950 for Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes.” It was seconded by Sarah Barton. Bond Interest would increase to \$43,050. The Moderator invited Administrator Stearns to speak to the amendment. Mrs. Stearns stated that since the Municipal Building has passed the first interest installment of \$35,000 is due February, 2005, which is in this next budget year.

**Amendment Adopted by Unanimous Voice Vote**

As amended, article 13 now reads: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,950 for Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes." The Bond Interest line would increase by \$35,000.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 14:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds."

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Budget 2003/2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004/2005</u>
Fire Department Capital Reserve.....	35,000	0
Mowers Capital Reserve.....	1,500	1,500
Highway Dept. Equipment Cap Reserve .....	30,000	30,000
Municipal Building Capital Reserve.....	125,000	0
Office Computers Capital Reserve .....	1,500	1,500
Transfer Station Equipment .....	10,000	10,000
Police Vehicles Capital Reserve .....	10,000	0
Police Radio Console Capital Reserve .....	0	7,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>213,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>

*(Majority vote required)  
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator called on Selectman Hutchins who stated that the heavy equipment the Road Agent uses does get hard use; therefore the \$30,000 line item is reasonable. The Transfer Station Equipment line item is modest. Selectman Hutchins commented that the town is checking out the advisability of purchasing our own transportation equipment, containers, tractor, and man power to do the tasks.

**Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 15:** It was moved and seconded "To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Ball Field Construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation."

*This represents the amount in the Non-Lapsing Fund created per Town Meeting 2001 for Ball Field Construction with an expiration date of June 30, 2004.*

*(Majority vote required)  
The Selectmen recommend this article*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Jones to speak to the article. Selectman Jones commented that the \$25,000 in the Non-Lapsing Fund will expire on June 30, 2004 and should be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund so that the money will be available should we be able to do something with a ball field in the future. Paula Dorr was recognized and she asked what the current status on the ball field is. Selectman Hutchins said that the area originally planned for the site was classified as wetlands. The Selectmen have talked to Bob MacNeil and are looking into using a portion of his property. Selectman Jones added that with the 8.5 acres for the new Municipal building there would be enough room there to put in a base ball field so it would be good to have that money in reserve so we could do that.

**Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 16:** 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."

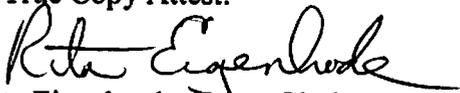
Moderator Schotanus explained that several things have come before the meeting and the operative word in this article is "legally" because you can say anything you want to in this article but it is not legally binding on the Selectmen. However, they do listen. There have been two very significant events happen under this article in the last 15 years. Nancy Holbrook dignified our weekly run to the dump by renaming the dump "Mount Trashmore". Last year, Bill Zimmerman proposed that the Town establish a Capital Planning Committee and what you saw today in Article 2 was a result of the Selectmen listening to Bill Zimmerman last year.

The Moderator officially appointed Janet and Tristen Gilson as this year's Hog Reeves and M. Hope Miller and Patrick O'Bryan as the Fence Viewers. Congratulations!

Selectman Haddock, recognized by Moderator Schotanus, thanked Reginald and Theresa Field for their generous participation in the Town of Grantham and making the land affordable for the new Town Building.

There being no further business or reports, Moderator Schotanus declared the 228<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

A True Copy Attest:



Rita Eigenbrode, Town Clerk

March 22, 2004



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