

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND BUDGET
YEAR 2018

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 and warned of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Grantham to be held at the **Grantham Town Hall, Lower Level, 300 Route 10 South** on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018** at **5:00 p.m.** to act on the following subjects. **Article 1** shall be by ballot at the polls which shall be open from 10:00am until 7:00pm. The remaining articles shall be considered during the business meeting beginning at 5:00pm.

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers

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

Selectman	3 years
Planning Board	3 years
Planning Board	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Moderator	2 years
Trustee of Dunbar Free Library	3 years
Trustee of Dunbar Free Library	3 years
Trustee of Dunbar Free Library	1 year
Treasurer	2 years

ARTICLE 2 – General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, four hundred sixty-seven thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars (**\$1,467,333**) to defray the cost of **General Government** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Selectmen’s Office	\$232,950	\$249,150	\$16,200
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$116,788	\$121,559	\$4,771
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$6,910	\$11,150	\$4,240
Financial Administration	\$40,200	\$41,200	\$1,000
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$43,000	\$41,000	(\$2,000)
Legal	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$5,000
Personnel Administration	\$694,990	\$772,517	\$77,527
Planning Board	\$4,050	\$4,250	\$200
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,050	\$2,400	\$350
General Government Buildings	\$132,125	\$126,200	(\$5,925)
Cemeteries	\$19,600	\$19,800	\$200
Insurance (Property & Liability)	\$37,000	\$38,050	\$1,050
Regional Associations	\$4,015	\$4,057	\$42
Other General Government	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,364,678	\$1,467,333	\$102,655

ARTICLE 3 – Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred forty-eight thousand, twenty-four dollars (**\$748,024**) to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Police Department	\$457,517	\$498,110	\$40,593
Ambulance (FAST Squad)	\$89,949	\$98,630	\$8,681
Fire Department	\$125,855	\$131,784	\$5,929
Building Inspection	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Emergency Management	\$11,500	\$9,500	(\$2,000)
TOTAL	\$694,821	\$748,024	\$53,203

ARTICLE 4 – Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year, \$65,000 lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing to purchase a new 2018 Ford Expedition Police Special Service Vehicle, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,765 for the first year’s payment for that purpose. This agreement contains an escape clause.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5 – Police Department On-Call Coverage

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,475 for the costs associated with the Police on-call coverage program.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6 – Public Safety Communication Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,000 for the cost of a Public Safety Simulcast Radio System to come from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2023, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7 – Fire Department Thermal Imaging Cameras and AED’s

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,100 for the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras and three automatic external defibrillators (AED) for the Fire Department.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8 – Public Works

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred seventy-nine thousand, three hundred ten dollars (**\$779,310**) to defray the cost of **Public Works** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Highway Administration	\$232,758	\$242,595	\$9,837
Highway Maintenance	\$177,200	\$175,700	(\$1,500)
Street Lights	\$4,000	\$3,000	(\$1,000)
Transfer Station	\$139,005	\$151,515	\$12,510
Waste Disposal	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0.00
Landfill Monitoring	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$500
TOTAL	\$758,963	\$779,310	\$20,347

ARTICLE 9 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray the cost of holding a household hazardous waste collection day for Grantham residents only.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10 – Health and Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand, nine hundred dollars (**\$45,900**) to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Health	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0.00
Boarding Animals	\$700	\$700	\$0.00
Community Services	\$17,500	\$18,500	\$1,000
Town General Assistance	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$44,900	45,900	1,000

Community Agencies:	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Lake Sunapee VNA	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
Newport Food Pantry	\$500	\$500	\$0
Sullivan County Nutrition Services	\$200	\$200	\$0
Kearsarge Area COA	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0
Southwestern Community Services	\$900	\$900	\$0
West Central Services	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
Public Health Council of the Upper Valley	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT/NH	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total	\$17,500	\$18,500	\$1,000

ARTICLE 11 – Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred sixteen thousand, eight hundred ten dollars (**\$316,810**) for **Culture and Recreation**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Recreation	\$47,700	\$49,200	\$1,500
Dunbar Free Library	\$226,164	\$232,600	\$6,436
Activities	\$31,510	\$33,510	\$2,000
Archives	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$306,874	\$316,810	\$9,936

ARTICLE 12 – Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fourteen thousand, seven hundred twenty dollars (**\$214,720**) for **Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Conservation Commission	\$4,500	\$2,500	(\$2,000)
Town Hall Bond/Interest	\$80,733	\$77,773	(\$2,960)
Library Bond/Interest	\$63,505	\$61,455	(\$2,050)
Fire Department SCBA Lease	\$37,197	\$37,197	\$0.00
Police Cruiser Lease	\$14,740	\$14,740	\$0.00
Highway 1-Ton Lease	\$20,955	\$20,955	\$0.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100	\$100	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$221,730	\$214,720	(\$7,010)

ARTICLE 13 – 2014 Highway Plow Truck Lease Final Payment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,603 for the final payment of the 2014 Highway Plow Truck Lease with said funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14 – Land Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,000 to come from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of land and buildings located at 275 Route 10 South, Tax Map 233, Lot 76.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15 – Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$179,000) to come from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance and to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds, as listed below**. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Highway Equipment CRF	\$100,000	\$60,000	(\$40,000)
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$30,000	\$25,000	(\$5,000)
Library Building Repair CRF	\$15,000	\$5,000	(\$10,000)
Town Building Maintenance CRF	\$30,000	\$10,000	(\$20,000)
Fire Department Apparatus CRF	\$75,000	\$50,000	(\$25,000)
Police Vehicles CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Public Safety ETF	\$20,000	\$0.00	(\$20,000)
Town Office Equipment CRF	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Municipality Revaluation CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0.00
Town Emergency Repair ETF	\$10,000	\$5,000	(\$5,000)
TOTAL	\$303,000	\$179,000	(\$124,000)

ARTICLE 16 – End of Meeting

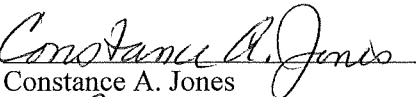
To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

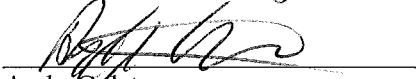
Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, 2018.

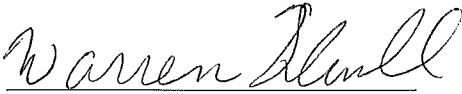
Grantham Board of Selectmen


G. Warren Kimball, Chair

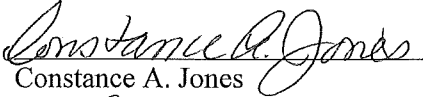

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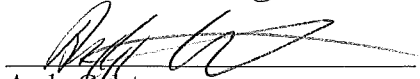
We certify that on the 19th day of February, 2018, we caused a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Grantham Town Office at 300 Route 10 South, the Dunbar Free Library at 401 Route 10 South and the Grantham Post Office at 10 Willis Avenue.



G. Warren Kimball, Chairman



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