

# 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2008/09</b>	<b>Proposed 2009/10</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>865,137</b>	<b>891,766</b>

**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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2008/09</b>	<b>Proposed 2009/10</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>545,961</b>	<b>537,903</b>

**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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2008/09</b>	<b>Proposed 2009/10</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>633,780</b>	<b>662,763</b>

**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)

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

**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)

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

**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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2008/09</b>	<b>Proposed 2009/10</b>
Conservation Commission	1,100	1,600
Bond Payment	65,000	65,000
Bond Interest	49,520	46,500
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	100	100

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115,720</b>	<b>113,200</b>

**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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2008/09</b>	<b>Proposed 2009/10</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>103,000</b>

**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 \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2009.

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Harold Haddock, Jr., Chairman

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Constance A. Jones

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G. Warren Kimball

Board of Selectmen

*We certify that on the \_\_\_\_ 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.*

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