

# TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT YEAR 2010

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 9, 2010 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 10:00 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 year term
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 year term
Planning Board	3 year term
Library Trustee (2 positions)	3 year term
Library Trustee	2 year term
Cemetery Trustee	3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	2 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 year term
Moderator	2 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 year term

### ARTICLE 2 – General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$951,645.00** to defray the cost of **General Government** operations.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2009/2010	Proposed 2010/2011
Selectmen's Office	\$140,150.00	\$139,965.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$98,453.00	\$100,450.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$7,900.00	\$ 6,840.00
Financial Administration	\$60,789.00	\$ 63,385.00
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00
Legal	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
Personnel Administration	\$379,900.00	\$419,900.00
Planning Board	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00

Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,450.00	\$2,580.00
General Government Buildings	\$98,470.00	\$123,275.00
Cemeteries	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00
Insurance	\$23,000.00	\$25,000.00
Regional Associations	\$2,904.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>891,766.00</b>	<b>\$951,645.00</b>

**ARTICLE 3 – Public Safety**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$542,941.00** to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>
Police Department	\$370,100.00	\$372,260.00
FAST Squad	\$45,882.00	\$49,146.00
Fire Department	\$102,246.00	\$102,160.00
Forest Fire	\$375.00	\$375.00
Building Inspection	\$7,000.00	\$6,560.00
Emergency Management	\$12,300.00	\$12,440.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$537,903.00</b>	<b>\$542,941.00</b>

**ARTICLE 4 – Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$686,480.00** to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>
Highway Administration	\$174,913.00	\$203,880.00
Highway Maintenance	\$159,000.00	\$160,000.00
Street Lights	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Transfer Station	\$136,550.00	\$120,100.00
Waste Disposal	\$183,000.00	\$191,000.00
Landfill Monitoring	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$664,963.00</b>	<b>\$686,480.00</b>

**ARTICLE 5 – Health and Welfare**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>
Boarding Animals	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Community Services	\$13,155.00	\$10,500.00
Town General Assistance	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,155.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 6 – Culture and Recreation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,458.00 for **Culture and Recreation**.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>
Recreation	\$26,677.00	\$27,910.00
Dunbar Free Library	\$150,531.00	\$156,057.00
Activities	\$26,082.00	\$26,091.00
Archives	\$500.00	\$1,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$203,790.00</b>	<b>\$211,458.00</b>

**ARTICLE 7 – Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes**

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,800 for **Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes**.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>
Conservation Commission	\$1,600.00	\$2,500.00
Bond Payment	\$65,000.00	\$60,000.00
Bond Interest	\$46,500.00	\$43,200.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,200.00</b>	<b>\$105,800.00</b>

**ARTICLE 8 – Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$88,000.00** to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2009/2010</b>	<b>Proposed 2010/2011</b>
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$ 0
Highway Equip Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00	\$15,000
Town Office Equip Capital Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$ 0
Library Addition Capital Reserve	\$20,000.00	\$10,000
Mowers Capital Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000
Athletic Fields Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00	\$10,000
Land Preservation	\$0	\$10,000
Revaluation	\$0	\$15,000
Town Buildings	\$0	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,000.00</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>

**ARTICLE 9 – Burpee Hill Road (Inserted by Petition)**

We the undersigned are residents of Burpee Hill Road and are asking the Selectmen to have the rest of Burpee Hill Road paved. The road has seen an increase of traffic and therefore has seen an increase of ruts and additional road damage. By Petition

(A majority vote on this article will have no legal effect. The warrant article fails to “raise and appropriate” funds.)

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 10 – New Aldrich Road (Inserted by Petition)**

Petition:

WHEREAS, WE are residents of New Aldrich Road; and

WHEREAS, New Aldrich Road is partially paved (.4 of a mile with approximately 1 mile dirt road); and

WHEREAS, New Aldrich Road is heavily trafficked and used by commercial vehicles and residents of Dunbar and Olde Farms Roads as a “short cut” to gain access to Routes 10 and 89N to avoid the Center of Town.

WHEREAS, New Aldrich Road is frequently in great disrepair and in need of constant maintenance; and

WHEREAS, New Aldrich Road constitutes a threat of damage to our cars and our personal safety; and

WHEREAS, Numerous homes have recently been built and are being built on New Aldrich Road, now

THEREFORE, We the undersigned respectfully ask the Selectman of the Town of Grantham to pave

New Aldrich Road

(Inserted by petition)

(A majority vote on this article will have no legal effect. The warrant article fails to “raise and appropriate” funds.)

**ARTICLE 11—Wien Property**

To authorize the Grantham Board of Selectmen to sell by whatever means appropriate a “plus or minus” 2.5 acre portion of Tax Map 241 Parcel 07 commonly known as the Wien Property. The portion of the land to be sold is depicted on a “Conceptual Sketch Plan of Subdivision” prepared by Clayton E. Platt, January 22, 2010.

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 12 – Mutual Aid**

To authorize the Town of Grantham Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance or performing any detail requested in accordance with NH RSA 154:24.

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 13 – Taxpayer Coalition**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) and to expend said funds by making a contribution to the Coalition Communities group headed by the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Coalition Communities group consists of 35 towns and represents the Town of Grantham in attempting to find a solution to the educational funding issue that does not reinstate donor towns but allows Grantham to continue to keep the statewide education property tax for local use to fund local schools. The Coalition already has saved the Town of Grantham hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for several years. The Coalition is continuing to fight to reverse any new “donor town” formula. Less than \$0.01 Impact on tax Rate.

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(Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 14 – Grantham Recreation Park**

To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to come from the Athletic Fields Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose and to expend said funds on building new playing fields and for other physical upgrades at the Grantham Recreation Park.

No tax impact.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

(Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 15 – Assessing Services**

To raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) and to expend said funds for the purpose of assessing services in the form of a statistical update or other such acceptable assessing manner as required by the NH Department of Revenue Administration; said funds to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

No tax impact.

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(Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 16 – Bridge Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the design, permitting and construction of all Town owned bridges and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand and two-hundred fifty dollars (\$33,250) toward this purpose, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

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(Majority Vote Required)

**ARTICLE 17 – 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.

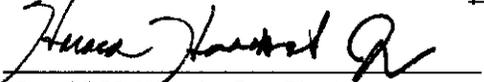
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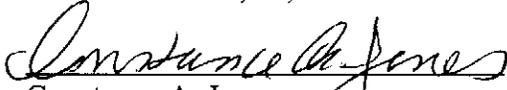
**ARTICLE 18 – End of Meeting**

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.

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(Majority Vote Required)

Given under our hands and seal this 12 day of February, 2010.

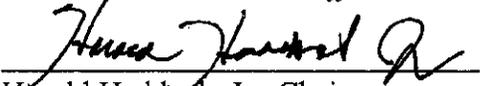
  
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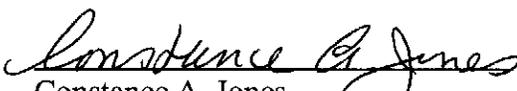
  
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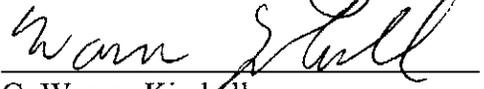
  
G. Warren Kimball

Board of Selectmen

*We certify that on the \_\_\_ day of February, 2010, 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

  
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Board of Selectmen