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**\*NOTE-WARRANT CAN BE CHANGED UP TO AND AT THE  
PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2011\*\***

## TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

### TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**YEAR 2011**

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 8, 2011 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  
Treasurer - 3 year term  
Planning Board - 3 year term  
Library Trustee - 3 year term  
Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term  
Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 year term  
Trustee of Trust Funds – 2 year term

#### **ARTICLE 2 - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Add a new Article that would provide for Affordable Housing in the Town of Grantham as mandated by RSA 674:58 to 674:61 and passed in 2009. The new Article would state 1) Grantham recognizes and makes provision for Affordable Housing; 2) outlines the existing availability within most of Grantham's Zoning Districts for Affordable Housing; and 3) notes the various State agencies and Grantham Boards responsible to facilitate implementation of the Affordable Housing mandate.

#### **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE 3 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

To facilitate Amendment No. 1 above, amend Articles III-B Business District and Article III-C Business Light Industrial Districts to increase the minimum number of units in a multiple dwelling from four(4) to five(5). The definition for “Multiple Dwellings” in Article XIII Definitions will be revised to reflect this change. Additional provisions will also be made in Article VI-Cluster Residential Development to provide for Affordable Housing within this type of development.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE 4 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Revise the “Hardship” criterion for consideration of a variance in Article VIII Zoning Board of Adjustment in order to comply with RSA 674:33 which has been in effect since January 1, 2010. This change will also be reflected in Article XIII – Definitions under “Variance”.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE 5 - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Add a new definition for “Outdoor Display – Business and Business/Light Industrial Disriects” in Article XIII – Definitions.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE 6 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**

Add a sentence in Article X – Administration and Enforcement under penalties for Zoning violations stating that “Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense”. This has been mandated by RSA 676:17.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE 7 – General Government**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred fifty-six dollars (**\$993,856.00**) to defray the cost of **General Government** operations.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2010/2011</b>	<b>Proposed 2011/2012</b>
Selectmen's Office	\$139,965.00	\$148,390.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$100,450.00	\$103,746.00
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 6,840.00	\$5,177.00
Financial Administration	\$ 63,385.00	\$67,593.00
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00
Legal	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$419,900.00	\$450,200.00
Planning Board	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,580.00	\$2,300.00
General Government Buildings	\$123,275.00	\$118,200.00
Cemeteries	\$22,000.00	\$15,900.00
Insurance	\$25,000.00	\$26,500.00
Regional Associations	\$3,000.00	\$3,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$951,645.00</b>	<b>\$993,856.00</b>

**ARTICLE 8 – Public Safety**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thirty-one thousand one hundred fifty-one dollars (**\$531,151.00**) to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2010/2011</b>	<b>Proposed 2011/2012</b>
Police Department	\$372,260.00	\$347,678.00
EMS (FAST) Squad	\$49,146.00	\$56,192.00
Fire Department	\$102,160.00	\$107,095.00
Forest Fire	\$375.00	\$375.00
Building Inspection	\$6,560.00	\$6,560.00
Emergency Management	\$12,440.00	\$13,251.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$542,941.00</b>	<b>\$531,151.00</b>

**ARTICLE 9 – Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty-three thousand four hundred forty-nine dollars (**\$653,449.00**) to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2010/2011	Proposed 2011/2012
Highway Administration	\$173,880.00	\$177,400.00
Highway Maintenance	\$160,000.00	\$158,700.00
Street Lights	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Transfer Station	\$120,100.00	\$121,349.00
Waste Disposal	\$191,000.00	\$184,000.00
Landfill Monitoring	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$656,480.00</b>	<b>\$653,449.00</b>

**ARTICLE 10 – Health and Welfare**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand four hundred seventy dollars (**\$23,470.00**) to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2010/2011	Proposed 2011/2012
Boarding Animals	\$500.00	\$100.00
Community Services	\$10,500.00	\$13,370.00
Town General Assistance	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$23,470.00</b>

Community Agencies:

Lake Sunapee Home Health.....	\$6,900.00
Sullivan County Nutrition SVCS .....	\$200.00
Kearsarge Area COA (Requested \$2,500) .....	\$2,000.00
S. Western Comm Services .....	\$850.00
West Central Services .....	\$2,420.00
Community Alliance of Human Svcs (Requested \$500.00) .....	\$0.00
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (Requested \$1,875.00) .....	\$1,000.00
CASA (Requested \$500.00) .....	\$0.00
Total: .....	\$13,370

**ARTICLE 11 – Culture and Recreation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-six thousand seventy-seven dollars (**\$226,077.00**) for **Culture and Recreation**.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2010/2011	Proposed 2011/2012
Recreation	\$27,910.00	\$34,377.00
Dunbar Free Library	\$151,657.00	\$164,545.00
Activities	\$26,091.00	\$26,655.00
Archives	\$1,400.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$207,058.00</b>	<b>\$226,077.00</b>

**ARTICLE 12 – Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes**

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (**\$101,750.00**) for **Conservation, Bond Notes, Interest and Tax Anticipation Notes**.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2010/2011	Proposed 2011/2012
Conservation Commission	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Bond Payment	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Bond Interest	\$43,200.00	\$39,150.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,800.00</b>	<b>\$101,750.00</b>

**ARTICLE 13 – Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars (**\$136,250.00**) to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2010/2011	Proposed 2011/2012
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$15,000.00
Highway Equip Capital Reserve	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Town Office Equip Capital Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00
Library Addition Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mowers Capital Reserve	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Land Preservation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Revaluation	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Town Buildings	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Athletics Fields Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$ 0.00
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	\$33,250.00	\$33,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,250.00</b>	<b>\$136,250.00</b>

**ARTICLE 14 – Police Department Cruiser**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars **(\$30,000.00)** for the purchase of a replacement cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty thousand dollars **(\$30,000.00)** from the Police Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose and to permit the Selectmen to dispose of the existing 2005 Crown Victoria cruiser by “trade in” allowance or by sale as deemed in the best interest of the Town of Grantham. No amount to be raised from taxation.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 15 – Dunbar Free Library Generator**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to ten thousand dollars **(\$10,000.00)** for purchase and installation of a generator to prevent freeze-ups and maintain minimum library functions during power outages.

IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 16 – Athletics Fields Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty eight thousand seven hundred dollars **(\$248,700.00)** from the general fund surplus to be deposited in the Athletics Fields Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said sum represents the balance of the proceeds of the sale of 119 Shedd Road (The “Wien House”).

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 17 – Land Preservation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars **(\$100,000.00)** from the general fund surplus to be deposited in the Land Preservation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said sum represents a portion of the balance of the proceeds of the sale of 119 Shedd Road (The “Wien House”).

IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 18 – Town Office Equipment Cap Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars **(\$8,000.00)** for the purchase of a replacement computer server and to authorize the withdrawal of eight thousand dollars **(\$8,000.00)** from the Town Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 19 – Mowers Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars **(\$9,000.00)** for the purchase of a new reel type mower and to authorize the withdrawal of nine thousand dollars **(\$9,000.00)** from the Mowers Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 20 – Motor Vehicle Reclamation Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purchase of two open top containers for the Transfer Station and to vote to withdraw the total of eight thousand dollars from the Motor Vehicle Reclamation Fund previously established for that purpose.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 21 – Underground Storage Tank**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to remove the underground fuel storage tank located at the Grantham Fire Department.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 22 – Town Hall Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to place a “top coat” of paving on the rear parking lot at Town Hall.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 23 – Transfer Station Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) to place a “top coat” of paving on the main travel area at the Grantham Transfer Station.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 24 – 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.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 25 – 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 auctions, with the Selectmen reserving the right to accept or refuse any or all bids.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 26 – 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.

IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Majority vote required)

\*\*\*Other Petition Articles as received by February 1, 2011.

Given under our hands and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2011.

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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, 2011, 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 Route 10 South and the Grantham Post Office at Willis Avenue.

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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