

# TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Special Town Meeting August 17, 2013

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Carl Hanson declared the meeting officially open at 9:05 am. The Moderator introduced Selectmen Ken Story and Connie Jones; Town Administrator, Melissa White; Town Clerk, Rita Friedman. The Moderator asked for a motion to adopt the following rule as part of the Special Town Meeting Rules:

To allow non-resident officers or consultants to the Town, the proposed district, the Village District, the Sewer Company and the ECA Board of Directors to speak as needed.

It was moved and seconded. Passed by majority voice vote.

### Article 1

**It was moved and seconded: to see if the Sewer District will vote to establish itself as a Sewer District for the purposes set forth in RSA 52:1(e) AND 52:1(f) and having boundaries as described on Appendix 1 attached hereto.**

The Moderator recognized Phil Schaefer to speak to this article. Schaefer read from a prepared statement in favor of the adoption of the Sewer District. Schaefer ended by thanking the Town of Grantham, the Selectmen, and the 50 plus members of the Sewer Users Coalition.

Brad Moses, President of the Sewer Company, was recognized to speak to the article. Moses stated that in November, 2012 there was an open forum to explain the rationale of why the Village District of Eastman was the right one to take over the Sewer District. At the January 2013 Special Village District meeting the VDE discussed why they were willing to take over the Sewer District. At the March 2013 annual meeting of the Village District of Eastman the vote was very positive about taking over the Sewer Company, as well as \$380,000 of debt. The July 2013 open forum discussed the same information. Moses followed with comments listing the drawbacks of voting yes on this article. He ended by requesting the voters to vote no on this article.

Henry Morneault, chairman of the West Cove Special Place, was recognized to speak to the article. Morneault stated that there are 207 condominiums and 89 homes in West Cove Special Place. All the condos and many of the homes are on the sewer system and comprised about 50% of the residential sewer users. It is fair to say that West Cove Special Place represents the largest concentration of sewer users within the current and proposed sewer district. At the Annual West Cove Special Place meeting, last week, the majority of those present reconfirmed that they were against the Proposed Sewer District. Morneault expressed his hope that the article would not pass.

Moderator Hanson recognized Roger Woodworth. Woodworth made a motion to call the question. The Moderator called for a vote of those who are in favor of limiting debate. The motion passed by majority voice vote.

The Moderator announced that the vote on Article 1 would be by YES/No paper ballot.

**Article 1 Failed YES 39 NO 122**

**Article 2**

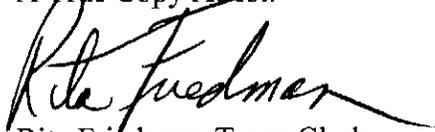
To see if the Sewer District will give itself the name of Sewer District of Eastman.

**Article 3**

To see if the Sewer District will choose the necessary officers therefor to hold office until the first annual meeting.

Moderator Hanson stated that because Article 2 and Article 3 depended on the passage of Article 1 and Article 1 did not pass there is no further business to discuss. The Moderator declared the Special Town Meeting adjourned at 9:40am

A True Copy Attest:



Rita Friedman, Town Clerk