

Warrant for the Town of Grafton
State of New Hampshire
2024

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Grafton, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station, Grafton, New Hampshire, on ***Saturday the 10th of February, 2024, at 10:00 AM*** for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting to discuss, debate and amend the town budget and all warrant articles listed below, except Article #1 (election of officers).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station, Grafton, New Hampshire, on ***Tuesday the 12th of March, 2024*** for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to vote by official ballot on elected officials and all warrant articles that are listed below. ***The Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.***

- 1) To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including: Selectman – 3 years; Selectman – 2 year; Budget Committee – 3 years; Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years; Library Trustee – 3 years; Cemetery Trustees – 3 years; Cemetery Trustees – 1 year; Planning Board – 3 years; Planning Board 3 years; Treasurer – 3 year; Moderator 2 years; Supervisors of the Checklist 6 years.
- 2) Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$1,345,651. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,365,593, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town of Grafton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised budget only. It excludes special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

General Government

Executive	\$72,304
Elections, Registration and Vital Stats	26,454
Financial Administration	40,275
Property Assessment	19,240
Legal Expense	20,000
Personel Administration	29,360
Planning and Zoning	200
General Government Buildings	33,450
Cemeteries	11,700
Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	174,111
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,680
Contingency	3,000
Subtotal	\$431,774

Public Safety

Police	\$198,937
Ambulance	19,450
Fire Department	40,850
Emergency Management	570
Other Public Safety	35,500
Subtotal	\$295,307

Highway and Streets	
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Street Lights	4,000
Subtotal	\$436,300
Solid Waste	\$106,400
Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$9,200
Welfare Administration	\$14,850
Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	\$4,300
Library	20,620
Patriotic Purposes	300
Subtotal	\$25,220
Operating Transfers Out	
To Fiduciary Funds	\$26,600
<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>\$1,345,651</u>

- 3) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of paving town roads.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, this sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 6) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Repairs Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 7) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the previously established Property Tax Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 8) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 9) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Recycling Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.

- 10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the previously established Veterans Park Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the previously established Historical Records Restoration Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/The Budget committee recommend this article.
- 12) To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1969. (Majority vote required)
- 13) To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1999. (Majority vote required)
- 14) To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1999. (Majority vote required)
- 15) To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2003. (Majority vote required)
- 16) To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Roll-Off Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2017. (Majority vote required)
- 17) To see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1982. (Majority vote required)
- 18) To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Department Special Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h (c) ("Providing public safety services by municipal employees or volunteers outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects, or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the municipality") for the purpose of funding police special detail expenses, including wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and vehicles. All revenues from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund shall be deposited into the fund, shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. 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 and no further approval is required by the legislative body (town meeting) to expend. Such funds may only be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required) **The Selectmen recommend this Article**
- 19) To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14a to give the Select Board authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, and to demolish or otherwise dispose of buildings after recommendation of the Planning Board and a Public Hearing.
The Selectmen recommend this article
- 20) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, pursuant to RSA 674:5, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects over a period of at least six years. The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program shall be, along with the budget advisory committee, to aid the Selectmen in their consideration of the annual budget.
- 21) Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$996,239 to construct a new library at 2 Library Road, also known as the "Gray Lot" donated to the Town for this purpose. Funding to come from:
\$845,844 NH Community Development Finance Authority's Community Center Investment Program

\$88,390 Secured grants, Friends of Grafton Library funds, and pledges

\$27,005 Secured volunteer labor and services

\$35,000 Existing library improvement capital reserve fund

Further, to delegate the construction of the library to the Library Trustees. This article is null and void if CCIP Funds are not awarded. **NO ADDITIONAL MONEY TO BE RAISED FROM TAXATION.** (By petition) **The Selectmen does not recommend this article/ The Budget Committee recommends this article.**

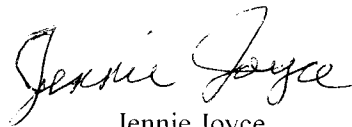
- 22) To see if the voters will subdivide the property known as the East Grafton Union Church and parsonage (tax map 12, lot 1153) and sell the vacant parsonage to abutter Andrew Cushing (tax map 12, lot 123). The buyer agrees to increase both the church and parsonage lots to the minimum two acres and pay all related legal and surveying expenses. The purchase price shall be informed by a mutually-agreeable third-party appraisal, minus the value of the church's increased lot size. The buyer agrees to restore the house and return it to the tax rolls. (By petition)
- 23) To raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars for the purpose of having the C and D container also known as the Demolition container be brought back to the recycling center for use by the town residents. (By petition) **The Selectmen do not recommend this article/The budget Committee Recommends this article.**

Given under our hands and seal the 1th day of February, in the year of Our Lord 2024.

A True Copy of Warrant, Attest: GRAFTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Leif Hogue, Chairman



Jennie Joyce



Steve Darrow