

GRAFTON, VERMONT

WARNING

For Town and Town School Districts

The legal voters of the Town and Town School Districts of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Grafton Elementary School on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM EST to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1 To choose all Town and Town School District Officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot; polls open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- ART. 2 To act on the Auditor's Report.
- ART. 3 To authorize the Selectmen, the Town School Directors and the Athens/Grafton Joint Contract School District Directors to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.
- ART. 4 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars and zero cents (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$27,500.00) for the Firefighter's Association operating expenses?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise three thousand dollars and zero cents (\$3,000.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses?
- ART. 7 Shall the Town of Grafton approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2019/2020
- ART. 8 Shall the Town of Grafton grant tax exemption to the Grafton Improvement Association for their properties identified as Parcel Numbers 008144 and 009056?
- ART. 9 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars and zero cents (\$9,741.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grace Cottage - \$1,500; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; RSVP - \$160; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100).
- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton vote to raise one hundred forty-nine thousand dollars (\$149,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$10,500.00 for Highway Roadway and Structure Projects, \$15,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$75,000 for Highway Equipment Reserve, \$4,000 for Guard Rails Projects, \$3,000.00 for Computer Upgrade Program, \$5,000.00 for Bridge Maintenance Program, and \$36,500.00 for Bridge Construction Program).
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise five hundred thirty thousand, four hundred dollars and zero cents (\$530,400.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges?
- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred eighty-one thousand, three hundred and eighteen dollars and zero cents (\$281,318.00) for the Selectmen's Budget?

- ART. 13 Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the "Grafton Village Park Maintenance and Renovation Fund" to be used for maintenance and renovation of Grafton Village Park in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
- ART. 14 Shall the town deposit the proceeds from timber sales on town-owned lands to fund the "Grafton Village Park Maintenance and Renovation Fund"?
- ART. 15 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15?
- ART. 16 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1 ½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.
- ART. 17 Shall the voters of the Grafton Town School District approve the Athens/Grafton Joint Contract School District Budget K-6 expenses of one million, two hundred ninety-eight thousand, three hundred thirteen dollars and nine cents (\$1,298,313.09) that includes five hundred dollars (\$500.00) compensation for each School Director?
- ART. 18 Shall the voters of the Grafton Town School District approve the school board to expend nine hundred seventy-one thousand, one hundred forty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$971,147.84) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of sixteen thousand, two hundred eighty-nine dollars and thirteen cents (\$16,289.13) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.67% higher than spending for the current year.
- ART. 19 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town and Town School District meeting.



 Joe Pollio, Chair




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 Cynthia Gibbs



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 Cathy Siano-Goodwin