

MINUTES OF THE 1993 TOWN MEETING

The 217th Grantham Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Merle Schotanus. Pledge of allegiance and a song (Grand Old Flag) was given by the Girls Scouts and 4-H club. The School Warrant was read by F. Robert Osgood, pro tem School Moderator.

Moderator Schotanus proposed to conduct the 1993 Grantham Town Meeting by a modified version of Robert's Rules of Order, printed on page 55 of the Town Report. The rules are the same used in prior years. Frances Hastings, Town Clerk made the following motion: "I move the 1993 Town Meeting adopt the rules as proposed by the Moderator." The motion was seconded by Myron Cummings.

Voice vote. PASSED.

Article 1: To choose by ballot and major vote: There were 208 ballots cast. Those elected are listed to the right of the position.

For the ensuing three years:

One Selectman	WILLIAM E. HUTCHINS
One Planning Board Member	MARCY LEVINE-HOLDOWSKY
One Library Trustee	CAROL H. WEISS
One Trustee of Trust Funds	ROBERT E. GUYETTE
One Cemetery Trustee	G. WARREN KIMBALL
One Treasurer	GINA HUTCHINS

For the ensuing two years:

One Cemetery Trustee	CHRISTOPHER COVEL
One Auditor	ROBERT E. GUYETTE
	GENE BARTON

For the ensuing one year:

One Auditor	CHARLES AMICK
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Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$264,077.00 to defray the cost of General Government.

Town Officers	165,872.
Planning and Zoning	12,515.
Town Buildings	45,070.
Cemeteries	3,620.
General Insurance	37,000.

Motion by Ray "Butch" Johnson: " I move article 2 as written."

Seconded by Christopher Covell.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,217.00 to defray the cost of Public Safety.

Police	117,012.
FAST Squad	7,532.
Ambulance Service	6,175.
Fire	31,248.
Forest Fire	250.

Motion by Myron Cummings: " I move article 3 as written."

Seconded by Sandy Palermo.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,904.00 to defray the cost of Public Works.

Roads	115,775.
Streetlights	3,300.
Solid Wastes	108,829.

Motion by Rick Hastings: " I move article 4 as written."

Seconded by Richard Mansfield.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,664.00 to defray the cost of Public Services and Debt Service.

Boarding Animals	200.
Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Ass'n	3,965.
Meals on Wheels	500.
General Assistance	2,500
Recreation	2,000
Library	21,499
Conservation Commission	500.
Debt Service	2,500.

Motion by Myron Cummings: " I move article 5 as written."

Seconded by Ella Reney.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a strip of land on the west side of the present transfer Station property (map 03, lot 1288) on Springfield Road, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for said purchase and related expenses, and to authorize the use/transfer of the December 31, 1992 unreserved fund balance for this purpose.

Motion by Myron Cummings: " I move article 6 as written."

Seconded by Connie Howard.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing office computer(s) and peripherals when existing computers must be replaced, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Motion by Ray "Butch" Johnson: " I move article 7 as written."

Seconded by Adrienne Kerwin

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the Police Car Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose by Article 9 of the 1989 Town Meeting.

Motion by Myron Cummings: " I move article 8 as written."

Seconded by Jean Grinold.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 to purchase a new FAST Squad Vehicle under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and authorize the

withdrawal of \$34,500, and any accumulated interest, from the FAST Squad Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose by Article 11 of the 1989 Town Meeting, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend \$10,500 from Donations to the FAST Squad, and to raise the remaining \$15,000 from general taxation. Motion by Ray "Butch" Johnson: " I move article 9 as written." Seconded by Debbie Peirce.

Kathryn Osgood expressed concern about possible future use of the vehicle as an ambulance. " The Fast Squad is a volunteer organization. I don't think volunteers can run an ambulance. Transporting requires additional training and we would still have to pay Newport Ambulance money for added coverage. I am not opposed to the new vehicle, but I do think people should be concerned with what the eventual cost of running an ambulance in town is going to be." Fast Squad President Joey Bard said "we have simply outgrown the vehicle we have now, and current plans do not call for transporting patients. We want to have a vehicle in place should we be forced into transporting."

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purchase of a new Fire Department Emergency Response Vehicle, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose by Article 14 of the 1990 Town Meeting. The balance of \$35,000 is to come from general taxation. Motion by Myron Cummings: " I move article 10 as written."

Seconded by Rose Bard.

Myron Cummings Made the following amendment: " I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 for the purchase of a new Fire Department Response Vehicle, under the Direction of the Board of Selectman, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$45,000.00 from the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose by Article 14 of the 1990 Town Meeting. The balance of \$35,000.00 is to come from general taxation. Seconded by Ella Reney.

Voice vote on amendment. PASSED

Before the voice vote on the new article was taken Barbara Wells gave her praise of the fire department. "I don't know much about vehicles and fire equipment but I do know we had a very dangerous fire several weeks ago. I just want to go on record as THANKING the town for its support of the fire department, and THANKING the fire department for saving our house."

Voice vote on amended motion. PASSED

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Town Highway Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose by Article 15 of the 1990 Town Meeting.

Motion by Rick Hastings: "I move article 11 as written."

Seconded by Dennis Howard.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Outdoor Basketball and

Tennis Facility Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose by Article 29 of the 1990 Town Meeting.

Motion by Rick Hastings: " I move article 12 as written."

Seconded by Lloyd Krumm.

Frustration was voiced that the project was taking so long to become a reality. Steve Jordan said "some of us are getting a little gray and there's still no basketball court in sight.

Selectman should obtain some actual cost estimates so taxpayers could get an idea of how far from the total needed the existing funding is."

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of preparing and printing an updated Grantham Town History.

Motion by Ella Reney: " I move article 13 as written."

Seconded by Kathryn Osgood.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of preparing new tax maps for the Town, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund.

Motion by Myron Cummings: "I move article 14 as written."

Seconded by Adrienne Kerwin.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Town of Grantham's share of support for the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging.

Motion by Genevieve Mansfield: " I move article 15 as written."

Seconded by Helen Rego.

Genevieve read a statement written by Marcia Clayton: " The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging has over 800 members and is open more than 35 hours a week. Its purpose is to provide services for seniors ranging from trips to the doctor to fixing a broken garage door opener. Support has come from 90 volunteers to serve the nine area towns covered by KCOA. The senior citizen population in these town is at 15%, higher than the 11% state average. Seniors are volunteering in school classrooms with many inter-generational programs in the planning stage. Money is needed to help fund the existing programs and expand to new ones. We hope to rent or build a senior center that will seat 100 people where members can meet for meals, mutual support, and good times. Please vote for the \$1000.00 to be given to the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging. The program is only six months old.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of an eventual addition, Phase II, of the Dunbar Free Library, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in this fund.

Motion by Cindy Towle: "I move article 16 as written."

Seconded by Maylon Scott.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the elected positions of auditors, as established in accordance with RSA 669:16 and/or 41:31 or 41:32-a, since the Town Meeting of 1992 directed the Board of Selectmen to budget funds yearly for annual audits by Certified Public Accountants.

Motion by Myron Cummings: " I move article 17 as written."

Seconded by Robert Guyette.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, Federal, or other governmental unit, or from a private source, which may become available during the year, to be used for purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money and in accordance with RSA 31:95-b. The Selectmen shall hold a public hearing before expending any such money.

Motion by Rick Hastings, " I move article 18 as written."

Seconded by Cindy Covell.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in Trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Motion by Ray "Butch" Johnson, " I move article 19 as written."

Seconded by Donald Fuller.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Motion by Myron Cummings, " I move article 20 as written."

Seconded Richard Mansfield.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed. Such conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require, pursuant to RSA 80:80.

Motion made by Rick Hastings, " I move article 21 as written."

Seconded by Roberta Fuller.

Voice vote. PASSED.

Article 22: To hear the reports of Officers, Agents, and Committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion by Ray "Butch" Johnson, " I move article 22 as written."

Seconded by Genevieve Mansfield.

Town Clerk Frances Hastings made a correction to the vital statistics report in the Town report on page 60, to include Raymond Earl and Gerard Chaloux.

Voice vote. PASSED

Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion by Rick Hastings, " I move article 23 as written."

Seconded by Myron Cummings.

Moderator Schotanus stated there were four people at Town meeting this year who had never attended town meeting before. Roberta and Donald Fuller, William Mannix, and Brian Ryea, Jr..

There was no HOG-RIEVES Report.

Chris Covell nominated Kenneth and Karen Kuhns as the new Hog-Rieves for 1993-1994. Voice vote. PASSED

Chris Covell asked Cindy TowLE to give the Fence Viewer report for her husband Warren Kimball since Warren was not there. Cindy gave the report for Warren and stated the only fence that needed fixing was Warren's since it was his steers that kept getting out.

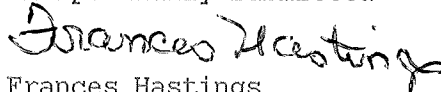
Chris Covell nominated Cynthia TowLE as Fence Viewer for 1993 - 1994 sense that is the end of town that needs to be viewed. Voice vote. PASSED

Motion to adjourn by Steve Jordan.

Seconded by Kathryn Osgood.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Frances Hastings  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE 1993 GRANTHAM TOWN MEETING

1. No article may be brought up for reconsideration unless it is brought up immediately after the vote has been determined and announced.
2. Passing over an article is not in the spirit of town meeting, and will be ruled out of order.
3. Registered voters only will be seated on the main floor and in the center section of the bleachers. Non-voters will be seated in the bleachers. Non-voters, who are not otherwise officers of the town, may be allowed to address the town meeting only if the Town Meeting votes to permit it.
4. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify himself or herself.
5. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when five voters make a written request prior to voice or division vote on any article open for discussion. (RSA 40:4a)
6. The moderator will take a secret "yes-no" ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted. (RSA 40:4b)
7. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.

I propose the 1992 town meeting adopt these rules to insure the orderly conduct of the town's business and, if adopted, direct the town clerk to make the rules a matter of town record for the 1992 Grantham Town Meeting.

Merle W. Schotanus  
Town Moderator

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