

**Warrant for the Town of Grafton
State of New Hampshire
2023**

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 11th of February, 2023, 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 14th of March, 2023** 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 – 1 year; Tax Collector – 3 years; Budget Committee – 3 years; Budget Committee – 1 year; Trustee of the Trust Funds – 3 years; Library Trustee – 3 years; Cemetery Trustees – 3 years; Planning Board – 3 years; Police Chief – 3 years; Treasurer – 1 year.
- 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 \$1,289,756. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,188,477, 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	\$68,220
Elections/Town Clerk	40,285
Financial Administration	44,714
Reappraisal of Property	19,240
Legal Expense	20,000
FICA/Medicare	28,000
Planning Board	200
General Government Buildings	44,050
Cemeteries	12,250
Insurance	100,274
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,620
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$380,853

Public Safety

Police	\$209,992
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Ambulance	44,694
Fire Department	30,000
Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	500
Dispatch Fees	25,557
Subtotal	\$310,843
Highway and Streets	
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Street Lights	4,200
Subtotal	\$436,450
Solid Waste	\$111,050
Health and Welfare	
Health Agencies	\$9,200
Public Assistance	14,350
Subtotal	\$23,550
Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	\$7,670
Library	19,040
Patriotic Purposes	300
Subtotal	\$27,010
Debt Service	
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$0
<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>\$1,289,756</u>

3) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If readopted, the credit will be available to any resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty or state active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If readopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the previously approved Standard or Optional Veterans' Tax Credit voted by the Town of Grafton under RSA 72:28.

The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.

4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty three thousand fifty nine dollars (\$263,059) for the purchase of a 2023 Braun Ambulance, and to fund this appropriation with a \$50,000 USDA grant anticipated to be received in April 2023, \$30,000 from the Town's unspent ARPA funds, \$20,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Account, and by authorizing the withdrawal of \$163,059 from the already established Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. In the event of a shortfall in available grant funds, the Selectboard may use its authority per

RSA 31:59-h to expend additional funds from the Ambulance Revolving Account to make up the shortfall. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the ambulance purchase is completed or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

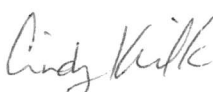
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.

- 5) 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.
- 6) To see if the Town will vote to change the Police Chief's position to an appointed position effective 2024.
The Selectmen recommend this article.
- 7) To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 6 on the 2014 Warrant that named the Library Trustees agents to expend from the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article.
- 8) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Trustees of the Trust Funds to have Three Bearings discontinue the Rec Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund and transfer the remaining balance and interest to the Town's General Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article.
- 9) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Historical Records Restoration Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in said fund, and further to appoint the Selectmen Agents to Expend.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 12) 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 unreserved fund balance. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 13) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of paving town roads.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 14) 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 Recycling Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommends this article.

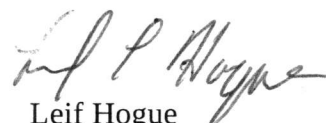
- 15) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Repairs Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommend this article.
- 16) To see if the Town will vote to 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/Budget Committee recommend this article.
- 17) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in the previously established Veterans Park Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/Budget Committee recommend this article.
- 18) To see if the Town of Grafton shall require a search warrant to enter private land for the purpose of an investigation against a land owner or its inhabitants, unless permission of it's owner is expressed. Government investigators shall be made aware, and have a responsibility to know, that they are disallowed on private land for that, as at least civil trespassing, regardless of no signage. The Town of Grafton shall annually send or confirm a letter on file to notice this article with all government investigative agencies with expected searches in Grafton (including the sheriff, fish and game, FBI, ATF, etc.). Copies are to be publicly available. Any information or evidence collected in disagreement with this article for ongoing issues shall be immediately invalidated and returned, and resulting penalties shall be dropped.
(By Petition)
- 19) Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$210,000 for the purposes of constructing the first phase of a new library at 2 Library Road also known as the "Gray Lot" donated to the Town for this express purpose. \$40,000 to come from the existing library improvement capital reserve fund and \$170,000 to be accepted as a gift from the Friends of the Grafton Library (FOGL). This phase will include the pouring of a concrete slab; the assembly of a barn frame, already acquired and disassembled by FOGL; a roof; and exterior envelope. Further, to delegate the construction of the library to the Library Trustees. No money to be raised from taxation.
(By Petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this article/Budget Committee do not recommend this article.
- 20) To see if the Town of Grafton shall require a Building Notification for buildings only, including manufactured housing. A building has been and continues to be defined as a structure (permanently fixed to the ground) with permanent siding and a roof. All vehicles, boats, tents, RVs, tent carports, campers (custom or otherwise), and other mobile or temporary structures, are exempt.
(By petition)

Given under our hands and seal the 27th day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2023.

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


 Cindy Kudlik, Chairman


 Jennie Joyce


 Leif Hogue