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2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Grafton

New Hampshire

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From
Grafton's
Past*

Inventory of the Town of Grafton, N. H. as Taken by the Selectmen 1913

198 Polls	\$19,800 00
190 Horses	16,858 00
4 Mules	755 00
54 Oxen	4,440 00
319 Cows	11,990 00
99 Neat Stock	2,787 00
258 Sheep	987 00
24 Hogs	210 00
90 Fowls	45 00
9 Vehicles	1,150 00
Portable mills	3,195 00
Wood and lumber	15,844 00
Public funds	9,400 00
Bank stock	300 00
Money on hand or interest	9,118 00
Stock in trade	15,442 00
Aqueducts	5,615 00
Resident real estate	353,015 00
Non resident real estate	64,161 00
Total Valuation	\$535,112 00
Valuation exempt from taxation ac- count of pensioners	\$7,200 00
We find 83 dogs	
Rate \$1 08	
Have accommodated 120 tramps	

2013 Town Meeting and
Reports of the Officers of the Town
for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

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2013 Warrant for the Town of Grafton, NH

As Amended at the First (Deliberative) Session on February 11, 2013

****With Articles Re-Numbered to Reflect the Official Ballot for Voting on March 12, 2013****

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 9th of February, 2013 at 9:00 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, 2013*** 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.***

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including: Selectman - 3 years; Treasurer -1 year; Road Agent - 3years; Town Clerk - 3years; Budget Committee - 3 years; Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 years; Library Trustee - 3 years; Cemetery Trustee - 3 years; Supervisor of the Checklist - 1 year; and Planning Board - 3 years.

- 1) 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 \$825,956. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$940,366, 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	\$49,000
Elections/Town Clerk	27,062
Financial Administration	30,350
Reappraisal of Property	25,060
Legal Expense	15,000
FICA & Medicare	24,000
Planning Board	1
General Government Buildings	61,000
Cemeteries	8,000
Insurance	94,683
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,200
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$337,356

NH STATE LIBRARY

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Public Safety

Police	\$122,493
Ambulance	7,810
Fire Department	14,470
Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	1,000
Subtotal	\$145,873

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Highway and Streets

Highway and Streets	\$319,000
Street Lights	2,500
Subtotal	\$321,500

Solid Waste

\$92,000

Health and Welfare	
Health Agencies	\$13,540
Health Officer	0
Public Assistance	25,000
Subtotal	\$38,540

Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	\$2,400
Library	10,554
Patriotic Purposes	300
Subtotal	\$13,254

Debt Service	
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$6,000

*****Note: The Line Item Total of \$954,523 was amended to \$825,956 at the Deliberative Session on 2-11-13*****

Amended Operating Budget (the new bottom line to be voted on): \$825,956 ***

- 2) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$36,964) for the purchase and outfitting of a new police vehicle and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of twenty two thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$22,964) from the already established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, and the Balance of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) coming from taxation.
The Selectmen recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 3) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of paving town roads.
- 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty eight thousand seven hundred ninety two dollars (\$28,792) to purchase a 2013 Ford F250 with plow and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000) from the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund with two thousand seven hundred ninety two dollars (\$2,792) to be raised by taxation.
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. **Amended: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500) to be placed into the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.**
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 6) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to be placed in the previously established Police Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 7) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) for the purpose of re-pointing the town library and to fund this amount by withdrawing two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) from the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund. Passage of this article will have no impact on taxation.
The Selectmen recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 8) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty seven thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$137,380) to repair and upgrade the heating system in the Fire/Ambulance building and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing that amount from the unrestricted fund balance as of December 31, 2012. This amount is the equivalent of the amount the Town received in insurance payments for this purpose. The passage of this article will have no impact on taxation.

- 9) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. **Amended: 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 Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.**
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.
- 10) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a new town office building and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. **Amended: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a new town office building and to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0) to be placed in this fund.**
The Selectmen recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 11) Are you in favor of the 'Wild Meadows Wind (farm) Project'?
- 12) To see if the Town will appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999.
- 13) To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road known as Golden Valley Road, so called, 150 feet from Wild Meadow Road in a southeasterly direction to the Sulloway Place for 1349 feet (0.2555 miles) pursuant to RSA 231:45. *(By Petition)*
- 14) To see if the Town will vote to require all wind energy facilities that may come to be located in the Town to post security in the form of cash or bond, prior to initiating construction, in order to cover the costs of removing all of the facility upon ceasing operations for a period of more than 12 months, said amount to be determined by an independent engineer. *(By Petition)* **Amended: To see if the Town of Grafton shall vote to require the owner or installer of any large wind-powered electrical generation facility that may come to be located within the Town to obtain a bond or equivalent proof of financial responsibility, and continue to effect a surety bond or other equivalent proof of financial responsibility satisfactory to the Town an amount sufficient to ensure that the system shall be safely dismantled at the end of its operational life (said amount to be determined by an independent engineer of the Selectmen's choice, and paid for by the owner or installer). A large wind-powered electrical generation facility shall be any wind-powered device which does not supplement or replace electrical power supplied to households or businesses at the immediate site, and which has a total installed height (to the top of the swept area of the blade, rotor, or any other component of the structure) of greater than 250 feet above ground.**
- 15) To see if the Town will vote to advise the Selectmen to REJECT the proposed Wild Meadow Wind Project.
(By Petition)
- 16) Shall the Town of Grafton pass the ordinance known as "Grafton's Right to A Sustainable Energy Future and Community Self-Government Ordinance". The purpose of this ordinance is to guarantee resident's right to determine their own energy future. *(By Petition)*
- 17) To see if the Town shall notify the voters of Grafton of their natural and historic right and responsibility as jurors, sitting on juries in all cases including grand juries, to judge the law as well as the facts before them, a right recognized by the State of New Hampshire with the passage of HB146 (Laws of 2012, c.243) and codified as RSA 519:23-a, which states that "in all criminal proceedings the court shall permit the defense to inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy." The information shall be sent by the Town to all voters individually via first-class mail, and shall be prepared entirely by volunteers, information which may include pamphlets prepared by the Fully Informed Jury Association, a federally-recognized 501 (c)(3) organization. All costs shall be paid using voluntarily raised funds. *(By Petition)*
- 18) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Woodheating Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:69 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provision are:

- a. That any expenditure for a Woodheating Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:70 of the State of New Hampshire. *(By Petition)*
- 19) To see if the Town will vote to repeal Warrant Article #24 of the Town Meeting of 1994, and the resulting ordinance, which prohibits the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages and/or the consumption of same on Town property. The repeal of this ordinance shall not supersede, overrule, or in any other way affect any State or Federal Laws or regulations governing the possession of alcohol on public property. *(By Petition)*
- 20) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than one dollar? (3/5 vote required) *(By Petition)*
Amended: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the Budget Committee shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 2 percent (2%)? (3/5 vote required)
- 21) To see if the Town will vote to direct the School Board to undertake a study of the feasibility and suitability to withdraw from Mascoma Valley Regional School District, pursuant to RSA 915:25. *(By Petition)*
Amended: To see if the Town will vote to direct the School Board to undertake a study of the feasibility and suitability to withdraw from Mascoma Valley Regional School District, pursuant to RSA 195:25.
- 22) To see if the Town will vote to create three Town Auditor positions, whose election shall take place at the next annual Town Meeting. *(By Petition)*
- 23) To see if the Town will vote to remove from the Selectmen their taxing authority. *(By Petition)*
- 24) To see if the Town of Grafton will prohibit the practice of evicting residents from their homes after the Town has deeded the property to itself as a result of unpaid taxes. *(By Petition)*
- 25) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to reduce the annual town budget by ten percent for the next three years. *(By Petition)*
- 26) To see if the Town shall prohibit the Selectmen from publishing their recommendations for or against warrant articles on the official Town ballot. *(By Petition)*
- 27) To see if the Town will vote to require all businesses and commercial haulers in the Town of Grafton to have dumpster for their garbage disposal. *(By Petition)*
- 28) To see if the Town will vote to remove the lien process from the general assistance application for home owners that are in need of assistance from the Town of Grafton. (Renters and others needing assistance do not get lien). *(By Petition)*
- 29) To see if the Town will vote to make the Grafton Welfare Directors job an elected position. If this article should pass, the Welfare Directors Budget shall be administered by a member(s) of the Board of Selectmen from March 2013 to March 2014 when a Welfare Director is elected. *(By Petition)* **Amended: To see if the Town will vote to create one Overseer of the Public Welfare position, whose election shall take place at the next annual town meeting.**
- 30) To see if the Town will vote to hold deliberative session, elections, and special meetings at the Town Hall on Turnpike Road. *(By Petition)*

Given under our hands and seal the 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2013.

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

Stephen Darrow
 Chairman

David Rienzo

Jennie Joyce

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 1-28-13

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Ed Grinley

Scott Smith

Catherine Mulholland

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		44000	49352	49500		4900	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		28223	27294	26325		27062	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		39044	24428	30350		30350	
4152	Revaluation of Property		25060	24500	25060		25060	
4153	Legal Expense		10000	7120	15000		15000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		23925	19030	24000		24000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		50	0	45		1	44
4194	General Government Buildings		51200	63615	56000		61000	
4195	Cemeteries		6200	6996	8000		8000	
4196	Insurance		92046	87589	94683		94683	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1500	1220	1200		1200	
4199	Other General Government		2000	0	2000		2000	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		96293	96006			122493	
4215-4219	Ambulance		12830	12906	10810		7810	3000
4220-4229	Fire		16000	13754	14470		14470	
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		100		100		100	
4299	Other - Forest Warden		1000	970	1000		1000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		309000	305564	337404		319000	18404
4313	Bridges							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMM. APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMM. APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS (cont.)								
4316	Street Lighting		2000	2356	2500		2500	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		92000	91060	92246		92000	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration / Welfare		33000	10112	25000		25000	
4414	Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		10964	10964	13540		13540	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payemnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		2200	2122	2550		2400	150
4550-4559	Library		9794	9794	10554		10554	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		300	279	300		300	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources							
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		9000	129	9000		6000	3000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer							
	- Water							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)							
	- Electric							
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		917729	867160	974130		954523	24844

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		0	20	20
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		9688	7200	7200
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		67241	45000	45000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		149	140	140
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		160832	150000	150000
3230	Building Permits		100	100	100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		280	100	100
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		60000	60000	60000
3353	Highway Block Grant		132451	128046	128046
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	13	9973		
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments			100	100
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		152213	3500	3500
3502	Interest on Investments		363	300	300
3503-3509	Other	16	2240	0	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			51764	51764
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		4751	5810	5810
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance			137380	137380
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			600281	589460	589460

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	917729	974130	954523
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	60000	79000	49000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	113479	235936	235936
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1091208	1289066	1239459
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	600281	589460	589460
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	490927	699606	649999

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: GRAFTON

For the Ensuing Year **January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013**

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns. 2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant. 3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing. |
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GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Stephen Darrow

David Rienzo

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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Default Budget - Town of GRAFTON FY 2013

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive	44,000.00			44,000.00
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	28,223.00			28,223.00
4150-4151	Financial Administration	39,044.00			39,044.00
4152	Revaluation of Property	25,060.00			25,060.00
4153	Legal Expense	10,000.00			10,000.00
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	23,925.00			23,925.00
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	50.00			50.00
4194	General Government Buildings	51,200.00			51,200.00
4195	Cemeteries	6,200.00			6,200.00
4196	Insurance	92,046.00	2,636.80		94,682.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,500.00			1,500.00
4199	Other General Government	2,000.00			2,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police	96,293.00	20,000.00		116,293.00
4215-4219	Ambulance	12,830.00			12,830.00
4220-4229	Fire	16,000.00			16,000.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection	100.00			100.00
4290-4298	Emergency Management	1,000.00			1,000.00
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)				
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
4301-4309	Airport Operations				
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311					
4312	Highways & Streets	309,000.00			309,000.00
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	2,000.00			2,000.00
4319	Other				
SANITATION					
4321	Administration				
4323	Solid Waste Collection	92,000.00			92,000.00
4324	Solid Waste Disposal				
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other				

Default Budget - Town of GRAFTON FY 2013

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other				
ELECTRIC					
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
HEALTH					
4411	Administration				
4414	Pest Control				
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	10,964.00			10,964.00
WELFARE					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	33,000.00			33,000.00
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other				
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2,200.00			2,200.00
4550-4559	Library	9,794.00			9,794.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300.00			300.00
4589	Other Culture & Recreation				
CONSERVATION					
4611-4612					
4619	Other Conservation				
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING				
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$9,000.00			\$9,000.00
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				

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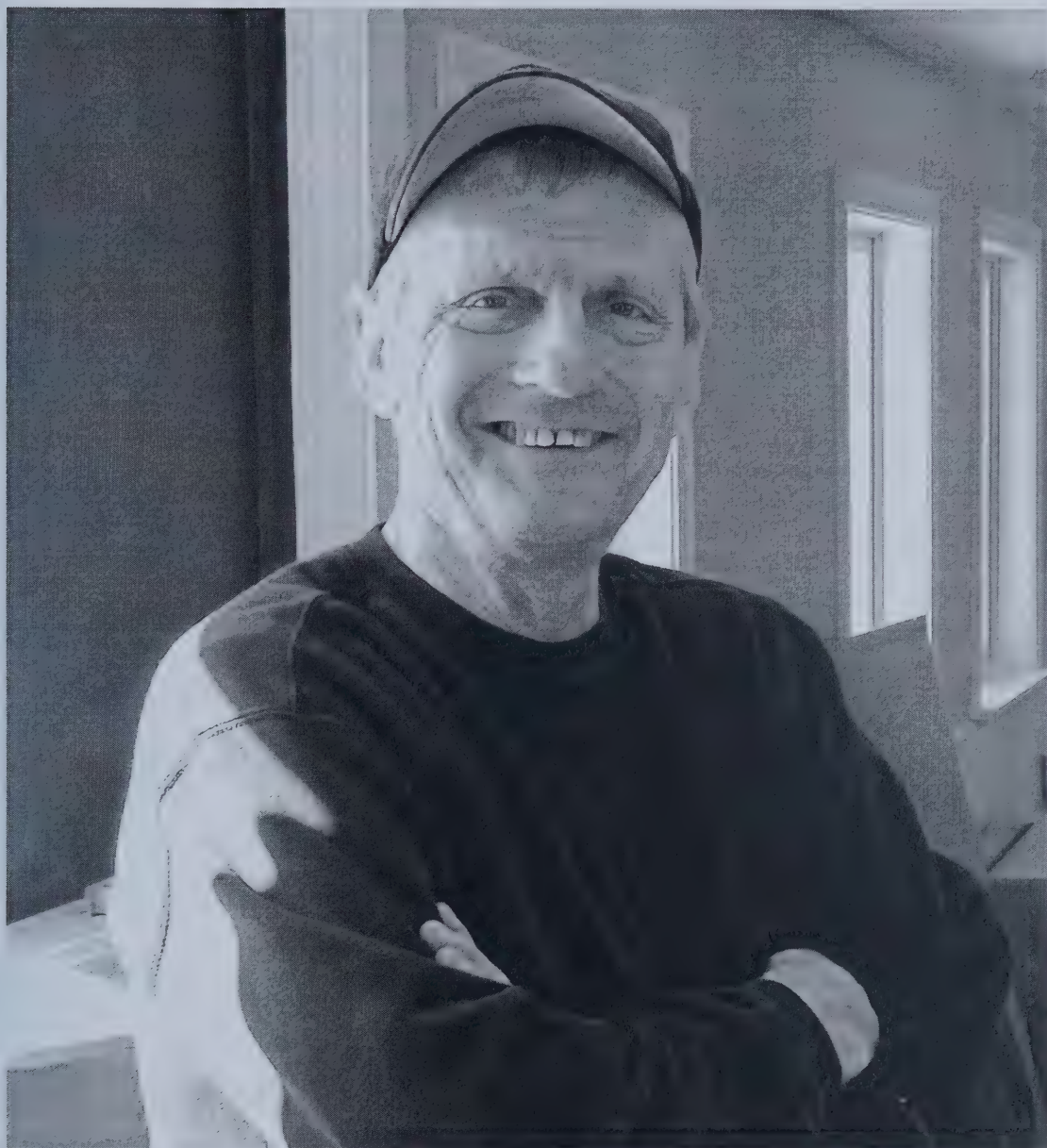
Default Budget - Town of GRAFTON FY 2013

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
TOTAL		917,729.00	22,636.80		940,365.80

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4196	Rate increase with contractual obligations		
	for insurance		
4210-4214	WA #8 passed, hiring PT Officer & Salary		

2012 ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION



Merle Kenyon has devoted his life to the Town of Grafton. He has served as Selectman, Moderator, and as the Town's long-time Police Chief.

When Merle retired, our Town lost the services of a conscientious, thoughtful and kind neighbor who always had a pleasant word for each person he met. Although we may no longer see him on a daily basis we are pleased when we have the opportunity to work with him as he generously donates his time to our Town.

It is with deep gratitude and genuine affection that we dedicate the 2012 Town Report to Merle Kenyon. Thank you, Merle, for your dedicated service as Chief of Police for the Town of Grafton. The Town wishes you a very happy retirement.

Town Officers *for* 2012

<i>Board of Selectmen:</i>	Stephen Darrow, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
	David Rienzo	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
	Jennie Joyce	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant and Financial Assistant:</i>	Sue Smith	
<i>Town Moderator:</i>	Dorothy Campbell	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
<i>Tax Collector:</i>	Bonnie J. Haubrich	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
<i>Town Clerk:</i>	Bonnie J. Haubrich	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>	June Burrington	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
<i>Deputy Treasurer:</i>	Dianne Burrington	
<i>Road Agent:</i>	Robert Bassett	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
<i>Chief of Police:</i>	Russell Poitras	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
<i>Part-Time Officers:</i>	Merle Kenyon and Norman Daigneault	
<i>Supervisors of the Checklist:</i>	Marguerite Conley, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2016</i>
	Mary K. Warren	<i>Term Expires 2018</i>
	Lloyd Danforth (deceased)	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
	George Curran (appointed)	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
<i>Cemetery Trustees:</i>	Wayne Kramer, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
	Thomas Ploszaj	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
	Louise Gallup	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
<i>Library Trustees:</i>	James Griffin, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
	Margaret Emslie	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
	Elaina Bergamini	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
<i>Trustees of the Trust Funds:</i>	Catherine Mulholland, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
	Cynthia Mogan	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
	Jeremy Olson	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
<i>Budget Committee:</i>	Edward Grinley, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
	Catherine Mulholland	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
	Scott Smith	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
<i>Planning Board:</i>	Brian Fellers, Chairman	<i>Term Expires 2013</i>
	Robert Hull	<i>Term Expires 2014</i>
	Jay Boucher	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
	Rosalie Babiarz	<i>Term Expires 2015</i>
<i>Fire Chief/Emergency Director</i>	John Babiarz	
<i>Forest Fire Warden:</i>	Sean Frost	
<i>Health Officer:</i>	Patricia Rienzo	
<i>Librarian:</i>	Deb Clough	
<i>Town Hall Superintendent:</i>	Louise Gallup	
<i>Welfare Director:</i>	Maureen O'Reilly	

Selectmen's Report

2012 was another busy year for the Board of Selectmen. One of the objectives of the Board is keeping taxes as low as possible. We do our best to see to it that we use taxpayer funds in a responsible manner. The Board monitors the entire budget and reviews procedures to ensure we are operating the Town efficiently.

Several challenging projects were completed in 2012. No sooner had the Town finished the replacement of the bridges at Mill Brook and Davis Road, we then realized the need to replace the bridge on Lower Meadow Road and the deck structure of the bridge on Prescott Hill Road. Both were repaired or replaced by the Highway Department. Because the Highway Department is able to design, repair and build bridges, these jobs were completed at a fraction of the cost that construction through the State Bridge Program would have required. We are grateful to the Highway Department for their expertise and good work!

The Board is working to put together a plan for the best and most economical use and maintenance of town buildings. A few years ago, the Board appointed a committee to review the buildings and make recommendations. The committee was unable to complete the task. This year the Selectmen asked the Planning Board to assume responsibility for evaluation and recommendation. We await the report.

This year, the Board took note that property tax debts remain a significant problem. Unpaid back taxes totaling more than \$500,000, against an annual budget of approximately \$980,000, places an unacceptable burden on taxpayers who then must take up the slack for those who do not, or cannot, pay in a timely manner. Accordingly, and not without some pangs, the Board issued over 20 tax deeds this year. So far nearly all of those properties have been redeemed by their owners. Also, the Town sold at auction 5 properties that had been taken for back taxes several years ago. This sale brought nearly \$81,000 to the general fund.

As the year was ending, the Board received notice from the East Grafton Christian Church Trustees of their intention to offer the property to the Town. The Historical Society has expressed an interest in maintaining and restoring the property for the benefit of the Town. This will be one of the projects the Board will work on during the upcoming year.

Another major issue the Board of Selectmen will be dealing with is the wind farm proposed for the towns of Grafton, Danbury and Alexandria. The Board intends to work diligently on behalf of the Town to ensure that if this project is approved by the State, it is completed with minimal impact on the Town.

The Selectmen meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Faithful Servants,

Steve Darrow, Chairman; David Rienzo; and Jennie Joyce

2012 Road Agent's Report

Winter months of 2012 were mild in comparison to other years as there weren't many snow storms but we had more ice storms than usual. Because of the mild winter there was less overtime and we only used about 2,500 yards of the sand pile.

Spring came and mud season was worse than usual. The highway department used 1,000 yards of inch and one half stone to solve the mud problems. Through spring and summer the road crew graded, raked and hauled 5,000 yards of crushed gravel to maintain the many miles of dirt roads in town. The winter sand pile was replenished during this time so that we could be sure that we would be prepared for next winter.

Throughout the year the highway crew maintained and repaired the aging equipment and trucks we have at the highway shed, this involved many hours. In May and June the bridge on Lower Meadow Road that was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 was replaced by a new concrete and steel bridge built by the road agent and a part-time employee with the help of Bruce Beckford for welding and Phelps Const. excavating and setting the 50 foot I-beams. This bridge was paid for by FEMA and opened at the end of June. In August the deck of the Prescott Hill Bridge gave out and had to be replaced. The road agent ordered new I-beams and steel decking and was set up at the highway garage to save time. We closed this bridge on Monday the first week of September, took out the old one, put in the new I-beams and steel decking, put in rebar and poured a concrete deck which was volunteered and opened the bridge on Tuesday the following week.

With the purchase of a roadside mower the previous year we started mowing roadside which didn't get finished because of the loss of the clutch in the tractor. This is all repaired and we anticipate doing all the roads in 2013. Paving in 2012 was done on Wild Meadow Road and the bridge on Prescott Hill Road. Paving is costly but the road agent would like to continue repaving and maintaining the paved roads we have so we don't lose them.

The highway crew got the equipment ready for the winter months once again, installing sanders and wings on the trucks.

At the end of 2012, the road agent purchased 10,800 gallons of liquid calcium chloride to be used during dry conditions for dust control and a way to hold the dirt roads. This purchase included the use of a 3,000 gallon poly storage tank and a 1,000 gallon poly spray tank to go in a dump truck. The money for another 10,000 gallons is in the budget for 2013.

I would like to thank the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant and my road crew for the great working relationship throughout the year. It is nice to work as a team and make my job as road agent much easier.

I look forward to being your road agent for years to come and working with all the departments and the people of this town.

Thank you to all the townspeople who support the Highway Department.

Respectfully Submitted, *Robert J. Bassett*, Road Agent

Grafton Volunteer Ambulance Service 2012 Year-End Report

MEMBERSHIP:

The Grafton Volunteer Ambulance current roster of EMTs consists of the following members:

Dotti Ernst, EMT-Basic - Captain	April Dugan, EMT-Basic - 1st Lieut.
Kathy Lund, AEMT - 2nd Lieut.	Jay Boucher, EMT-Basic - Secretary
John Babiarz, EMT-Intermediate	Aaron Dugan, EMT-Basic
Sean Frost, EMT-Basic	Dawn Fellers, EMT trainee
Merle Kenyon, FR trainee	Cody Dugan, trainee
Bob Hull, Driver	Tom Ploszaj, licensed in CT, NH trainee

We would like to add a few additional volunteers to our roster in 2013. This would help increase the availability of volunteers to cover calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact the Captain at 523-4623.

CALL SUMMARY:

From 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012 our TOTAL # of CALLS was 130 (131 patients).

These calls are categorized as follows:

No Transport or Cancelled	54 calls
Transport - no insurance	7 calls
Transport - with insurance	52 calls
Mutual Aid provided	4 calls
Mutual Aid received	13 calls

BUDGET SUMMARY:

The total budgeted amount for the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance department in 2012 was \$27,830. Of that, about \$12,906 was expended from the Operating Budget and \$8,955 was expended from the Insurance Billing Revolving Account. This leaves \$5,969 unspent in 2012. This amount remains in the Revolving Account and will be used to offset taxpayer dollars for ambulance expenses in 2013. This \$5,969 remains unspent primarily because of unspent training fees and radio/pager expenses due to a lack of new members and \$663 in medical supplies purchased in 2012 but paid in 2013.

INSURANCE BILLING SUMMARY:

The net total received from Insurance Billing in 2012 is approximately \$27,900 (\$31,000 less fees of \$3,100). The balance in the Revolving Account currently includes \$50,000 which has been reserved to fund future replacement of the ambulance (\$10,000 from each of the last 5 years instead of Warrant Articles placing \$50,000 into Ambulance Replacement Capital Reserve) in lieu of taxpayer dollars to fund this in each of those years. The remaining balance in the Insurance Revolving Account is being used in 2013 to offset the amount of taxpayer dollars required in the Operating Budget for the Ambulance Department.

2012 SUMMARY:

We are thankful that 2012 has been a safe and successful year for the members of the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance service and that we have been able to fulfill our commitment to provide quality Emergency Medical Services to our patients and community throughout the year. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Dorothy Ernst, EMT-B

Grafton Cemetery Trustees 2012

We had a busy year holding eight meetings and maintaining eight cemeteries in Grafton. We lost the services of our three volunteers, who relocated this year and were not able to help maintain two of the cemeteries. Due to difficulties hiring replacement workers, most of this year's work was done by the Cemetery Sexton, Ed Grinley, with the assistance of two other workers. All did a good job keeping up with the necessary work.

There was the annual spring cleanup of winter's debris and thirteen mowings including those for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Additional work was accomplished this year with the removal of the encroaching brush and brambles at Huntley Cemetery.

The Town of Grafton contracted for the removal of the trees in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Reese Alexander completed his Boy Scout project of identifying and mapping the graves in Grafton Center Cemetery. This helped him achieve the level of Eagle Scout. His work and the information he collected can be found on line at www.Graftonnhcemeteries.com

The Trustees have drafted this year's budget using gross basis budgeting. This means that the 2013 budget request is the combined total of all anticipated expenditures from both appropriations and trust income.

In continuing with the 2011 town report's dedication acknowledging volunteers, we have been informed that two of our past volunteers have offered their help for 2013 to address two previously unmaintained cemeteries, the Sargent Hill Rd. and the Sleeper Cemetery on Slab City Road.

The Trustees are again grateful to everyone for their efforts this year in maintaining and improving the conditions of Grafton Cemeteries and would like to encourage anyone wishing to help with the cemeteries to contact us.

The Trustees invite all to attend the meetings and welcome suggestions and input on future needs of our cemeteries.

With thanks, *Wayne Kramer, Tom Ploszaj and Louise Gallup* - Cemetery Trustees

Emergency Management 2012

In the year 2012, in response to alerts that hurricane Sandy was approaching the eastern seaboard, the volunteers of Grafton Fire and Grafton Ambulance prepared for the storm. The Grafton Highway Department under the Road Agent Robert Bassett also prepared for the event. The storm landed in the New Jersey and New York areas on the 27th of October. Damage to the Grafton area included a few trees blown down by the high winds, but we were fortunate that no major flooding occurred in the town. We were on the northern edge of the storm but it was a reminder to us that we must be prepared for emergency situations.

The residents of Grafton should make their own preparations for these alerts. Each family should have 7 to 10 days of emergency supplies with ample food, an alternate heating source, battery powered radios, flashlights and plenty of batteries as well as extra blankets and fuel. You should get to know your neighbors and discuss plans with them on how to deal with different types of emergency situations. Be prepared for any special needs you may have that may require extra medications or special equipment.

During wide-scale emergency events, the volunteers will be busy with priority activities such as keeping the Route 4 corridor open and assisting the road agent and his crew to clear other access roads to provide alternate ways to get around blocked areas. The assistance and cooperation of the residents of Grafton is very important and we all need to pull together during emergency situations.

The time to prepare is now. Get together your emergency kits and help your friends and neighbors prepare theirs. Your comfort and safety are very important and we all need to work together to get through emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Babiarz, Emergency Director

Grafton Volunteer Fire Department 2012 Annual Report

Incidents:

Structure Fires	0
Chimney Fires	3
Mutual Aid	7
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	2
Unpermitted Burn	7
Power Line Hazard	6
Vehicle Accidents	13
EMS Assist/Rescue	3
Brush Fires	2
Gas Leaks	1
False Alarms	4
Other	2
Total Incidents	50

There were no structure fires for 2012. We continue to support our mutual aid partners, Canaan, Danbury and Enfield with their structure fires. Likewise, when we have a structure fire, we count on our mutual aid partners for their equipment and well trained manpower for our needs. During wide spread disasters such as hurricane Sandy, we are on our own, directing resources as needed to reestablish infrastructure for mutual aid and other resources.

2012 saw an increase in vehicle accidents. There was one particular accident that occurred head-on in front of the Grafton General Store. This accident required extrication with the "Jaws of Life" in addition to mutual aid from our Canaan partners. The driver of one car had to be airlifted to Dartmouth Medical Center. An Assistant Chief with the Massport Fire-Rescue at Boston-Logan International Airport, James Collins who was a passerby had this to say, "I have responded to many similar calls in my career that have not gone nearly as smooth as this particular call. The compassion and professionalism of the ambulance crew, fire department, and police chief that day was unparalleled. The mutual aid system worked as designed and was seamless." As Fire Chief, I am proud of the efforts that the volunteers put into their training and problem solving.

The mission of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department would not be fulfilled without the efforts of the Firefighters, EMTs, the Grafton Fire Auxiliary, and the members of the public who support us through their generous donations of time and money. I would like to thank two people in particular, who have served for decades and have retired this year. First, is Fire Engineer Richard Williams, who has been with the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department for 63 years. His knowledge, history, experience and his even temperament will be sorely missed. Ellen Williams also retired from the Grafton Fire Auxiliary at the end of this year. During my time working with the Auxiliary and with Ellen, I saw how the first 12-lead cardiac monitor, which was purchased with funds donated to the auxiliary, saved many lives. I saw how the thermal imager helped save many homes with less destruction. This year the auxiliary purchased a hose tester that allowed us to check the safety of our hoses during equipment maintenance sessions so that we could have complete trust in their functioning while we are fighting fires. Thanks again Richard and Ellen and best wishes in your retirement.

John J. Babiarz, Chief

Grafton Historical Society 2012 Year End Report

The Grafton Historical Society continues to build upon our successes in saving and sharing our town's history with the public. Our devoted members and volunteers spent hundreds of hours in 2012 planning fundraising events, preserving several buildings, and maintaining our museum on Library Road. Below is a sampling of our work:

Museum

Our beautiful museum was again open for the season Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Each Sunday between 2 and 4 p.m. we welcomed visitors from all over. In total, seventy one visitors viewed the exhibits in the museum, and judging from comments left in our guest book, all returned home very pleased with their visit. This coming year we will complete the museum's interior millwork and add to the gallery exhibits. Come and see what's new in 2013!

Schoolhouse

At the end of April several students from Bowdoin, Brandeis, and Dartmouth College pitched in to help us work on the Pines Schoolhouse lot. All together, the students and the society repaired and glazed windows, primed and painted the exterior, and did some much-needed yard work. Chuck Evans, of Evans Tree Service, generously donated his time in removing several diseased and overhanging trees from the premises. We plan to complete this exterior restoration project in spring 2013.

Carding Mill

Restoration of the carding mill is our major project. In May Mike Braley and his family donated numerous pine logs that we milled into 5,620 board feet of boards and planks for use in the temporary bracing of the structurally unsound mill building. In late autumn we busied ourselves with shoring up the failing northwest corner, a back-breaking project that will enable the society (under the direction of Sean Frost) to replace the rotting timbers in summer 2013.

East Grafton Union Church

On December 22, the Society hosted a Christmas gathering in the East Grafton Union Church in an effort to unite around and introduce to the community this remarkable landmark. Together with the trustees of the East Grafton Union Church and the board of selectmen, we will develop a partnership whereby we can preserve the church for the public domain.

As you can see, this year was particularly busy for our small society! We continue to fundraise and plan events that engage the Grafton community; this year marked our first annual "Race to Save the Mill," a run that netted us over \$1,300. In addition to the membership dues and calendar sales, this year included generous grants from the Byrne Foundation and Brundage Foundation. Our accomplishments are directly correlated with our dedicated volunteers and townspeople. Next year promises to be even more successful. Won't you join us?

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the museum.

Kenneth R. Cushing, President
Alice Sunnerberg Vice President
Gail Gagnon, Secretary
Jennie Joyce, Treasurer



Society members and runners at the Carding Mill after the "Race to Save the Mill"



Bowdoin, Dartmouth, and Brandeis College students pose in front of the Pines Schoolhouse.

2012 Report from the Library Director

It's been another exciting and busy year at your library. We have been working diligently on improving our collection of media and services to the public. Our entire media catalog is available on-line, and you can peruse over 4800 book titles and almost 900 videos we currently have by going to <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/GraftonLibrary>. We have rejoined the Libraries of the Upper Valley (LUV) Co-Op which brings us about 40 new video titles that rotate once every two months. This year we added two donated laptop computers for public use, bringing the total to four laptops and yet we still occasionally have patrons waiting. We also joined the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium which allows you to freely download thousands of eBooks and audio-books to your personal computer or other hardware device from the comfort of your own home. Stop by or call for the details.

We enjoyed several annual events this year including a winter sliding party to an assortment of delectable treats and hot drinks for the Christmas holiday season. Many folks attended a wonderful memorial and appreciation dedication for our previous librarians, Myrtle Cooper and Mary Gove. We have an engraved granite bench and sundial installed on the front lawn in recognition of their long and honorable service to the town.

Hats off to everyone who donated books and assistance for our annual book sale on the rec field during the Independence Day celebration. We raised over \$300. We are always looking for donations of good books and DVDs for our own library collection or to be used for our annual book sale. (Please, no text books, encyclopedias or condensed books.)

The staff of the library would like to thank the townspeople for all the support received in 2012, especially from the following businesses and folks:

Dereth Dubuc: for running a wonderful summer Book-nics reading program which was well attended.

Laurie Sullivan and Abbie Andrews: for the many books and videos they perpetually donate.

Chester and Barbara Gray: for their financial support.

Ruggles Mine: for once again donating 4 season passes for usage by our patrons.

RV Bob's: for financial support and the donation of an air conditioner.

Pleasant Mt. Orchards: for their annual donation of pumpkins for our carving event.

Grafton Country Store: for the donation of coffee cups and lids for our Kuerig.

Dan and Elaina Bergamini: for the donation of two laptop computers and tech support.

Razor Hill Excavation: for the donation of crushed stone for the librarian memorial.

And now the numbers:

Cataloged Media: 6,617	Books: 5,719	DVDs: 898
Card Holders 254 (47 new)	Patron Visits: 3,521	Media Borrowed: 6,221
Media Donated: 2,248	Media Added: 836	Media withdrawn 1289
Internet Usage: 1,123 (in library, outside use is unmonitored)		Volunteer Hours: 535

As you can see from the above numbers, the library continues to grow at a strong pace. Our patron visits, circulation, and internet use is up 25-30% from last year's numbers (which had been 50% higher than 2010). The staff feels it is time to start moving toward considering a number of improvements to the library building. We have squeezed out as much space as we can in this small lovely building. Of course our greatest wish would be to have bathroom facilities. This is your library and we are very interested in your suggestions and comments in helping us toward our goal of providing the community with a resource for information, recreation, and support services. Please take a moment to stop in and take a peek; you'll be glad you did. As I said in the last library newsletter, "It's all about community."

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Clough, Director; *Sharon Duffy*, Asst. Director; and *Susanne Rowe*, Asst. Librarian

Grafton Police Department 2012

This year has been a success for the Grafton Police Department. Thanks to the part-time patrol money we have been able to accomplish some long overdue preventive policing that has worked. There has been a decline in most criminal activity. Theft is way down, yet it remains an issue. I urge all Grafton residents to keep your eyes open and take notice of anything out of the ordinary. We are much more successful with the help of citizens.

Unfortunately, policing the town has not been as efficient as it could be. We were unable to keep both vehicles on the road for 2012. The 12-year-old vehicle is tired and needs way more repair than it's worth. This created a lot of down time throughout the year. I would like to overcome this issue by asking the people of Grafton to bring back our second car. The vehicle we use daily required well over \$5,000 in maintenance in 2012. My fear is that we will be looking at replacing both vehicles before we are able to replace the oldest vehicle. I know times are tough, I can feel it in my house, however I know that the way we have been spending money on vehicle repairs is not a good use of your tax money.

I would like to thank Norman for all he has done this year, including allowing us the use of his truck. I am grateful as well to the State Police and Enfield Police for all the support they have provided. We would not have been nearly as successful without their help. I really appreciate the support the town gives the department- it helps tremendously in keeping Grafton a great place to live. I look forward to seeing and talking with everyone throughout 2013, so please pull me, Norman, or Merle aside and say "Hi" if you have the time.

Respectfully Submitted, *Police Chief Russell Poitras*

Planning Board Report 2012

The Planning Board has continued to respect the property rights of the residents of Grafton. This has resulted in a huge reduction in taxpayer costs. We are well within our requested budget of \$50.00 and submitted a budget request of \$45.00 for 2013. The 2013 budget request was in line with the warrant article requesting the town budget be reduced by 10 %. The selectman further reduced the budget to 0 but realized that there had to be at least \$1.00 in the account to keep the Planning Board alive financially.

In 2012 there was 1 Annexation, 1 Voluntary Merger and 1 Exempt Division of Property.

The members of the Planning Board would like to thank Bob Hull, Secretary, and Jeremy Olson, Alternate, for volunteering their time to take meeting minutes. The members of the board would also like to thank the voters for rejecting the proposal to change the Planning Board from an elected to an appointed body. The elected members will continue to serve you and be held accountable if we fail to meet your needs.

Recycling Center 2012

2012 at the Recycling Center was a year of hard work:

- We repaired and did preventative maintenance on our equipment.
- The bailers and compactors were serviced.
- The oldest compactor was torn down and given a much needed cleaning and painting.
- It was discovered that the concrete pad under the compactor was rotting away due to the salting of the roadway, so a new concrete pad was laid underneath.
- The old “glass bunker”, which is now used for storage, was repaired so that it won’t fill with water and freeze up as in past years.

A look into 2013:

- Snow removal and sanding has been a problem again this winter. In the coming year we will be looking into what can be done to improve this situation. We may have to purchase some equipment to aid in keeping the Recycling Center safe for public use.
- Storage space is also a big issue. We are a small town and we have to store our bailed recyclables until we get a big enough load to ship out, or we have to split the load with another small town. This is also done to save on hauling fees and tax dollars.
- By state mandate we need to have a building to house tires. Tires are required to be covered to keep them out of the elements for the health of the public (rain water in tires is a breeding ground for mosquitoes).

We continue our recycling efforts, although it is a struggle. Some residents recycle faithfully and a lot do not. We sincerely thank those who do recycle and want them to know that it is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted: *The Recycling Center Crew*

Northeast Resource Recovery Association

Town of Grafton, NH



Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2011	Environmental Impact!
Paper	82.69 tons	Saved 1,406 trees!
Plastic	11.82 tons	Conserved 17,730 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	25 tons	Conserved 34,571 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	13676 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 355,576 hours!

Trustees of the Trust Funds Annual Report for 2012

The Trustees of the Trust Funds made a major decision this year to reinvest all assets, including the capital reserve funds, with Mackensen & Company. The returns have historically exceeded the returns we have experienced to date and the fee is less than the management fee paid to UBS. In 2012, the cemetery funds earned interest amounting to \$2,233.10, of which \$1,573.10 was available for the Common I and Common II Cemetery Trusts and \$860 for the Pine Grove Perpetual Care Trust. This earned interest will be used to defray the cost of cemetery maintenance and is included in the cemetery allocation in the budget for 2013.

The Kilton Fund interest of \$3,233.56 was available for distribution and will be allocated to local nonprofit organizations for promotion of the local health needs of Grafton residents as follows: \$1,500.00 to the Good Neighbor Health Clinic, \$1,250.00 to the Canaan Lions Club with the designation for medical purposes only, and the balance of \$483.56 to the Grafton Senior Citizens Council, earmarked for medical transportation. In addition \$460.00 was distributed to 23 individual residents in the amount of \$20.00 each for a contribution towards medical expenditures on submission of a receipt.

The Barney Flanders and Ruth Leonard Library Trusts, which had fallen below their original trust allocations of \$2,200.00 and \$2,000.00 respectively, were partially restored by capital gains and the interest was transferred to principal at the direction of the Charitable Trusts Division of the N.H. Department of Justice. As can be seen in the MS-10, these funds are now showing principal balances of \$2,030.91 and \$1,726.29. It is hoped that by the end of 2013, with the addition of capital appreciation and income, they will once more contribute to the Library's book purchasing fund, the purpose for which they were established.

The capital reserve funds as per the warrant articles that passed in 2012 expended \$24,829.00 for a new chipper for the Recycling Center and \$16,672.62 for bridge construction. Additions to capital reserve funds were \$20,000.00 to the Bridge Fund, for a net increase to the balance of \$3,237.38, and \$30,000.00 to the Fire Apparatus Fund.

During 2012 the Trustees supervised the draw-down of the Ambulance special checking account to a zero balance. These funds were expended primarily on medical supplies, not included in the Town operating budget.

In March 2012, Pamela Curran stepped down after her term expired and Jeremy J. Olson was elected as the new member of the Board of Trustees. We thank Pam for her services and welcome Jeremy, who is a sterling record-keeper at our meetings, which generally take place in the morning on the last Friday of the month.

Catherine Mulholland

Cynthia E. Mogan

Jeremy J. Olson

**Town Of Grafton
Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds
For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2012**

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL			
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income	Ending Market Value	
PERPETUAL CARE													
1918- Perpetual Care		Lot Maintenance	Common TF	31,920.79	1,491.02	33,411.81	971.61	518.40	1,373.10	116.91	33,528.72	33,528.72	33,528.72
1996													
1990 Pine Grove Cemetery		Lot Maintenance	Common TF	18,750.50	980.17	19,730.67	568.85	305.76	860.00	14.61	19,745.28	19,745.28	19,745.28
Total Perpetual Care				50,671.29	2,471.19	53,142.48	1,540.46	824.16	2,233.10	131.52	53,274.00	53,274.00	53,274.00
LIBRARY													
1945 Barney Flanders		Library	Common TF	1,858.37	242.11	2,100.48	55.54	99.60	155.14	0.00	2,100.48	2,100.48	2,100.48
1977 Ruth Leonard		Library	Common TF	1,579.62	205.80	1,785.42	47.21	84.67	131.88	0.00	1,785.42	1,785.42	1,785.42
Total Library				3,437.99	447.91	3,885.90	102.75	184.27	287.02	0.00	3,885.90	3,885.90	3,885.90
PRIVATE TRUSTS													
1933 Kilton Fund		Health & Medical Services	Common TF	86,521.25	4,043.80	90,565.05	2,674.44	1,406.09	3,233.56	846.97	91,412.02	91,412.02	91,412.02
Total Private Trusts				86,521.25	4,043.80	90,565.05	2,674.44	1,406.09	3,233.56	846.97	91,412.02	91,412.02	91,412.02
PRIVATE TRUSTS - OPERATING ACCOUNTS													
1994 Kilton Fund - Checking Acct		Health & Medical Services	Mascoma Bank - K	3,127.64	-460.00	2,667.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,667.64	2,667.64	2,667.64
2009 Ambulance Fund - Checking		Ambulance	Mascoma Bank - A	3,062.40	-3,062.40	0.00	2.87	0.73	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Private Trusts - Operating Accounts				6,190.04	-3,522.40	2,667.64	2.87	0.73	3.60	0.00	2,667.64	2,667.64	2,667.64

Town Of Grafton
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First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL Principal & Income	Ending Market Value
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year		
TOWN CAPITAL RESERVES											
1970	Highway Department	Equipment	PDIP	26,232.07	0.00	26,232.07	14.79	74.36	0.00	89.15	26,321.22
1982	Bridge Fund	Repairs	PDIP	9,761.30	3,237.38	12,998.68	279.70	37.27	0.00	316.97	13,315.65
1982	Property Tax Revaluations	Revaluation	PDIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1988	Recreation Field Shelter	Recreation	PDIP	38,564.44	0.00	38,564.44	353.45	175.26	0.00	528.71	39,093.15
1999	New Police Cruiser	Equipment	PDIP	23,975.09	0.00	23,975.09	175.63	108.76	0.00	284.39	24,259.48
1999	New Ambulance	Equipment	PDIP	22,614.52	0.00	22,614.52	265.05	103.04	0.00	368.09	22,982.61
2003	Fire Department Apparatus	Equipment	PDIP	33,228.17	30,000.00	63,228.17	150.99	154.94	0.00	305.93	63,534.10
2004	Library Capital Reserve Fund	Library	PDIP	11,211.37	0.00	11,211.37	131.41	51.08	0.00	182.49	11,393.86
2006	Storage Vault	Storage Vault	PDIP	4,285.78	0.00	4,285.78	49.88	12.29	0.00	62.17	4,347.95
2006	Town Hall Repairs	Repairs	PDIP	4,335.11	0.00	4,335.11	55.04	7.83	0.00	62.87	4,397.98
2006	Veterans Park	Maintenance	PDIP	3,148.31	0.00	3,148.31	36.63	9.02	0.00	45.65	3,193.96
2007	Recycling	Recycling	PDIP	62,929.68	-24,829.00	38,100.68	534.56	216.92	0.00	751.48	38,852.16
Total Town Capital Reserves				240,285.84	8,408.38	248,694.22	2,047.13	950.77	0.00	2,997.90	251,692.12
GRAND TOTALS:				387,106.41	11,848.88	398,955.29	6,367.65	3,366.02	5,757.28	3,976.39	402,931.68

2012 Inventory of Town Property					
Map/Lot	Location	Acres	Land Value	Bldg Value	Total
5-0638	Ruggles Mine Road	26.5	39,800		39,800
5-0666	Ruggles Mine Road	32.7	46,600		46,600
5-1143	Blood Road	2	20,100		20,100
6-1051	Razor Hill Cemetery	1.2	77,200		77,200
8-1169	Wild Meadow Road	3.3	13,600		13,600
9-1060	Grafton Pond Road	6.3	8,600		8,600
9-1142	Kinsman Rd. Cemetery	0.5	45,000		45,000
11-0067	Main Street	2.5	82,700		82,700
11-1045	348 Cherry Hill Rd	16	65,900	21,600	87,500
11-1147	Pine Grove Cemetery	3.8	84,500		84,500
11-1150	Highway Dept	4.4	49,100	115,200	164,300
11-1150	Recycle Center			57,600	57,600
11-1152	Huff Beach	0.7	105,300		105,300
11-1155	Main St. Town Common	0.5	17,500		17,500
12-0431-1	Wild Meadow Road	21.3	57,200		57,200
12-0656-5	289 Turnpike Road	5.37	36,100	4,500	40,600
12-1076	Grafton Town Hall	0.7	41,300	111,400	152,700
12-1148	E. Grafton Cemetery	0.5	50,000		50,000
13-0363	478 Wild Meadow Rd	2.9	39,900	21,000	60,900
14-1141	Hardy Hill Rd Cemetery	0.2	36,700		36,700
14-1218	NH Rt 4	3	28,100		28,100
16-0115	224 Prescott Hill Road	4	47,900	36,800	84,700
16-0207	Grafton Rec Field	6.3	46,600	7,600	54,200
16-0258	Williams Hill Road	3.8	31,200		31,200
16-0770	88 Prescott Hill Road	2.73	40,800	5,400	46,200
16-0903-2	Grafton Rec Field	3.68	43,000		43,000
16-0903-3	Grafton Rec Field	3.9	43,700	400	44,100
16-0903-4	Prescott Hill Road	1.8	40,400		40,400
17-1149	Main Street	0.5	50,000		50,000
19-0866	Lafreniere Lane	21.7	26,800		26,800
20-1071	Prescott Hill Cemetery	0.8	71,200		71,200
21-0603	Dean Road	20	25,500		25,500
21-1217	Dean Road	0.1	1,500		1,500
11A-0588	6 Doten Lane	0.56	23,200	6,300	29,500
11B-1224	Main Street	0.1	1,500		1,500
11E-1240	Sally's Point Road	0.1	11,500		11,500
16D-0610	7 Cherry Hill Rd School	0.02	3,000	38,500	41,500
16D-0649	Town Office Bldg	5.35	66,200	237,100	303,300
16D-0649	Volunteer Fire Station			278,300	278,300
16D-0649	Historical Society			74,400	74,400
16D-1210	Library Road	0.09	1,400		1,400
16D-1211	Grafton Library	0.1	18,600	74,500	93,100
Total			\$1,539,200	\$1,090,600	\$2,629,800

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2012
Municipal Services Division

Original Date: _____
Copy (check box if copy) <input type="checkbox"/>
Revision Date: _____

Email Address: equalization@rev.state.nh.us

CITY/TOWN OF GRAFTON IN GRAFTON COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Rev 1707.03(d)(7)

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)
<i>Stephen Darrow</i>	
<i>David Rienzo</i>	
<i>Jennie Joyce</i>	

*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Date Signed 9/5/2012

Check one: Governing Body
Assessors

City/Town Telephone # 603-523-7700

Due date: September 1, 2012

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions tab for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO:

N.H. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
PO BOX 487
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer: Sue Smith
(Print/type)

E-Mail Address: selectmen@townofgrafftonnh.com

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MS - 1

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

FORM MS-1 FOR 2012

PO BOX 487, BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E, F & G List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, C, D & E List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2012 ASSESSED VALUATION BY CITY/TOWN
1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4			
A	Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)	19,319.18	\$1,491,212
B	Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0
C	Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0.05	\$0
D	Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0.05	\$0
E	Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	6,302.12	\$46,588,000
G	Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Utility Land)	125.74	\$470,100
H	Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G)	25,747.14	\$48,549,312
I	Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	487.81	\$2,580,500
2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B			
A	Residential		\$70,562,950
B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$4,081,900
C	Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)		\$1,804,400
D	Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures	1
E	Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	# of Structures	0
F	Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E)		\$76,460,100
G	Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		\$2,628,700
3 UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)			
A	Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)		\$2,492,900
B	Other Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)		\$0
4 MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			\$0
5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$127,502,312
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance)	Total # granted	0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	Total # granted	0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	Total # granted	0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 maximum for each)	Total # granted	0
10	Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a	Total # granted	0
11 MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.			\$127,502,312
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # granted	0
		Amount granted per exemption	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	Total # granted	9
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	Total # granted	0
		Amount granted per exemption	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # granted	5
		Amount granted per exemption	\$10,000
			\$50,000

16 Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	\$0
17 Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	\$0
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	\$0
19 Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV	Total # granted	0	\$0
20 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$237,500
21 NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$127,264,812
22 Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B.			\$2,492,900
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$124,771,912

Additional notes (example: update, reval, changes to exemptions, mapping, increases to value, decreases to value, etc.)

MS - 1

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER	
List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution, and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See instructions page 11)	
WHO APPRAISES AND ESTABLISHES THE UTILITY VALUE IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY?	AVITAR
DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box, if applicable)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES: (Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See instructions page 11)	2012 VALUATION
NH ELECTRIC CO-OP	\$1,489,800
PUBLIC SERVICE OF NH	\$972,100
LIBERTY UTILITIES	\$31,000
	\$0
	\$0
	\$0
	\$0
A1 TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION: (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$2,492,900
GAS COMPANIES	
	\$0
	\$0
	\$0
A2 TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED: (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$0
WATER & SEWER COMPANIES	
	\$0
	\$0
	\$0
A3 TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED: (See page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$0
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2 AND A3). This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, Line 3A.	\$2,492,900
SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies): (Attach additional sheet if needed.)	2012 VALUATION
	\$0
	\$0
	\$0
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B: Total must agree with total on page 2, line 3B.	\$0

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TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit / Optional Veterans' Tax Credit \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city or town	\$500	79	\$39,500
RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$700	0	\$0
RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury...." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$2,000	8	\$16,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		87	\$55,500

* If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit, they count as 2.
* If someone is living at a residence such as brother & sister, and one qualifies, count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:37-b			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$20,000	ASSET LIMITS:
	MARRIED	\$27,000	
			SINGLE
			MARRIED
			\$0
			\$0

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:38-b			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$0	ASSET LIMITS:
	MARRIED	\$0	
			SINGLE
			MARRIED
			\$40,000
			\$50,000

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65-74	0	\$15,000	65-74	1	\$15,000	\$7,500
75-79	0	\$20,000	75-79	4	\$80,000	\$80,000
80+	0	\$25,000	80+	4	\$100,000	\$100,000
			TOTAL	9	\$195,000	\$187,500
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$20,000	ASSET LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$40,000	
	MARRIED	\$27,000		MARRIED	\$50,000	

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF INCENTIVE - RSA 79-E			
ADOPTED:	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
			NUMBER ADOPTED
			0

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CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A				
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	533.62	\$207,139	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	2497.56
FOREST LAND	12,767.95	\$1,040,495	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT TAX YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	5,276.32	\$229,331		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	706.99	\$13,664		TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	34.30	\$583	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	237
TOTAL (must match page 2)	19,319.18	\$1,491,212	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	391

LAND USE CHANGE TAX				
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1, 2011 THRU DEC. 31, 2011).				\$2,580
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION:	PERCENTAGE	0%	AND/OR	DOLLAR AMOUNT
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND				\$0
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND				\$2,580

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B				
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CONSERVATION	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0.00	\$0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0.00
FOREST LAND	0.00	\$0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION DURING CURRENT YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0.00	\$0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0.00	\$0		TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	0.00	\$0	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0
TOTAL	0.00	\$0	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C				
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track, etc.)		
0.00	0	DESCRIPTION		
ASSESSED VALUATION		DESCRIPTION		
\$0		DESCRIPTION		
		DESCRIPTION		

TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES & LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES - RSA 79-F				
TOTAL NUMBER GRANTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION LAND	ASSESSED VALUATION STRUCTURES
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

FORM MS-1 FOR 2012

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historic Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.; Barns, Silos etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
1	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000016 001206 000000	50%
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES		
0.05		
ASSESSED VALUATION		
\$0	L/O	
\$10,850	B/O	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS		
1		

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See Tax Increment Finance Dist Tab for instructions)				
Date of Adoption/Modification				
A Original assessed value				
B + Unretained captured assessed value				
C = Amounts used on page 2 (for tax rate purposes)				
D + Retained captured assessed value (<i>*be sure to manually add this figure when running your warrant</i>)				
E Current assessed value				

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes	
		Number of Acres	
State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357.			
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186.			
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186			
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Other from MS-4, acct. 3186			
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186			
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)			

* RSA 362-A:6 was reinstated, effective 4/1/2006. This statute allows municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities. However, these new PILOT agreements are **also** taxable under RSA 83-F.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 230-5950.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

For Year Ending December 31, 2011

ASSETS	Account No. (a)	Modified Accrual	
		Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 648,034	\$ 596,800
b. Investments	1030	-	-
c. Taxes receivable	1080	280,926	265,742
d. Tax liens receivable	1110	266,827	234,910
e. Accounts receivable	1150	-	-
f. Due from other governments	1260	-	74011
g. Due from other funds	1310	-	-
h. Other current assets	1400	-	-
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670	2,958	55,19
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 1,198,745	\$ 1,226,661
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 2,779	\$ 308,652
b. Compensated absences payable	2030	-	-
c. Contracts payable	2050	-	-
d. Due to other governments	2070	-	-
e. Due to school districts	2075	819,525	736,759
f. Due to other funds	2080	-	-
g. Deferred revenue	2220	-	-
h. Notes payable - Current	2230	-	-
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250	-	-
j. Other payables	2270	3,245	10,927
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 825,549	\$ 1,056,338
Fund equity			
a. Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440	-	-
b. Restricted Fund Balance	2450	-	-
c. Committed Fund Balance	2460	-	-
d. Assigned Fund Balance	2490	145,132	137,259
e. Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	228,064	33,064
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 373,196	\$ 170,323
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		\$ 1,198,745	\$ 1,226,661

Note: This is a copy of Page 6 of the MS-5 Report for the year ending December 31, 2011. The entire 9 page report is available at the Selectmen's Office.

Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

March 13, 2012

(Form MS-2)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	\$44,000
Elections/Town Clerk	38,196
Financial Administration	39,044
Property Reappraisal	25,060
Legal Expenses	10,000
FICA & Medicare	23,925
Planning Board	50
General Government Buildings	51,200
Cemeteries	6,200
Insurance	92,046
Advertising and Regional Dues	1,500
Contingency	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	116,293
Ambulance	12,830
Fire Department	16,000
Building Inspection	100
Emergency Management	1,000
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	
Highways Department (includes WA #5)	339,000
Street Lights	2,000
SANITATION	
Solid Waste	92,000
HEALTH/WELFARE	
Health Department	10,964
General Assistance	33,000
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	2,200
Library (includes WA # 12)	12,034
Patriotic Purposes	300
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on TAN (tax anticipation note)	9,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
To Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Total Voted Appropriations	\$1,029,942

Revised Estimated Revenues for 2012

(Form MS-4)

Land Use Change Tax	\$0
Timber Tax	8,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. yd.)	32
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	160,000
Building Permits	75
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	10,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	60,010
Highway Block Grant	132,451
Other (WA #13)	9,973
Sale of Municipal Property	60,000
Interest of Investments	150
Other (WA #16)	2240
From Capital Reserve Funds (WA #4)	24,829
From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	6,651
<i>Subtotal of Revenues</i>	\$519,411
Voted from Fund Balance	0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	0
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$519,411
<i>Requested Overlay (RSA 76:6)</i>	<u>\$15,000</u>

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration

**STATE EDUCATION TAX WARRANT
FOR TAX YEAR 2012**

December 1, 2011

To the Selectmen or Assessors of **GRAFTON**

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 76:8, you are hereby required to assess the sum of **\$295,857** for the 2012 Education Tax. Per RSA 76:3, this amount is based on a uniform rate of \$2.390/1000 of the 2010 equalized valuation without utilities in the amount of **\$123,789,654**.

Barbara J. Robinson
Director
Municipal Services

**Department of Revenue Administration
Municipal Services Division
2012 Tax Rate Calculation**

TOWN/CITY: GRAFTON

Gross Appropriations	1,029,942
Less: Revenues	519,411
Less: Shared Revenues	0
Add: Overlay	14,196
War Service Credits	55,500

Net Town Appropriation	580,227
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town Tax Effort	\$580,227	Town Rate 4.57
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Appropriation – Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,515,516
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(713,493)
State Education Taxes	(295,857)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	\$1,506,166	Local School Rate 11.83
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EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	123,789,654	\$2.390	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	124,771,912	\$295,857	State School Rate 2.37

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	205,498
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Approved County Tax Effort	205,498	County Rate 1.61
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Total Rate 20.38

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,587,748
Less: War Service Credits	(55,500)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,532,248

PROOF OF RATE

		Tax Rate	Assessment
Net Assessed Valuation			
State Education Tax (no utilities)	124,771,912	2.37	295,857
All Other Taxes	127,264,812	18.01	2,291,891
Total			2,587,748

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

<i>Balance January 1, 2012</i>		\$273,280.45
Received From:		
Town Clerk	\$170,687.86	
Trustees of the Trust Funds	\$41,591.62	
Selectmen	\$159,888.07	
State of New Hampshire	\$632,253.53	
Treasurer		
Transfer from Money Market	\$185,000.00	
Line of Credit Advance	\$350,000.00	
Interest (Checking Account)	22.59	
Total from Treasurer	\$535,022.59	
Adjustment to Account	\$503.74	
2011 Property Tax Outstanding	\$1,406.00	
Tax Collector	\$2,648,470.52	
Total Receipts to December 31, 2012		\$1,541,353.41
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		(\$3,810,769.71)
Balance December 31, 2012		-\$1,996,135.85

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

<i>Town Clerk Detail:</i>		<i>Selectmen Detail:</i>	
Auto Permits	\$160,932.61	Sale of Town Property	\$150,955.61
State Fees	\$5,733.00	Sale of History Books	\$490.00
Auto Title	\$598.00	Permits & Fees	\$380.00
UCC	\$240.00	Refunds	\$7,962.46
Dog Licenses	\$1,792.00	Perpetual Care	\$100.00
Dog Fines	\$230.00	Total	\$159,888.07
Marriage Certificates	\$150.00		
Birth Certificates	\$75.00	<i>Trustees of the Trust Funds</i>	
Death Certificates	\$140.00	<i>(Capital Reserves) Detail:</i>	
Pole Petition	\$10.00	Recycling Center	\$24,829.00
Sale of History Books	\$105.00	Bridge Replacement	\$16,762.62
Sale of Town Property	\$627.25	Total	\$41,591.62
Filing State Fees	\$10.00		
Marriage License	\$45.00	<i>State of NH Detail:</i>	
Total	\$170,687.86	Highway Block Grant	\$132,451.23
		Rooms & Meals Tax	\$60,000.11
<i>Treasurer Detail:</i>		FEMA - Irene	\$133,120.32
Transfer from Money Market	\$185,000.00	Bridge Replacements	\$306,681.87
Advance from Line of Credit	\$350,000.00	Total	\$632,253.53
Checking Account Interest	\$22.59		
Total	\$535,022.59		

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

Tax Collector Detail:

Property Tax	2012	\$2,194,739.09
Property Tax Interest	2012	\$2,375.94
Property Tax	2011	\$259,831.84
Property Tax Interest	2011	\$25,131.75
Property Tax	2010	\$43,313.88
Property Tax Interest	2010	\$8,386.20
Property Tax	2009	\$26,841.86
Property Tax Interest	2009	\$8,495.28
Property Tax	2008	\$17,612.26
Property Tax Interest	2008	\$6,944.27
Property Tax	2007	\$8,807.90
Property Tax Interest	2007	\$7,014.28
Property Tax	2006	\$2,749.41
Property Tax Interest	2006	\$1,315.56
Property Tax	2005	\$768.24
Property Tax Interest	2005	\$70.62
Property Tax	2004	\$129.73
Property Tax Interest	2004	\$1,220.87
Property Tax	2003	\$1,909.00
Property Tax Interest	2003	\$4,326.53
Property Tax	2002	\$1,343.89
Property Tax Interest	2002	\$1,959.98
Current Use Tax		\$0.00
Timber Tax		\$9,687.52
Gravel Tax		\$149.24
Excavation Tax		\$0.00
Overpayments		\$13,345.38
Total		\$2,648,470.52

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

AMBULANCE SOFT PAY	
Balance January 1, 2012	\$57,934.26
Receipts:	
Medicare Deposits	16,070.22
Comstar Deposits	16,796.05
Total Receipts	\$32,866.27
Payments:	
Aaron Dugan	(50.51)
Airgas East	(632.21)
Boundtree	(1,442.02)
Canaan Fast Squad	(119.00)
Carol Goodman	(200.00)
Carol Goodwin	(300.00)
Comstar	(3,158.88)
Dotti Ernst	(941.59)
Frank's Services	(159.90)
Galls	(268.44)
HPH Health Plans	(1,107.00)
Kathleen Lund	(70.00)
Lebanon Fire Dept.	(1,420.00)
New London Hosp.	(270.00)
Ossipee Mt. Elect.	(625.51)
Staples	(80.99)
Stephen Darrow	(523.00)
Town of Hanover	(2,374.70)
Total Payments	(\$13,743.75)
Balance December 31, 2012	\$77,056.78

FIRE DEPT. INSURANCE	
Balance January 1, 2012	\$137,243.02
Receipts:	
Interest	\$137.69
Total Receipts	\$137.69
Balance December 31, 2012	\$137,380.71

MONEY MARKET	
Balance January 1, 2012	\$188,576.64
Deposits:	
Interest	\$141.91
Total Deposits	\$141.91
Transfer to Checking	(\$185,000.00)
Balance December 31, 2012	\$3,718.55

RECREATION ACCOUNT	
Balance January 1, 2012	\$4,558.75
Receipts:	
Breakfast Proceeds	83.00
Rabies Clinic	342.00
Donations	3,499.51
Reimbursement	1,100.00
Advetising	1,410.00
Total Receipts	\$6,434.51
Payments:	
American Thunder	
Fireworks	(4,750.00)
Ken Sheldon	(250.00)
Fry Daddy Band	(600.00)
Backwood Brnyd.	(250.00)
Ed Grinley	(73.44)
Staples	(99.00)
Total Payments	(\$6,022.44)
Balance December 31, 2012	\$4,970.82

SOLID WASTE ACCOUNT	
Balance January 1, 2012	\$28,690.44
Receipts:	
Sale of Town Prop.	17,882.87
Trustees Trust Funds	2,000.00
Total Receipts	\$19,882.87
Payments:	
Wesley Joyce	(\$9,576.55)
Newport Sand & Gravel	(\$3,068.75)
Reimbursement to Town	(\$1,503.20)
MB Tractor & Equipment	(\$2,000.00)
NRRA	(\$998.24)
Bruce Beckford	(\$250.00)
Barker Steel	(\$154.00)
J&M Welding	(\$150.00)
Canaan Hardware	(\$191.42)
Vinnie's Truck Repair	(571.58)
Total Payment	(\$18,463.74)
Balance December 31, 2012	\$30,109.57

JUNE L. BURRINGTON, TREASURER

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of GRAFTON Year Ending 12/31/2012

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2012	2011	2010	2009+
Property Taxes	#3110		\$264,839.84	\$0.00	\$902.15
Resident Taxes	#3180		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change	#3120			\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	#3189		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance**		(\$3,122.81)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		(\$936.79)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			For DRA Use Only		
Property Taxes	#3110	\$2,541,226.00	\$0.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Land Use Change	#3120	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$19,461.27	\$0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$149.24	\$0.00		
Utility Charges	#3189	\$0.00	\$0.00		
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$167.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$2,375.94	\$24,714.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$2,559,320.54	\$289,554.26	\$0.00	\$902.15

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as positive amount for this year's levy.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of GRAFTON Year Ending 12/31/2012

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of 2012	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2011	2010	2009+
Property Taxes	\$2,209,689.24	\$139,325.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$9,687.52		\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$2,375.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$149.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	\$0.00	\$110,496.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	(\$2,541.56)			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$654.00	\$246.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$6,926.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utility Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$8,021.00	\$13,684.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	322,861.76	1,086.23	0.00	902.15
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,847.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance**	(1,350.35)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**				
TOTAL CREDITS	2,559,320.54	289,554.26	0.00	902.15

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of GRAFTON Year Ending 12/31/2012**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2012	2011	2010	2009+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128,799.42	\$200,665.68
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$125,796.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$0.00	\$417.27	\$8,386.20	\$31,406.58
TOTAL DEBITS	\$0.00	\$126,213.30	\$137,185.62	\$232,072.26

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2012	2011	2010	2009+
Redemptions		\$0.00	\$10,009.49	\$43,313.88	\$60,103.16
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$0.00	\$417.27	\$8,386.20	\$31,406.58
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,514.06	\$1,735.91
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,623.05	\$52,309.44
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	\$0.00	\$115,786.54	\$67,348.43	\$86,517.17
TOTAL CREDITS		\$0.00	\$126,213.30	\$137,185.62	\$232,072.26

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Bonnie J. Haubrich DATE _____

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Statement of Accounts FY 2012

LIBRARY APPROPRIATION for 2012		\$9,794.00	
Salaries		(\$5,413.00)	
Reimbursement to Library			
Books	(\$659.40)		
Misc.	(\$174.21)		
Supplies	(\$297.39)		
Total Reimbursement		(\$1,131.00)	
Transfer to Library (budget offset)		(\$3,250.00)	
Over/Under Budget			\$0.00

CHECKING ACCOUNT #****3604			
Beginning Balance 01-01-12			\$2,274.22
Receipts			
Town Reimbursement	\$1,131.00		
Unanticipated Funds	\$863.41		
Donations for Books	\$630.00		
Transfers In			
From Town (budget offset)	\$3,250.00		
From Closed CDs	\$31,859.46		
From Savings #***0253	\$997.33		
Total Transfers In		\$36,106.79	
Total Receipts			\$38,731.20
Disbursements			
Capital Expense	(\$200.19)		
Professional Development	(\$375.75)		
Printing	(\$361.87)		
Supplies	(\$228.60)		
Programs	(\$108.96)		
Postage & Fees	(\$50.00)		
WA# 16 (2012)	(\$997.33)		
Total Disbursements		(\$2,322.70)	
Transfers Out			
To Town (budget offset)	(\$3,250.00)		
To Checking #****9092	(\$2,819.00)		
To New CDs	(\$22,250.00)		
To Savings #****1789	(\$6,258.23)		
Total Transfers Out		(\$34,577.23)	
Total Disbursements & Transfers			(\$36,899.93)
Ending Balance 12-31-12			\$4,105.49

CHECKING ACCOUNT #****9092			
Beginning Balance 3-21-12			\$0.00
Receipts			
Transfers In From #****3604	\$2,819.00		
Refunds	\$47.35		
Total Receipts			\$2,866.35
Disbursements			
Materials	(\$1,950.15)		
Supplies	(\$664.97)		
Postage & Fees	(\$113.82)		
Total Disbursements		(\$2,728.94)	
Balance as of 12-31-12			\$137.41

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	#***0253			
Cooper Memorial Fund				
Beginning Balance	01-01-12		\$2,240.57	
Transfer Out - to Acct. #****3604			(\$997.33)	
Interest			\$0.97	
Ending Balance	12-31-12			\$1,244.21
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	#****1789			
Trust Fund Income				
Beginning Balance	11-13-12		\$0.00	
Transfers In - from #****3604			\$6,258.23	
Interest			0.41	
Balance as of	12-31-12			\$6,258.64
OTHER ASSETS				
Mascoma Bank CD	#****9030	<i>closed 3-09-12</i>		
Burnham Fund				
Beginning Balance	01-01-12		\$22,687.68	
Interest (0.20%)			\$11.78	
Transfer Out - to Acct. #****3604			(\$22,699.46)	
Ending Balance	12-31-12			\$0.00
Mascoma Bank CD	#****4942	<i>closed 7-16-12</i>		
Braley Fund				
Beginning Balance	01-01-12		\$5,786.67	
Interest (0.65%)			\$22.10	
Transfer Out - to Acct. #****3604			(\$5,808.77)	
Ending Balance	12-31-12			\$0.00
Mascoma Bank CD	#****0346	<i>closed 5-08-12</i>		
Savings Investment Fund				
Beginning Balance	12-01-12		\$3,385.11	
Interest (1.93%)			\$27.31	
Transfer Out - to Acct. #****3604			(\$3,412.42)	
Ending Balance	12-31-12			\$0.00
Mascoma Bank CD	#****9818	<i>maturity date 5-13-13</i>		
Mildred Braley Trust Fund				
Beginning Balance	11-13-12		\$0.00	
Transfer In - from #****3604			\$5,000.00	
Interest (0.349%)			\$1.43	
Balance as of	12-31-12			\$5,001.43
Mascoma Bank CD	#****9800	<i>maturity date 5-13-13</i>		
Burnham Trust Fund				
Beginning Balance	11-13-12		\$0.00	
Transfer In - from #****3604			\$17,250.00	
Interest (0.349%)			\$4.95	
Balance as of	12-31-12			\$17,254.95
TOTAL ASSETS				\$34,002.13

Compiled By: Margaret M. Emslie, Trustee/Treasurer

20-Feb-2012

2012 DETAILED STATEMENT of PAYMENTS

	<i>2012 Expended</i>	<i>2012 Budget</i>	<i>Over / (Under) Budget</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
<i>Executive</i>			
Miscellaneous	5,167.75	1000.00	4,167.75
Postage	1,041.05	1500.00	(458.95)
Subscriptions	447.94	40.00	407.94
Supplies	737.14	1597.00	(859.86)
Wages	41,957.75	39863.00	2,094.75
Subtotal Executive	\$ 49,351.63	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 5,351.63
<i>Elections/Town Clerk</i>			
Supervisors of the Checklist			
Miscellaneous	175.40		175.40
Supplies	266.95		266.95
Wages	1,360.12		1,360.12
Total Supervisors	1,802.47	0.00	1,802.47
Town Clerk			
Elections	4,519.45	4,698.00	(178.55)
License Fees to State	1,123.50	1,000.00	123.50
License Fees to Clerk	12,468.00	14,000.00	(1,532.00)
Postage	1,045.36	1,150.00	(104.64)
Supplies	511.48	750.00	(238.52)
Training	474.00	800.00	(326.00)
Wages	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00
Wages, Election	1,500.00	1,975.00	(475.00)
Total Town Clerk	25,491.79	28,223.00	(2,731.21)
Subtotal Elections/Town Clerk	\$ 27,294.26	\$ 28,223.00	\$ (928.74)
<i>Financial Administration</i>			
<i>Financial Administration</i>			
Audit	2,827.00		
Miscellaneous	0.57		
Printing	1,331.00		
Property Registration Charges	889.33		
Supplies	979.72		
Wages	6,126.00		
Total Financial Administration	12,153.62	24,944.00	(12,790.38)
<i>Tax Collector</i>			
Lien Processing Fees	0.00	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Postage	2,123.90	2,200.00	(76.10)
Supplies	393.26	2,000.00	(1,606.74)
Training	168.00	200.00	(32.00)
Wages	9,589.00	5,200.00	4,389.00
Total Tax Collector	12,274.16	14,100.00	(1,825.84)
Subtotal Financial Administration	\$ 24,427.78	\$ 39,044.00	\$ (14,616.22)

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont.)

	<i>2012 Expended</i>	<i>2012 Budget</i>	<i>Over / (Under) Budget</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (cont.)			
<i>Reappraisal of Property</i>			
Miscellaneous	24,499.64	25,060.00	(560.36)
Subtotal Reappraisal of Property	\$ 24,499.64	\$ 25,060.00	\$ (560.36)
<i>Legal Expenses</i>			
Miscellaneous	7,120.45	10,000.00	(2,879.55)
Subtotal Legal Expenses	\$ 7,120.45	\$ 10,000.00	
<i>FICA (SS & Medicare)</i>			
Miscellaneous	19,029.87	23,925.00	(4,895.13)
Subtotal FICA	\$ 19,029.87	\$ 23,925.00	\$ (4,895.13)
<i>Planning Board</i>			
Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Subtotal Planning Board	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
<i>General Government Buildings</i>			
Computer Support	10,752.42		
Electric Bills	9,524.15		
Equipment	2,592.99		
Equipment Maintenance	1,280.75		
Heating Fuel	15,739.99		
Miscellaneous	4,643.87		
Mowing & Trash Removal	2,700.00		
Phone Bills	11,535.34		
Repairs	619.13		
Security	1,240.00		
Supplies	511.19		
Wages	2,475.00		
Subtotal General Govt. Bldgs.	\$ 63,614.83	\$ 51,200.00	\$ 12,414.83
<i>Cemeteries</i>			
Supplies	413.45		
Wages	6,582.50		
Subtotal Cemeteries	\$ 6,995.95	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 795.95
<i>Insurance</i>			
General Liability Insurance	21,801.91	22,684.00	(882.09)
Health Insurance	47,921.99	50,994.00	(3,072.01)
Life and Disability Insurance	1,258.92	1,762.00	(503.08)
Unemployment	6,277.00	6,277.00	0.00
Worker's Compensation	10,329.00	10,329.00	0.00
Subtotal Insurance	\$ 87,588.82	\$ 92,046.00	\$ (4,457.18)

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont.)	<i>2012 Expended</i>	<i>2012 Budget</i>	<i>Over / (Under) Budget</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (cont.)			
<i>Advertising & Regional Dues</i>			
Dues	1,196.99		
Public Hearings	23.04		
<i>Subtotal Ads & Regional Dues</i>	\$ 1,220.03	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (279.97)
<i>Contingency</i>			
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<i>Subtotal Contingency</i>	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.	\$ 311,143.26	\$ 323,248.00	\$ (12,104.74)
 PUBLIC SAFETY			
<i>Police</i>			
Ammunition	629.30	450.00	179.30
Animal Care	1,000.00	2,000.00	(1,000.00)
Dispatch Fees & Pager Rental	14,422.00	17,878.00	(3,456.00)
Fuel	6,537.29	8,000.00	(1,462.71)
Legal Services	3,551.00	5,000.00	(1,449.00)
Miscellaneous	4,136.53	0.00	4,136.53
Postage & Box Rental	89.00	90.00	(1.00)
Repairs	5,501.59	3,000.00	2,501.59
Retirement - Town Paid	8,678.16	6,000.00	2,678.16
Supplies	1,410.79	1,425.00	(14.21)
Training	176.95	1,000.00	(823.05)
Uniforms / Safety Equipment	2,529.28	1,950.00	579.28
Wages	47,344.45	49,500.00	(2,155.55)
<i>Subtotal Police</i>	\$ 96,006.34	\$ 96,293.00	\$ (286.66)
<i>Ambulance</i>			
CLIA Fee	150.00		
Fuel	883.81		
Medical Supplies	5,033.75		
Postage & Box Rental	78.60		
Supplies	656.90		
Training	2,191.30		
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	3911.31		
<i>Subtotal Ambulance</i>	\$ 12,905.67	\$ 12,830.00	\$ 75.67

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont.)

	<i>2012 Expended</i>	<i>2012 Budget</i>	<i>Over / (Under) Budget</i>
PUBLIC SAFETY (cont.)			
<i>Fire Department</i>			
Dispatch Fees	2,128.20	2,200.00	(71.80)
Equipment	7,201.24	6,355.00	846.24
Extinguishers	229.00	0.00	229.00
Fuel	660.94	1,000.00	(339.06)
Maintenance	1,676.44	3,750.00	(2,073.56)
Miscellaneous	50.00	200.00	(150.00)
Postage & Box Rental	44.00	45.00	(1.00)
Repairs	981.51	0.00	981.51
Supplies	782.76	200.00	582.76
Training	0.00	2,250.00	(2,250.00)
Subtotal Fire Department	\$ 13,754.09	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (2,245.91)
<i>Emergency Management</i>			
Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Subtotal Emergency Management	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
<i>Fire Warden</i>			
Wages	660.70	1,000.00	(339.30)
Other	309.38	0.00	309.38
Subtotal Fire Warden	\$ 970.08	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (29.92)
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 123,636.18	\$ 126,223.00	\$ (2,586.82)

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

<i>Highway Department</i>			
Chloride	9,936.00	2,000.00	7,936.00
Culverts	5,968.00	5,000.00	968.00
Drug, Alcohol & DOT Testing	236.50	1,000.00	(763.50)
Fuel	27,236.68	40,000.00	(12,763.32)
Miscellaneous	243.62	0.00	243.62
Paving & Patching	24,961.17	20,000.00	4,961.17
Repairs, Parts & Supplies	43,877.31	40,000.00	3,877.31
Salt	4,346.06	10,000.00	(5,653.94)
Sand & Gravel	77,690.00	66,000.00	11,690.00
Uniforms & Shoes	2,310.41	4,400.00	(2,089.59)
Wages	108,758.53	120,600.00	(11,841.47)
Subtotal Highway Department	\$ 305,564.28	\$ 309,000.00	\$ (3,435.72)
<i>Street Lights</i>			
Miscellaneous	2,355.61	2,000.00	355.61
Subtotal Street Lights	\$ 2,355.61	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 355.61
TOTAL HIGHWAY & STREETS	\$ 307,919.89	\$ 311,000.00	\$ (3,080.11)

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont.)

	<i>2012 Expended</i>	<i>2012 Budget</i>	<i>Over / (Under) Budget</i>
SOLID WASTE			
<i>Solid Waste</i>			
Dumping Fees	32,888.18		
Hauling	15,602.55		
Miscellaneous	692.31		
Repairs	4,250.62		
Supplies	1,268.40		
Uniforms	439.43		
Wages	34005.88		
Well Testing	1913.00		
<i>Subtotal Solid Waste</i>	\$ 91,060.37	\$ 92,000.00	\$ (939.63)
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	\$ 91,060.37	\$ 92,000.00	\$ (939.63)

HEALTH AND WELFARE

<i>Health Agencies</i>			
Grafton Co. Senior Citizens Council	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Mascoma Health Initiative	944.00	944.00	0.00
Visiting Nurse Association	5,200.00	5,200.00	0.00
West Central Behavioral Services	1,320.00	1,320.00	0.00
<i>Subtotal Health Agencies</i>	\$ 10,964.00	\$ 10,964.00	\$ -
<i>Health Officer</i>			
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Subtotal Health Officer</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Public Assistance</i>			
Food	100.97		
Fuel	2,516.32		
Miscellaneous	1,222.20		
Rent	3,800.00		
Utilities	672.78		
Wages	1,800.00		
<i>Subtotal Public Assistance</i>	\$ 10,112.27	\$ 33,000.00	\$ (22,887.73)
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 21,076.27	\$ 43,964.00	\$ (22,887.73)

CULTURE AND RECREATION

<i>Parks & Recreation</i>			
Miscellaneous	2,122.40	2,200.00	(77.60)
<i>Subtotal Parks & Recreation</i>	\$ 2,122.40	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (77.60)

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont.)	<i>2012 Expended</i>	<i>2012 Budget</i>	<i>Over / (Under) Budget</i>
CULTURE AND RECREATION (cont.)			
<i>Library</i>			
Authorized Transfers	3,250.00		
Books	659.40		
Miscellaneous	174.21		
Supplies	297.39		
Wages	5,413.00		
Subtotal Library	\$ 9,794.00	\$ 9,794.00	\$ -
<i>Patriotic Purposes</i>			
Patriotic / Veteran	279.38	300.00	(20.62)
Subtotal Patriotic Purposes	\$ 279.38	\$ 300.00	\$ (20.62)
TOTAL CULTURE AND REC.	\$ 12,195.78	\$ 12,294.00	\$ (98.22)
DEBT SERVICE			
<i>Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)</i>	129.45	9,000.00	(8,870.55)
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 129.45	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (8,870.55)
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$ 867,161.20	\$ 917,729.00	\$ (50,567.80)
NON-OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES			
FEMA Grant Monies for Tropical Storm Irene		\$109,216.87	
Capital Reserve Expenditures for Bridge Work		\$635,818.68	
Warrant Article # 5 for Paving		\$30,000.00	
Warrant Article # 8 for Part-Time Police Officer		\$19,903.38	
General Fund Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund			
Warrant Article # 5 for Fire Apparatus		\$30,000.00	
Warrant Article # 6 for Bridge Fund		\$20,000.00	
Grafton County Tax for 2012		\$205,498.00	
Mascoma School District for 2012		\$1,893,171.58	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES		\$2,943,608.51	
GRAND TOTAL			\$3,810,769.71

2102 Payroll Summary by Employee

Name	Department	Wages	Amount	Totals
Bailey, Darlene	Elections	Regular	\$75.00	
	Tax Collector	Regular	\$270.00	\$345.00
Basset, Robert	Highway	Regular	\$41,372.10	
	"	Overtime	\$2,301.75	\$43,673.85
Boucher, Howard	Highway	Regular	\$10,380.00	
	"	Overtime	\$697.51	\$11,077.51
Burrington, June	Financial	Stipend	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Campbell, Dorothy	Moderator	Regular	\$500.00	\$500.00
Clough, Debra	Library	Regular	\$3,755.00	
	Elections	Regular	\$75.00	\$3,830.00
Conley, Marguerite	Elections	Regular	\$355.26	\$355.26
Curran, George	Elections	Regular	\$174.00	\$174.00
Curran, Pamela	Elections	Regular	\$75.00	\$75.00
Cushing, Kenneth	Fire Warden	Regular	\$227.34	\$227.34
Daigneault, Norman	Police	Regular	\$3,101.00	
	"	WA #8	\$17,573.50	\$20,674.50
Danforth, Lloyd	Elections	Regular	\$213.88	\$213.88
Darrow, Stephen	Executive	Stipend	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dimond, Douglas	Highway	Regular	\$30,937.50	
	"	Overtime	\$2,206.91	\$33,144.41
Duffy, Sharon	Library	Regular	\$110.00	\$110.00
Emslie, Margaret	Executive	Regular	\$1,557.50	
	"	Contract	\$1,200.00	\$2,757.50
Frost, Sean	Fire Warden	Regular	\$433.36	\$433.36
Frost, Susan	Elections	Regular	\$225.00	\$225.00

Payroll Summary (cont.)

	Department	Wages	Amount	Totals
Gallup, Louise	Elections	Regular	\$300.00	
	Executive	Stipend	\$300.00	\$600.00
Gauthier, Rhonda	Town Clerk	Regular	\$247.50	
	"	Auto Fees	\$309.00	
	"	State Fees	\$288.00	
	"	Title Fees	\$12.00	
	"	Other Fees	\$15.00	\$871.50
Grinley, Edward	Cemetery	Stipend	\$300.00	
	"	Regular	\$525.00	
	Gen. Gov. Bldg.	Contract	\$1,750.00	\$2,575.00
Haubrich, Bonnie	Tax Collector	Stipend	\$4,975.00	
	"	Fees	\$4,344.00	
	Town Clerk	Stipend	\$2,822.50	
	"	Auto Fees	\$5,109.00	
	"	State Fees	\$4,956.00	
	"	Title Fees	\$522.00	
	"	Other Fees	\$346.00	\$23,074.50
Hill, Dennis	Highway	Regular	\$14,426.25	
	"	Overtime	\$112.51	\$14,538.76
Holland, Roy	Police	WA #8	\$220.50	\$220.50
Jackson, Richard	Solid Waste	Regular	\$10,477.17	\$10,477.17
Joyce Sr., Wesley	Solid Waste	Regular	\$11,334.95	\$11,334.95
Joyce, James	Highway	Regular	\$6,324.00	
	Solid Waste	Regular	\$4,479.44	\$10,803.44
Joyce, Jennie	Executive	Stipend	\$2,000.00	
	Solid Waste	Regular	\$95.76	\$2,095.76
Kampen, Jesse	Cemetery	Regular	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00
Kenyon, Merle	Police	Regular	\$743.37	
	"	WA #8	\$703.50	\$1,446.87
Mason Jr., Robert	Cemetery	Regular	\$3,775.00	\$3,775.00

Payroll Summary (cont.)

	Department	Wages	Amount	Totals
Mogan, Cynthia	Executive	Stipend	\$300.00	\$300.00
Morse, Keary	Public Assistance	Stipend	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mullholland, Catherine	Executive	Stipend	\$300.00	\$300.00
O'Reilly, Maureen	Public Assistance	Stipend	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Phelps, Joe	Cemetery	Regular	\$742.50	\$742.50
Pierson, Sandra	Financial	Regular	\$411.00	\$411.00
Poitras, Russell	Police	Regular	\$43,500.08	\$43,500.08
Rowe, Susanne	Library	Regular	\$1,530.00	\$1,530.00
Smith, Genevieve	Elections	Regular	\$300.00	\$300.00
Smith, Scott	Solid Waste	Regular	\$574.56	\$574.56
Smith, Sue	Executive	Regular	\$33,148.13	
	"	Overtime	\$652.12	\$33,800.25
Snow, Debra	Financial	Regular	\$1,715.00	\$1,715.00
Stockwell, Michelle	Solid Waste	Regular	\$7,044.00	\$7,044.00
Stone, Kami	Town Clerk	Regular	\$780.00	
	"	Auto Fees	\$435.00	
	"	State Fees	\$435.00	
	"	Title Fees	\$38.00	
	"	Other Fees	\$3.00	\$1,691.00
Warren, Mary	Elections	Regular	\$616.98	\$616.98
Warren, McWilson	Elections	Regular	\$300.00	\$300.00
Williams, Ellen	Library	Regular	\$18.00	\$18.00
Wilson, Jessie	Elections	Regular	\$150.00	\$150.00
Wood, Robin	Gen. Govt. Bldgs.	Regular	\$725.00	\$725.00
Grand Totals			\$302,388.43	\$302,388.43

2012 Warrant for the Town of Grafton

State of New Hampshire

****As Amended at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2012****

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, 2012 at 9:00 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 13th of March, 2012** 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; Treasurer -1 year; Moderator - 2 years; Budget Committee - 3 years; Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 years; Library Trustee - 3 years; Cemetery Trustee - 3 years; Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 years; Planning Board - 3 years; and Planning Board - 3 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 \$917,729. **(amended at Deliberative Session)** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$906,655, 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. NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include special or individual warrant articles.

General Government

Executive	\$44,000
Elections/Town Clerk	28,223
Financial Administration	39,044
Reappraisal of Property	25,060
Legal Expense (Amended at Deliberative Session)	10,000
FICA & Medicare	23,925
Planning Board (Amended at Deliberative Session)	50
General Government Buildings	51,200
Cemeteries (Amended at Deliberative Session)	6,200
Insurance	92,046
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$323,248

Public Safety

Police (Amended at Deliberative Session)	\$96,293
Ambulance	12,830
Fire Department	16,000
Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	1,000
Subtotal	\$126,223

Highway and Streets

Highway and Streets	\$309,000
Street Lights	2,000
Subtotal	\$311,000

Solid Waste	\$92,000
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Health and Welfare	
Health Agencies	\$10,964
Health Officer	0
Public Assistance	33,000
Subtotal	\$43,964
Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	\$2,200
Library	9,794
Patriotic Purposes	300
Subtotal	\$12,294
Debt Service	
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$9,000
<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>(Amended at Deliberative Session)</u>
	<u>\$917,729</u>

- 3) To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 72:37 (tax exemption for the blind). If approved, those meeting the appropriate criteria will receive a \$15,000 exemption on their property assessment. This Article appears at the direction of the Department of Revenue Administration.
- 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of paving town roads.
- 5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 6) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed into the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 7) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1A for the purpose of constructing a new town office building and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed into this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen to act as agents to expend.
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 8) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time police officer. If Article # 2 (the operating budget) passes this article will be null and void.
(Amended at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2012. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time police officer.")
- 9) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars (\$26,515) to purchase a 2012 Ford F250 with plow and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund with six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars (\$6,515) to be raised by taxation.
- 10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$36,964) for the purchase of a new police vehicle and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing \$18,000 from the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of \$18,964 to be raised by taxation. **(Amended at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2012. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$36,964) for the purchase of a new police vehicle. To fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the already established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and twelve thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$12,964) coming from taxation.")** The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.

- 11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the restoration of the Town's historical records.
- 12) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,895 for the purpose of paying the Grafton Library staff in order for the Grafton Public Library to be open two hours daily, Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, while the Public Schools are in session starting April of 2012. **(By Petition) (Amended at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2012. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,895 for the purpose of paying the Grafton Library staff so that the Grafton Public Library may be open two hours daily, Monday through Thursday, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, while public schools are in session starting April 2012.")**
The Selectmen do not recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.
- 13) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand nine hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$8,976) for the restoration of the Town's historical records. To be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire and will have no impact on taxation. **(Amended at the Deliberative Session on February 11, 2012. "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand nine hundred seventy three dollars (\$9,973) for the restoration of the Town's historical records. To be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire and will have no impact on taxation.")**
- 14) Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grafton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age to 80 years \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000 and owned net assets not in excess of \$40,000 (if single) or \$50,000 (if married), excluding the value of the person's residence.
- 15) Shall we modify the disability exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grafton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: the person is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000 and owned net assets not in excess of \$40,000 (if single) or \$50,000 (if married), excluding the value of the person's residence.
- 16) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred and forty dollars (\$2,240) to establish a fitting memorial to our former Librarian, Myrtle Cooper, and for other library purposes and programs. This article will be funded solely by donations already received and held by the Library Trustees for this purpose, not by general taxation, and will be administered by the Library Trustees. This article to be non-lapsing for five years according to RSA 32:7, VI.
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 17) Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?
- 18) To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2004.
- 19) To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken in 1982 Town Meeting to elect Planning Board members and instead have the Planning Board members appointed by the Selectmen, designating one Selectman or administrative official of the Town as an ex-officio member and appointing 4 other persons who are residents of the town as appropriate. Pursuant to RSA 673:2,II(c), this article shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Meeting and the Selectmen shall forthwith appoint members in accordance with RSA 675:5; however, the Planning Board shall continue in existence and the elected members in office may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

- 20) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Woodheating Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:69 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provision are:
- a. That any expenditure for a Woodheating Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:70 of the State of New Hampshire. **(By Petition)**
- 21) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Wind-Powered Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:65 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provisions are:
- a. That any expenditure for a Wind-Powered Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:66 of the State of New Hampshire. **(By Petition)**
- 22) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow exemption of taxes on Solar Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:61 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provisions are:
- a. That any expenditure for a Solar Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34, and 72:43-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:62 of the State of New Hampshire. **(By Petition)**
- 23) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to sell the town owned building and accompanying land known as "Town Hall" located on Turnpike Road, the sale of which will be by public auction which shall occur within six months of passage of this article. **(By Petition)**
- 24) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to REDUCE the annual town budget by ten percent for the next 3 years. **(By Petition)**
- 25) To see if the Town will vote to direct the governing body of the Town of Grafton to appoint a Capital Improvement Program committee to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years. The sole purpose and effect of the Capital Improvements Program shall be to aid the Selectmen and Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget. **(By Petition)**

Given under our hands and seal the 27 th day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2012.

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

Stephen Darrow
Chairman

David Rienzo

Jennie Joyce

**Town of Grafton
Deliberative Session Minutes
Saturday, February 12, 2012**

Present: Selectmen Stephen Darrow, David Rienzo, Jennie Joyce, Budget Committee members Edward Grinley, Scott Smith, Catherine Mulholland, Treasurer June Burrington, Supervisors Mary Warren, Marguerite Conley, Lloyd Danforth, Moderator Dorothy Campbell, and Town Clerk, Bonnie J. Haubrich as well as approximately 45 voters.

Moderator Campbell opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence honoring all residents in Grafton who had passed away this year. Moderator Campbell announced the rules for the day. She announced that the Recreation Committee would be selling refreshments throughout the day.

Moderator Campbell then asked if there were any non-registered voters present. She then asked for a motion to allow non-registered voters to speak on issues, should they wish. **Motion to allow non-registered voters to speak by Rosalie Babiarz, seconded by Peg Emslie. Vote: Yes 14 No 10 Motion Passed.**

Moderator Campbell read Article #1 and Article #2. **Motion to discuss Article #2 by Stephen Darrow, seconded by Jeremy Olson. Vote: Yes 40 No 0 Motion Passed.**

Ed Grinley, Chairman of the Budget Committee noted that the Budget Committee had met with most Department Heads (those wishing to meet) and that they based their decisions on what was best for the Town.

Peg Emslie stated that she had a concern about the operating budget for the Police Department as it included a \$20,000 appropriation for a part-time police officer. She further noted that the DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) suggests including a separate or an individual warrant article for these expenditures. She stated that the DRA suggests not voting on the same item twice as it is confusing and that the Warrant states "not including appropriations by special warrant articles". She stated that she was hoping that the operating budget would be discussed line by line and she would ask the body to remove the \$20,000. Ed said he had spoken with a representative from the DRA and that it could be presented both ways. He said that the Budget Committee had not done anything underhanded, nor were they trying to hide anything. Stephen Darrow stated that the Warrant had been sent to both the DRA and Town Counsel and neither disallowed it. Police Chief Poitras stated that he needs additional help and that they were trying to ensure that it happens. He further stated that the special warrant article did state that if the operating budget passed the special article would be null and void. Maureen O'Reilly stated that if the assembly did not go line-by-line the bottom line total could be adjusted. Jim Griffin stated that if the monies are in the operating budget there is no control how that money is spent, but if in a special warrant article the monies are protected. John Thompson asked where the monies would come from. Ed Grinley stated the monies would come from property taxes. Peg noted that she did not have an issue with the purpose; she was only trying to address a procedural issue. Merle Kenyon, former Police Chief, asked someone to explain the difference between a special warrant article and an individual warrant article. Brad Grange stated that in the past there had been monies put in the budget for paving and it had been spent on tires. Stephen said that no monies had ever been taken from a special warrant article for tires and the monies referenced were actually transferred within the operating budget. Stephen Darrow stated that special warrant articles are articles recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee and that individual articles are monies going to Capital Reserve, etc.

Moderator Campbell asked for a motion to vote on the operating budget bottom line or if the assembly wished, a motion to go line-by-line. **Motion by Bob Constantine to vote on the budget line-by-line. Seconded by Jeremy Olson. Yes 38 No 15 Motion Passed.**

Executive

Brad Grange asked what the increase represented. Ed Grinley responded it was for the additional elections.

Elections/Town Clerk

Stephen noted that the increase was due to additional elections. Brian Fellers asked to present an amendment to the Planning Board operating budget. Moderator Campbell denied the request and noted that it would be appropriate when the Planning Board operating budget was being discussed. Ivy Walker asked why there was an increase in both the Executive and Elections/Town Clerk budgets for elections. Ed Grinley explained that the increase for the Executive budget was due to increased spending by the Selectmen in 2011. Stephen noted that the Selectmen had only overspent the Executive budget by \$297. Ed explained the increase was due to the increase cost of postage. Jennie stated that David Rienzo, while Selectman, has chosen not to take his stipend, but that it should stay in the budget because he or the next person in office may take it. Dan Bergamini asked why the 2 handouts expenditures did not match. Stephen noted that the handouts (by the Budget Committee) did not address expenditures. Stephen asked the Moderator for a break to allow him to make copies for the assembly. Bob Constantine asked if the figures were budgeted or actual expenditures, example did the Library actually spent \$4250 or did that include monies taken from their budget to fund other departments? Stephen stated that they were actual expenditures and if monies were transferred to other departments it showed in that department's expenditures. Enja Fitzgerald asked where the Selectmen's salaries come from. Ed stated that comes from Executive. Enja stated that they are paid too much and in the town where her son lives in Vermont the Selectmen are paid \$400/year.

Financial Administration

Stephen stated that there had been a decrease of \$8,000. In 2011 there was a shortfall at the beginning of the year due to the election of a new Police Chief and the need to keep Merle on during the transition. The Board had decided not to utilize the Certified Public Account, as planned, to utilize that money to cover the transition. Pam Curran asked if any books had been audited by the CPA. Stephen stated there had been no audits. Pam asked for a correction. Stephen corrected his statement and stated that the Trustee of the Trust Funds books had been audited at a cost of approximately \$2500 but the other scheduled audits had been postponed.

Reappraisal of Property

Stephen informed the assembly that the cost has gone down as the Board had entered into a 5-year agreement and the monies had been front loaded as the majority of the work had to be done within the first couple of years and much of that work has been completed. Neal Alexander asked who the company is. Stephen stated that Avitar is the assessing company.

Legal

Ed stated that the Selectmen had noted that there may be some additional legal issues this year and that they had asked for the \$12,000 as it is hard to predict what will happen and what advice will be needed. Dan Bergamini asked if the someone could give a one-sentence explanation as to what is covered under each account heading. Enja Fitzgerald asked why the Town spends so much on legal expenses and why aren't the Selectmen resolving more of the problems. Jeremy Olson asked what the \$10,000 was spent on last year. Stephen explained that not only do they expend on legal action (court cases) but they depend on legal counsel to direct them and lend advice. He noted that the Town had 1 court case this year and it had been resolved. John Connell asked who that case was with. Stephen said it was a boundary dispute with the Smiths on Kinsman Road, but that it had been resolved. Pam Curran asked why the increase? **Jeremy Olson presented an amendment which read, "To amend the Legal Expenses line item of Article #2 to \$10,000. Seconded by Tony Stelleck.** Brad Grange asked the Board to explain that an article can be amended up or down. Stephen affirmed that the Legislative Body has that authority. The Selectmen requests a budget, with the Department Heads, with the best estimate what it will cost to provide services to the Town. The Selectmen have an obligation to find the funds within the operating budget to accomplish this. Pam Curran asked if the Contingency Funds aren't used for this. Stephen stated that those funds can help to offset any shortages. **Vote: Yes 32 No 19 Amendment Passed.**

FICA and Medicare

Stephen noted that there had been a substantial savings last year due to less employees on the payroll. Greg Fellers asked if a part-time police officer would be included. Stephen stated that he assumed they would be included.

Planning Board

Ed stated that the Planning Board had requested \$50 but had spent \$170 last year and since no representative from the Board came in to meet with the Budget Committee; that there were 2 openings for the Planning Board this year; and with new laws and the fact the Master Plan has not been updated since 1987 they may need additional funds. **Brian Fellers presented an amendment which read as follows, “To amend the Planning Board line item of Warrant Article #2 from \$750. to the Planning Board’s requested budget of \$50.00”. Seconded by Rosalie Babiarz.** Brian stated that he felt confident that \$50 would cover the needs of the Planning Board. He stated that they save a great deal with their own members taking minutes and that they expatiate their processes. Brad Grange asked Stephen, as ex-officio, if he agreed with this amendment. Stephen responded in the affirmative. Bob Constantine stated that he commends David Rienzo for not taking his Selectmen’s stipend and to Brian Fellers for holding down the costs for the Planning Board. Pam Curran asked if the Master Plan would be addressed this year and what the cost is to update it. Jeremy Olson noted that he would be willing to volunteer time to work on the Master Plan and in his opinion, the Selectmen are the only people who say the Town needs the Master Plan. Stephen stated that as the ex-officio he has brought it up for discussion at numerous meetings and has encouraged the Planning Board to work on it. Neal Alexander stated that he was not sure why a town of 900 needs a Master Plan. Stephen stated that we are a town of approximately 1200 and that we do need it. He noted that the Master Plan does not need to tell people what to do with their property but needs to address property we all own together – roads, fire house, equipment, etc. David Rienzo said, this is not a discussion as to whether planning is necessary, the law states that the primary statutory responsibility for a Planning Board is to update the Master Plan. If the Town abolishes the Planning Board then planning is not mandated and there is no need for a Master Plan. Robert Hull noted that there had been a Warrant Article a few years ago asking voters to update the Master Plan and the voters had rejected it. **Motion to move the question by Dan Bergamini. Yes 43 No 4 Vote on amendment: Yes 32 No 16 Amendment Passed.**

General Government Buildings

Pam Curran questioned why such a decrease. Ed Grinley responded that the price of fuel is down, anticipated repairs are down as well as a large amount of money, last year, had been designated for computer upgrades/purchases, which are not needed again this year. Brad Grange noted that the Board had spent \$5800 last year, so the budget was overspent. Stephen explained that some of the money from that account went to fund the Police Department needs. Ed stated that the Budget Committee had met with the Selectboard and they had agreed on the figure. Neal Alexander asked if this included all buildings in Town. Stephen noted that it did. Susan Frost stated that it was apparent that some of these were 1-time costs, therefore the budget request was reduced. **Motion to move the question by June Burrington. Seconded by Steve Colburn. Yes: 41 No 2 Motion Passed.**

Tom Ploszaj asked the Moderator if all hands were considered in the last vote as people had been moving around. Moderator Campbell noted that she felt all hands had been counted.

Cemeteries

Ed Grinley explained that the funds coming from the Trustee of the Trust Funds appear in the full amount requested within the operating budget, due to the law, but when listing funds on the MS5 it is deducted from what is raised by taxation. David Rienzo affirmed that monies received from Trust funds have to be expended before any operating budget funds. Much discussion ensued. Tom thanked the Budget Committee for their efforts but due to illnesses, weather, etc the Cemetery Trustees were unable to meet with the Budget Committee. He stated that some of the donations that the Trustee of the Trust Funds hold are directed by the donor for specific items, therefore may not be used to offset the operating budget. Jim Griffin, Library Trustee, affirmed with David and Ed that specific accounts must be presented as gross budget amounts (amounts raised both by private funding and monies raised by taxation.) **Amendment by Tom Ploszaj which read, “To amend the Cemetery Budget line item of the Grafton budget from 7,845. to the Cemetery Trustee requested budget of \$6,200. Seconded by Jeremy Olson.** Stephen cautioned amendments as the Cemetery Trustees will only be allowed to expend what they request. Bruce Frost stated that he had no problem with the legality, but was confused if the monies are there that the article reads to “raise and appropriate”. Peg Emslie informed the assembly that raise does not necessarily mean from taxation; it merely means to find a source of funding. Dotty Ernst said that the handouts don’t agree; one deducts the “other funds” and the other does not. Peg Emslie stated that she had attended a gross budgeting

workshop and that not all funds are treated the same. Some are held by the Treasurer and some by the Trustees. Tom Ploszaj stated that the funds presented are incorrect because the Budget Committee did not get information from the Cemetery Trustees when they were looking at the budget. Ed Grinley stated that the Budget Committee had contacted the Trustee of the Trust Funds to get the figures. **Motion to move the question by David Rienzo. Seconded by Peg Emslie. Yes: 30 No: 3. Moderator Campbell re-read the amendment for the Cemetery Operating Budget. Vote: Yes 38 No 17. Amendment Passed.**

Insurance

Stephen noted that the Town has already received the 2012 insurance bills so this is figure is actual. Bruce Frost asked why it went up so much. Stephen explained that they had under estimated last year. He noted that this covers health, vehicle insurance, worker's compensation, fire insurance, etc. John Connell asked who determines the amount of coverage and could the cost be cut if we took less coverage. Stephen stated that the Board determines the coverage and that in recent past years the Board had looked at these costs closely and that some coverage had been changed to be consistent through all of the employees. Neal Alexander asked who is covered under the Town insurance. Stephen noted that all full-time employees have the option to participate and if they wish their family members to participate it is out of pocket cost to the employee.

Advertising and Regional Dues

Stephen explained that all association dues are covered in this account such as Tax Collector Association, Town Clerk Association, Welfare Association, etc. Tim Condon asked what was spent last year. Stephen said he was not sure, but approximately \$1050 was spent in 2010. He also noted that any type of required advertising comes from this account. (Public Hearings, etc.) Neal Alexander and Brad Grange asked if the Selectmen were inflating the budget if they have used less in the past. Stephen reminded Neal and Brad that the voters vote on the Budget Committee's budget, not the Selectmen's and that we are here today to discuss that budget and that the Selectmen do the best they can estimating the costs to run the Town. John Connell asked if this is legitimate and why different groups have different requests. Moderator Campbell stated that people should attend the Budget Committee meetings if they have questions or concerns.

Contingency

Stephen explained that contingency funds are used for unexpected expenditures/repairs, etc that arise during the year.

Police

Amendment by Peg Emslie which read, "To reduce by \$20,000 from \$116,293 to \$96,293". Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Peg stated again, that this expenditure is presented to the voters twice in this Warrant. Police Chief Poitras stated that he is not asking for the funds twice, that the intent is to let everyone know of the need. Peg stated that with the changes of gross budgeting she feared that all the work the Budget Committee did may be lost if the operating budget is not passed by the voters. Point of Order by Jeremy Olson: he had also presented an amendment to Moderator Campbell. Moderator Campbell began reading the amendment from Mr. Olson. Town Clerk Haubrich reminded Moderator Campbell that the 1st amendment had not been acted on yet, therefore Mr. Olson's amendment could not be presented yet. **Vote on amendment #1 presented by Peg Emslie: Yes 32 No 21. Amendment Passed.**

Amendment #2 by Jeremy Olson which read, "Whereas the town voters have affirmed a warrant article to reduce the annual town budget by 10% for 3 successive years in recent history the Police Department increase of 125.1% is fiscally irresponsible and not in line with what the town voters have indicated. Motion to amend \$96293 to \$87864." Seconded by Tony Stelleck. Jeremy also presented a request for a secret ballot signed by 5 voters present. (Bob Constantine, Joseph Connell, Shane Pessoto, Bob Hull and John Babiarz). Stephen stated that although he understood the article passed a few years ago, by the voters, to decrease spending by 10%, it was determined by the DRA to be advisory only. Much discussion ensued, including questions to Police Chief Poitras regarding the impact this would have on his services. He stated that it would mean less coverage, less patrolling, less maintenance on the vehicles, inability to purchase bullet proof vests, inability to purchase ammunition, etc. Chief Poitras indicated that it would pay for additional hours when he is not available. Bruce Frost cautioned level funding from last year as it was not reasonable with inflation. David Rienzo noted that since last year's election they had met with Chief Poitras often to look at the Police budget and how to cover

the shortage and still protect the Town. He noted that the Town had just squeezed by. Chief Poitras said he was requesting bare bones in the budget he presented. Dotty Ernst cautioned the assembly of the liability risks if we do not provide the necessary protection and equipment for a department head to do their job. Former Chief Kenyon stated that most of the crimes in Grafton are burglary and domestic violence based. Gen Smith said she was grateful for Chief Poitras' presence during Hurricane Irene. **Motion to move the question by Bob Constantine. Seconded by Dotty Ernst. Yes: 48 No 1. Motion Passed. Secret ballot vote on Amendment #2 to the Police Operating Budget: Yes 25 No 33 Vote Failed.**

Motion to limit reconsideration on all Operating Line items through the Police Department Operating Budget. Seconded by David Rienzo. Vote: Yes 34 No 18 Limit Reconsideration Passed.

Ambulance

Stephen noted that the Ambulance operating budget is down from last year. Dotty Ernst, Ambulance Captain corrected Stephen as the Operating Budget is down, but with the monies from the Revolving Account, the total budget is not actually down. Dotty explained that training costs had significantly increased due to additional requirements from the State.

Fire Department

John Babiarz, Fire Chief, stated that his request is down a little this year also. He noted that the Department did some long range planning and purchased some equipment/supplies ahead.

Emergency Management

Stephen stated that historically there has not been any monies used from this account, but that the \$100 holds the account open. John Babiarz noted that he is the Director of Emergency Management and that the \$100 was meant to be a stipend, but he refuses the money but has used it in the past when the Town updated it Emergency Management Plan and booklets needed to be printed.

Forest Fire Warden

Bob Constantine asked if this is an appointed position and who appoints that person. Stephen stated that it is an appointed position and that the Selectmen appoint. Bob asked if that meant that the Fire Warden serves at the pleasure of the Selectmen. Stephen affirmed that to be true. Merle Kenyon corrected Stephen to say that the Fire Warden is actually appointed and serves under the pleasure of the State Fire Service.

Motion by Bonnie Haubrich to limit reconsideration Ambulance through Forest Fire Warden. Seconded by June Burrington. Yes: 34 No 2 Limit Reconsideration Passed.

Highways and Streets

Jeremy Olson asked if someone could inform the assembly what these costs cover. Stephen noted that they cover maintaining winter roads, plowing, grading, maintaining summer roads, mowing, calcium chloride, vehicle maintenance, labor, fuel, and some limited paving/patching. Enja Fitzgerald stated that if it covered grading and chloride her side of Town did not benefit from any of it. Jeremy Olson asked what the increase covers. David noted that it mostly represented an increase in fuel costs and the fact that the Highway Block Grant has been reduced. Peg Emslie noted that like some other budgets the Highway Department total from taxation is much less as the State Highway Block Grant is included in the operating budget. Bob Constantine asked if next winter is mild, like this one, would the unused funds revert back to the General Fund. Stephen stated that they would. Enja Fitzgerald stated that she comes to Selectmen's meeting all of the time to complain about the condition of the roads in her part of Town, but the Selectmen and Road Agent do not do anything to resolve the problem. She said they are repeatedly told that their road will be fixed, but it never happens. Moderator Campbell informed Enja that this was not the forum to address those issues, only to approve or disapprove of the operating budget. Lori Dacier asked, if one could not bring their concern here today, where/when could they? Moderator Campbell replied, "Go to the Selectmen's meetings". Brad Grange asked if the Town has the total for next year's Highway Block Grant. Ed Grinley responded, \$132862.19, \$20,000 less than last year.

Street Lights

Stephen stated that the request was lower, as the Town had some street lights shut off. Moderator Campbell stated that she was removing her Moderator hat and said, "Do I have to be reminded?" **Motion by Bonnie**

Haubrich to limit reconsideration Highway and Streets through Street Lights. Seconded by David Rienzo. Yes: 33 No 5 Limit Reconsideration Passed.

Solid Waste

Stephen stated that the request was similar to last year's request. Brad Grange asked the Budget Committee to explain the \$20,000 between their recommendation and the recommendation from the Selectmen. Stephen noted that it had been a management decision to pass on the request to the Budget Committee, as presented by the Recycling Center manager. Jennie Joyce responded that in fact, her daughter the Manager, had been under a lot of stress lately and when putting the budget together had made a mathematical error.

Health and Welfare

Health Agencies: Stephen stated that all of the Health Agencies are covered in the account. (Senior Citizens, Visiting Nurse Association, Mascoma Health Initiatives, and West Central Services.)

Health Officer: No monies requested. The present Health Officer requests no funds for her services.

Public Assistance: Moderator Campbell asked Maureen O'Reilly, Welfare Director, if she wished to speak to the budget. Maureen declined. Stephen stated that these costs are down significantly. The Public Assistance Officer sends those requesting assistance to as many outside services as possible. Jeremy Olson asked how many people receive assistance from the Town. Stephen responded that all public assistance is confidential, but it does show case #s in the Town Report, eliminating any identifiers. Jeremy asked if the State can dictate an amount available to a recipient. Stephen responded that they do not. **Motion to limit reconsideration on Solid Waste, Health Agencies, Health Officer and Public Assistance by Jennie Joyce. Seconded by David Rienzo. Yes: 32 No 6 Limit Reconsideration Passed.**

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation: No discussion.

Library: Ed Grinley again pointed out that the Library operating budget has the Trustee of the Library funds within its total. Jim Griffin, Library Trustee, stated that the State requires a Librarian present, if opened, and that person must receive wages (at least minimum wage) while on duty. Dotty Ernst asked what the increase of \$2200 covered. Jim explained that the Library was grossly underfunded last year and they had to take quite a bit of money from the Trustee funds to cover expenses. Dotty asked if Library volunteers are used to cover hours the Library is open and if not, why. Dan Bergamini asked that the Moderator discourage the audience from having conversations between each other and address the Moderator. Sharon Duffy responded that she usually covers in these situations but either we pay the Librarian or the substitute, they have to be paid. **Motion to move the question by June Burrington. Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Yes: 41 No 1 Motion Passed. Motion to limit reconsideration by Jennie Joyce. Seconded by Dan Bergamini. Yes: 30 No 2 Limit Reconsideration Passed.**

Patriotic Purposes: Stephen noted that cemetery flags for Veterans are purchased from this account.

Debt Service

Tax Anticipation Note: **Amendment by Jennie Joyce which read, "To amend the line item for TAN from \$9,000 to \$12,000."** Seconded by David Rienzo. June Burrington, Treasurer, informed the assembly in order to do both bridges this year it was necessary to borrow earlier. The State reimburses 80% of all costs but they are slow in responding to the payment requests. Jeremy Olson asked what the rate of interest is. June replied that it is 2 ¾% presently. **Vote on amendment: Yes 25 No 27 Amendment Failed. Motion to limit consideration by Bonnie Haubrich. Seconded by David Rienzo. Yes: 39 No: 3 Limit Reconsideration Passed.**

Bonnie Haubrich asked the Moderator to declare a 30 minute break. The Moderator stated that she prefer to do a few more Warrant Articles before breaking. Quite a few people expressed the desire to break. Moderator Campbell started to ask for a show of hands of those wishing to break, but due to the movement in the room she declared a break @ 12:30pm to reconvene @ 1:00pm.

Article #3. *To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 72:37 (tax exemption for the blind). If approved, those meeting the appropriate criteria will receive a \$15,000 exemption on their property assessment. This Article appears at the direction of the Department of Revenue Administration. Motion to discuss by Stephen. Seconded by Jennie Joyce.* Bob Constantine asked if a person qualifying then won the lottery would they still be eligible. Stephen stated that a person must meet the criteria, which includes an income level. Greg Fellers asked why the next 2 articles have various amounts and aren't consistent. Neal Alexander stated that this article is against the 14th Amendment. Jeremy Olson asked what the criteria is to qualify. Stephen said that he was not sure.

Article 4. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of paving town roads. Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow and seconded by Jennie Joyce.* Greg Fellers asked why the legislative body has to go through this every year as the voters have asked the Selectmen to ensure the wording is "re-pave" because it is not to pave new roads, but to repair existing roads. Stephen agreed that this issue has come up previously. Stephen informed the assembly, although the law prohibits the Board putting estimated tax impact on the Warrant this request would cost the taxpayer approximately \$.23/per thousand, if approved. **Amendment by Jon Bender and seconded by Jeremy Olson to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purposes of paving Town roads.** Ed Grinley stated that if the taxpayers don't put the money into the roads now, it will cost them 5 times as much down the road. Stephen said that although he appreciated the amendment to reduce taxes for the property owners in Town, if these roads aren't repaired soon the Town will lose them. Stephen noted that \$30,000 does not do much in terms of footage when repairing the asphalt. Brad Grange asked which road will be repaired. Stephen said he was not sure. Ed Grinley stated that the Road Agent wanted to finish the project on Riddle Hill he started this past year. Bill Walker noted that paving problems are caused from poor construction of the roadbed. Stephen agreed but said that the cost to redo road beds would be astronomical. He stated that when roads in Town are repaired the culverts are repaired. Tim Condon asked if paved roads can be converted to dirt roads. Stephen said they can be and that the Town has actually done that in the past. Tim Condon asked which was cheaper, dirt or asphalt. Stephen replied that dirt is more costly to upkeep. Asphalt life expectancy is 30 years. Dirt has to be maintained several times (grading and chloride) during the summer months. **Vote on amendment: Yes 24 No 26 Amendment failed.**

Article #5. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000) to be placed into the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.* Stephen noted that this is in essence, a savings account towards a purchase down the road. John Babiarz stated that the former Fire Chief, Chris Williams, had put together a ten-year plan and the next truck is slated to be replaced in 2014, at a cost of somewhere between \$180,000 and \$200,000 for a bare-bone truck. He stated that most towns do not hold on to their vehicles as long as Grafton does. Carol Colburn asked how much is in the Capital Reserve at present. Ed Grinley responded that there is about \$13,000. **Motion to limit reconsideration by Bonnie. Seconded by Rich Blair. Yes 29 No 19. Limit Reconsideration Passed.**

Jeremy Olson asked that the Moderator go back to Article #4 as he did not think that everyone's hands had been counted. Moderator Campbell said she could not go back to a previous Article.

Article #6. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed into the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.* Stephen explained the estimated tax impact on this Article would be \$.16/per thousand. He informed the assembly that the Town replaced 2 bridges this year and another bridge was damaged by Hurricane Irene, which needs to be replaced.

Peg asked to speak with the Moderator and approached the podium. Town Clerk Haubrich stated that it was inappropriate and that any conversation should be done in the public and heard by the public. Moderator Campbell noted that Peg questioned if there were non-registered voters present and voting. Campbell asked if there were any present. No one responded in the affirmative.

Article #7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1A for the purpose constructing a new town office building and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed into this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen to act as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article. Amendment presented by Bonnie Haubrich which read, "To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1A for the purpose constructing a new town office building and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen to act as agents to expend. Seconded by Ed Grinley. Bonnie informed the assembly that at \$10,000 a year it would be 100 years before there would be enough funds to address the Town's needs, therefore she was hoping to increase it to \$25,000. Bonnie stated that the Town Clerk's Office, as well as all of the Town Offices, is in need of major repairs and safety issues need to be addressed. She further noted that last year the Selectmen had solicited information for the Joint Loss Commission regarding safety issues and Bonnie had responded with such things as major leaks in the roof, water seepage in the side walls, exposed electrical wires hanging from the ceiling, no hot water as well as a large ant and termite problem this summer. Ed stated that the State recommends that all department heads within the Town should have their own office and that the Town should not sink money into repairing these problems. Stephen stated that the present office building is very inadequate for the Town. He noted that there had been a Building Committee formed a couple of years ago looking at the Town's needs, but they are no longer in existence. Dan Bergamini asked if the projected amount is 1 million dollars. Elaina Bergamini said, perhaps this is where the Master Plan comes in? Bruce Frost noted that there is a Warrant Article requesting the Town to sell the present Town Hall and asked if those funds could be used to help pay for a new Town Office complex. Tim Condon asked what the needs are and how much larger a building is needed? Stephen stated "needs" and "wants" are 2 different things and the things that need to be addressed are the basic needs and safety concerns for each department. Tim Condon asked if this meant additional costs for heat, light, employees, etc. Stephen stated it may mean additional costs. **Motion to move the question by Rich Blair and seconded by Maureen O'Reilly. Yes 33 No 14 Motion Passed. Vote on Amendment: Yes 8 No 33**

Joe Brown presented an amendment to form a Study Committee. Moderator Campbell refused the Amendment saying it was not appropriate as it changed the subject matter. (Moderator Campbell returned the written amendment to Mr. Brown, therefore it is not available for the records.) Motion to Limit Reconsideration on Articles 6 and 7 by Jennie Joyce. Seconded by David Rienzo. Yes 26 No 24 Limit Reconsideration Passed. Point of Order by Tim Condon informed the Moderator that there was presently an amendment on the floor. Moderator Campbell responded that she had moved on.

*Article #8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time police officer. If Article #2 (the operating budget) passes this article will be null and void. Amendment (#1) presented by Peg Emslie which read, "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time police officer." Seconded by Bruce Frost. Motion to discuss by David Rienzo. Ed Grinley noted that the crime rate is up in Grafton and it is in the best interest of the Town to approve this request. Stephen spoke in favor of this article, especially in light of the amended Police operating budget and noted that presenting it in a special warrant article it cannot be used for any other purpose. Steve Colburn stated that those present today should leave it to the voters, in whole, to decide. John Connell suggested the police force not pursue "victimless crimes" and not harass people, which would reduce the burden on the Police Department. Chief Poitras stated that he does not "harass" people. Tim Condon asked if crime is rising in Grafton. Chief Poitras said with the economy such as it is, burglary is up and also that drug crime is up. Karen Meyers stated that we should leave it to Chief Poitras' judgment how the Police Department and budget are run. Sharon Duffy reminded that this year there were 2 murders in Grafton which impacted the Police budget significantly. Dan Bergamini asked if this Article is passed would it mean that these funds would then transfer into the operating budget next year to ensure continuity. Stephen stated that would be the process. **Vote on Amendment: Yes 30 No 19 Amendment Passed.** Amendment (#2) presented by Maureen O'Reilly which read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time police officer." (Adding the word "vote" to the Article.) Seconded by Stephen Darrow. **Vote on Amendment #2: Yes 22 No 15 Amendment #2 Passed.** Motion by Bonnie Haubrich to limit reconsideration of Article #8. Seconded by Rich Blair. **Yes: 26 No 20 Limit Reconsideration Passed.***

Article #9. *To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars (\$26,515) to purchase a 2012 Ford F250 with plow. And to fund this appropriation by withdrawing twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund with six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars (\$6,515) to be raised by taxation. Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow. Seconded by David Rienzo.* Stephen stated that this would be a new vehicle with most of the monies coming from the Capital Reserve Fund and would have an estimated \$.05/per thousand impact on taxes. This would replace the 1-ton truck. Greg Fellers commented that it seems the Highway Department asks for a new truck every year. He noted that he would like a list of all of the vehicles the Town has purchased over the past 5 years. Stephen noted that the Town has purchased two 6-wheelers over the past few years; one purchased by taxation and one purchased by FEMA funds and also a used roadside mower. Bob Constantine noted that although we may have received grant monies, it is still money from taxation. Stephen agreed that there is no such thing as free money, but it is at less cost for the taxpayers.

Article #10. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$36,964) for the purchase of a new police vehicle and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing \$18,000 from the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of \$18,964 to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article.* Amendment presented by Maureen O'Reilly which read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$36,964) for the purchase of a new police vehicle. To fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the already established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and twelve thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$12,964) coming from taxation." Seconded by Ed Grinley. Stephen noted that one of the present police vehicles has been deemed to be unsafe. Police Chief Poitras stated that it would replace the older vehicle. He stated the amount of repairs needed to keep this vehicle on the road is substantial. Neal Alexander asked what the mileage is on the vehicle. Chief Poitras noted that there are 160,000 miles on it, but hard miles; on dirt roads. He noted that it is not just the mileage but also the idling hours which impact these vehicles. Dan Bergamini asked why a balance would be left in the Capital Reserve Fund. Ed noted that it would keep the account open. Shane Pessota asked why the Town needs 2 police vehicles. Chief Poitras stated that a vehicle is always necessary; whether used by a second officer or during times of maintenance, etc. He noted that police response, especially those resulting in arrests, could put a vehicle out of circulation for hours. **Vote on Amendment: Yes 31 No 18 Amendment Passed. Motion by Jennie Joyce to limit reconsideration and seconded by Ed Grinley on Articles #9 and #10. Yes 27 Limit Reconsideration Passed.**

Jeremy Olson approached the Moderator with another amendment for Article #10 and a request for a secret ballot. Moderator Campbell refused the amendment as the vote had passed and a motion to limit reconsideration had also been voted on and passed.

Article #11. *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the restoration of the Town's historical records.* Amendment presented by Jeremy Olson which read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollars (\$1.00) for the restoration of the Town's Historical Records." Seconded by Tony Stelleck. Jeremy stated that tax money should not be used for this purpose. The Moderator asked Bonnie Haubrich, Town Clerk, to speak on the issue. Bonnie explained that she had asked the Board to include this Article as quite a few years ago the Town had started the project of restoring records back to the 1700s, but over the last 10 or 15 years no additional monies had been raised for the project. She informed the assembly that there are approximately 18 books which she had received an estimate from a restoration company that need restoration and the cost was approximately \$39,000. Shane Pessota asked if these records address the people who have lost their homes due to taxation. Tim Condon asked if the records might be digitized. Bonnie indicated that they could be (and would be with the grant money she received due to State requirement) but that the idea is to save the original books and information. Bonnie informed those present that the State of New Hampshire has a grant program, with portions of the Moose Plate, going to historic preservation. Bonnie applied for a grant last March and was awarded \$9,973 towards this project. Bonnie also wrote a grant for the Mascoma Bank, but was denied funding. She said she will continue researching outside funding to assist in this project. Susan Frost congratulated Bonnie for her work and efforts in writing and receiving this grant. Bruce Frost stated that leaving \$1.00 in the Article took away the public's right to vote

whether they wanted to support it or not as with \$1.00 nothing could be done. Bob Constantine responded that if someone wants to donate they could donate and not use tax money to achieve it. **Motion to move the question by Rich Blair. Seconded by David Rienzo. Yes 31 No 6**

Point of Order by Neal Alexander. Why does the Moderator move the question while someone else is just being polite, not interrupting, expecting a chance to speak; and not given it.

Vote on Amendment to Article #11: Yes 23 No 29 Amendment Failed. Motion to limit reconsideration on Article #11 by David Rienzo. Seconded by Dan Bergamini. Yes 24 No 20 Limit Reconsideration Passed.

*Article #12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,895 for the purpose of paying the Grafton Library staff in order for the Grafton Public Library to be open two hours daily, Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, while the Public Schools are in session starting April of 2012. (By Petition) the Selectmen do not recommend this article/the Budget Committee does not recommend this article. Motion to discuss by David Rienzo. Seconded by Stephen Darrow. Stephen noted that this article was by petition. Amendment presented by John Connell which read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,895 for the purpose of paying the Grafton Library staff so that the Grafton Public Library may be open two hours daily, Monday through Thursday, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, while public schools are in session starting April 2012." John stated that he submitted this amendment to allow flexibility for the Library staff. Ed Grinley said the Budget Committee met with the Trustees of the Library for input regarding this petitioned warrant article and the Trustees had indicated that they supported the hours which were already in place. Jim Griffin informed the body that this Article was not submitted by the Trustees of the Library, and although did not stand behind it; they would fulfill the wishes of the voters as best they could, with the resources they have, if it passed. **Vote on Amendment: Yes 43 No 4 Amendment Passed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Dan Bergamini. Seconded by David Rienzo. Yes 26 No 13 Limit Reconsideration Passed.***

*Article #13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand nine hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$8,976) for the restoration of the Town's historical records. To be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire and will have no impact on taxation. Amendment by Stephen Darrow which read, "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand nine hundred seventy three dollars (\$9,973) for the restoration of the Town's historical records. To be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire and will have no impact on taxation." Seconded by Bonnie Haubrich. Neal Alexander asked the Moderator if the order of the Warrant Articles could be switched. Moderator Campbell stated they could not; nor could they be passed over, as indicated in the rules she read at the beginning of the session. Jay Boucher asked if it were true that the Selectmen have the responsibility of placing Articles on the Warrant. Stephen responded that it is the responsibility of the Selectboard to arrange the Warrant. He noted that traditionally the Board has put all money articles on the Warrant before non-money articles. Neal Alexander asked why the Board put Article #11 before Article #13 as he felt the voters would not read the information and just say no, which may cause #13 to fail. (#13 Article does not raise any monies from taxation; the Article is fully funded by a grant.) Stephen stated that the Board had actually even considered combining the 2 Articles, but were concerned if the voters said no, the Town would not be able to spend the grant money. Moderator Campbell stated that once on the Warrant, Articles cannot be switched. **Motion to move the question by Dan Bergamini. Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Yes 26 No 0 Vote on Amendment: Yes 41 No 3 Amendment Passed. Motion by David Rienzo to Limit Reconsideration and seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Yes 27 No 9 Motion to Limit Reconsideration Passed.***

Article #14. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grafton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age to 80 years \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000 and owned net assets not in excess of \$40,000 (if single)

or \$50,000 (if married), excluding the value of the person's residence. Stephen informed the body that the DRA had audited the Town records and due to the audit many of the people who had actually received this exemption in the past were now disqualified due to income guidelines. The Selectboard compared the criteria with like-size surrounding towns and felt the criteria needs to be adjusted. Rich Angell asked if the marriage criteria addressed state legally recognized marriages or would it encompass common law marriage also. Bill Walker stated that he felt this discriminated against all of those who did not qualify. Tim Condon agreed with Bill Walker. **Motion to move the question by Tim Condon and seconded by Jennie Joyce. Yes 32 No 3**

Article #15. Shall we modify the disability exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grafton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: the person is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000 and owned net assets not in excess of \$40,000 (if single) or \$50,000 (if married), excluding the value of the person's residence.

Article #16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred and forty dollars (\$2,240) to establish a fitting memorial to our former Librarian, Myrtle Cooper, and for other library purposes and programs. This article will be funded solely by donations already received and held by the Library Trustees for this purpose, not by general taxation, and will be administered by the Library Trustees. This article to be non-lapsing for five years according to RSA 32:7, VI. The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article. Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow. Seconded by Jim Griffin. Jim Griffin informed the assembly that these are basically monies donated by the family members or requests in lieu of flowers, at the time of Myrtle Cooper's death and that it was a substantial amount of money. Richard Angell asked what/who defines "fitting". Jim stated that the Library Trustees would be entrusted to make those decisions. Elaina Bergamini encouraged the public to attend the Library Meetings. Sharon Duffy said that they had agreed that it would be something that was of importance to Myrtle. Greg Fellers asked if the Article should read, "and other purposes" should there be money left after the "memorial" is purchased. Jim stated that the memorial would be appropriate to the donations. He said that if there were funds left over they had discussed something like a granite bench.

Article #17. Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment? Amendment presented by Neal Alexander and seconded by Jeremy Olson which read, "Further, that such money cannot be repurposed to non-library budget items." RSA 40:13 IV:a was cited, which protects the Article. The Moderator refused the Amendment. Neal Alexander withdrew the Amendment and Jeremy Olson agreed to withdraw his second.

Motion to Limit Reconsideration Articles #14 - #17 by Dan Bergamini and seconded by Mary Warren. Yes 29 No 7 Limit Reconsideration Passed.

Article #18. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2004. Motion to discuss Article #18 by Stephen Darrow and seconded by David Rienzo. Tim Condon asked who presently acts as agents. Stephen stated that the legislative body does and that whenever monies are needed for any repairs etc (like the point repairs on the outside of the building) it requires waiting until Town Meeting to get approval. Jeremy Olson asked why the Library Trustees aren't the agents. Stephen explained the rationale and stated that the Board would always work with the Trustees. The Library Trustees agreed that it would be optimal to utilize monies they already have and not have to request additional funds. Elaina Bergamini stated that it would have been beneficial this year when the chimney was leaking for the Selectmen to have access to the funds. Cindy Public asked why the repairs weren't taken from the General Government Building account. Stephen stated that with Hurricane Irene the Board was hesitant to expend funds, not knowing how much was going to be needed as well as the uncertainty of recouping any funds from FEMA.

Article #19. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken in 1982 Town Meeting to elect Planning Board members and instead have the Planning Board members appointed by the Selectmen, designating one Selectman or administrative official of the Town as an ex-officio member and appointing 4 other persons who are residents of the town as appropriate. Pursuant to RSA 673:2,II(c), this article shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Meeting and the Selectmen shall forthwith appoint members in accordance with RSA 675:5; however, the Planning Board shall continue in existence and the elected members in office may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Motion to discuss by David Rienzo. Seconded by Tim Condon. Amendment by Brian Fellers and seconded by Jeremy Olson which read as follows, "To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken in the 1982 Town Meeting to elect Planning Board members, and instead have the Planning Board members appointed by the Selectmen, who believe that the residents of the Town are ignorant and incapable of electing members of the Planning Board, and who therefore shall designate one (1) Selectman or administrative official of the Town as an ex-officio member and appoint four (4) other individuals who are residents of the Town as appropriate. Pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (c), this article shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the town Meeting and the selectmen shall forthwith appoint members in accordance with RSA 675:5; however, the Planning Board shall continue in existence and the elected members in office may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified." David spoke on the rationale for Article #19. He stated that the Board, over time, had noted that the Planning Board has not been carrying out their statutory obligations. He noted that the lack of updating the Master Plan has already been discussed. He further stated that there are other obligations that the Planning Board has besides just addressing subdivisions and how a role in monitoring and protecting how the Town is developed as well as an obligation to assist in controlling the costs for development which will produce minimal impact on the Town. David further stated that if the Town wishes to abolish the Planning Board then the Master Plan and development plans would just go away and the subdivision regulations would no longer have to be enforced. A few years ago there was a Warrant Article to abolish the Planning Board, which failed, which indicated that the voters did want a Planning Board, but at present the current Planning Board is not fulfilling its obligations. Tim Condon stated that the Article seemed to concentrate a great amount of power to the Selectmen. He asked if Stephen Darrow had voted in favor of this Article. David responded that he and Jennie Joyce voted in favor of the Article and Stephen opposed it. Jeremy Olson stated that he attends every meeting and encountered no problems. John Connell retorted that he found this Article offensive. Karen Meyers stated that there is so much hostility from the Planning Board that no one wants to run for office and work with the group that is presently on the Planning Board. Bob Constantine said that the property owners should be able to make their own decisions. Ed Grinley noted that there is only a small group here today and that the voters should make the ultimate decision on March 13th instead of having the 40 people present here today making the decision. Bob Hull asked the Selectboard if they had ever communicated their concerns to the Planning Board. David responded that they had on a number of occasions discussed their concerns and Stephen, the ex-officio, was to communicate them to the Planning Board. Elaine Bergamini stated that she is interested in the Town having a Master Plan, but would not be willing to engage in communication with the present Planning Board due to their hostility towards people. Susan Frost noted that there had been good discussion here today, but the voters should be allowed to make the decision. Richard Angell stated that the Planning Board has been accused of being hostile, but he has never heard anyone who has received services from the Planning Board complaining. David reiterated that the Selectmen feel that the Planning Board do not appear to be carrying out their duties; voters voted for a functional Planning Board; the present Board focuses on what it can't do, instead of what it can do. He noted that his personal opinion is that the Planning Board has usurped the democratic process by not doing what the Town voted them to do. Lloyd Danforth urged the Selectmen to go to the State officials if the Planning Board is breaking the law. David stated that the duty resides with the Selectmen; there is no regulatory board or person at the State level. Tom Ploszaj asked the Selectmen to withdraw Article #19. Moderator Campbell stated that the Selectmen cannot withdraw Articles, once on the Warrant. **Vote: Yes 22 No 26 Amendment Failed. Amendment (#1) by Joseph Brown which read, "To see if the Town will affirm the action taken in the 1982 Town Meeting and support the continued existence of an elected Planning Board." Seconded by Bill Walker.** Dan Bergamini protested, saying it was not germane to the original Article. Moderator Campbell refused to accept the Amendment, saying it would change the intent of the Article completely. Joe Brown argued that it was simply asking the Town's people if they want to keep it as it is. Moderator Campbell stated that it would not give the voters a choice; therefore she rejected it. Neal Alexander stated that the subject matter would not be changed with this Amendment, simply how the members are chosen. John Connell argued that it should be up to the legislative body to decide, not the Moderator.

Moderator Campbell stated that it was her decision to make. Jeremy Olson stated that the Amendment would be appropriate as the intent of a Planning Board is still there. Moderator Campbell disagreed; saying that it would change the option for the members to be appointed. **Motion to move the question by Rich Blair. Seconded by Dan Bergamini. Yes 29 No 0. Motion Passed. Motion to Limit Reconsideration by David Rienzo, seconded by Bonnie Haubrich. Yes 24 No 18 Limit Reconsideration Passed. Amendment presented by Shane Pessoto, seconded by John Connell which read, "The Board of Selectmen shall be appointed by the Planning Board."** Moderator Campbell refused this Amendment.

Article #20. To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Woodheating Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:69 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provision are:

a. That any expenditure for a Woodheating Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.

b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.

c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:70 of the State of New Hampshire. (By Petition) Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow and seconded by David Rienzo. John Babiarz noted that he was one of the petitioners and the following Articles are to encourage green energy. Gen Smith asked when they would take effect. Stephen said he was unsure, but probably as of April 1st.

Article #21. To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Wind-Powered Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:65 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provisions are:

a. That any expenditure for a Wind-Powered Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.

b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.

c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:66 of the State of New Hampshire. (By Petition)

Article #22. To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow exemption of taxes on Solar Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:61 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provisions are:

a. That any expenditure for a Solar Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.

b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34, and 72:43-a.

c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:62 of the State of New Hampshire. (By Petition)

Motion to Limit Reconsideration by Joseph Brown. Seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Yes 38 No 1 Limit Reconsideration Passed.

Article #23. To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to sell the town owned building and accompanying land known as "Town Hall" located on Turnpike Road, the sale of which will be by public auction which shall occur within six months of passage of this article. (By Petition) Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow and seconded by David Rienzo. Bob Hull offered an Amendment to correct a spelling error, "action to auction". Bonnie noted that an Amendment was not necessary as the Secretary can correct spelling errors. Bob Hull spoke in favor of selling the Town Hall citing it is not economical to keep it. Sharon Duffy asked if the Board would require a minimum bid, if auctioned off. Joseph Brown asked if it has an assessed value. Stephen stated that it was somewhere between \$80,000 and \$90,000 but it would be dependent on the right climate to sell it. Stephen warned that there is quite an attachment to the Town Hall by some of the townspeople and is used for various activities, which would be displaced. He stated that the Town should have a plan in place before moving forward with the sale of this building. Jon Bender asked what would happen to the funds. Stephen noted that the funds would be

put in the General Fund. John Connell suggested that it would be best for a group of townspeople to purchase it and then let it out for the community functions. Steve Colburn, spoke on behalf of Louise Gallup, Town Hall Superintendent, and informed the assembly that the building is used for many functions, including weddings, funerals, birthdays, and holiday celebrations. Jeremy Olson asked if alcohol is allowed in the building for weddings, etc. Steve Colburn stated that the Town had adopted an ordinance against alcohol on Town property about 10 years ago. **Amendment presented by Bruce Frost and seconded by David Rienzo which read, "To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to sell the town-owned building and accompanying land known as the "Town Hall" located on Turnpike Road, the sale of which will be at fair market value as determined by a State approval assessing body. The proceeds will be placed in the General fund."** Bruce noted the Amendment would remove having the building and lot auctioned to ensure a fair market value. Much discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of an auction versus a sale and the emotions of the townspeople in regards to selling it. **Vote on Amendment: Yes 20 No 24 Vote Failed.**

Article #24. To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to REDUCE the annual town budget by ten percent for the next 3 years. (By Petition) Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow and seconded by Elaina Bergamini. Bob Hull noted that this Warrant Article passed a few years ago and that the Selectmen have not followed the wish of the voters. Stephen agreed that the Article did pass, but upon Town Counsel and DRA directive it was an advisory point and not binding by law.

Article #25. To see if the Town will vote to direct the governing body of the Town of Grafton to appoint a Capital Improvement Program committee to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years. The sole purpose and effect of the Capital Improvements Program shall be to aid the Selectmen and Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget. (By Petition) Motion to discuss by Stephen Darrow and seconded by David Rienzo. Amendment presented by Brian Fellers and seconded by Jeremy Olson which read, "To see if the Town will vote to direct the governing body of the Town of Grafton to appoint a Capital Improvement Program committee to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six (6) years. The purpose and effect of the Capital Improvement Program shall be to aid the Selectmen and Budget Committee in consideration of the annual budget, and to pave the way toward implementing a zoning ordinance in the Town of Grafton." Neal Alexander asked why a town of 1200 people need a capital improvement plan. Bonnie Haubrich stated that a number of years ago, when she was Selectman, she had done quite a bit of research regarding Capital Improvement Plans as well as visited other towns that use this plan, and unless the law has changed, it is the Planning Board who puts forth a Capital Improvement Plan with the support of the Selectmen. Tim Condon asked if it gives the Selectboard the authority to increase their authority. Jeremy Olson asked who put forth the petition. Maureen O'Reilly said that she was the author of the petition because she was bothered when going to vote and always being asked to support large purchases each year, that could be better planned for. Bob Constantine thanked Bonnie for the information she presented but cautioned, if the Planning Board is removed, it could be enacted by Selectboard. Peg Emslie noted that she was hearing a Capital Improvement Plan is connected to zoning, which is not the case; it is a plan for the future. Sharon Duffy stated that she works in the Town of Canaan and they have adopted a Capital Improvement Plan which shows good planning and growth. She encouraged everyone to look at their plan on the Canaan Town website. Elaina Bergamini stated that she has no problem with how the Department Heads manage their budgets but it alleviates a small town from having to come up with a large amount of money, when not planned for. **Vote on Amendment: Yes 18 No 23 Amendment Failed.**

Moderator Campbell thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to vote on March 13th. **Motion to adjourn by Mary Warren. Seconded by David Rienzo. Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Town Clerk

**Town of Grafton, New Hampshire
2012 Official Ballot and Election Results**

Selectmen (3 years) – Vote for one

Dorothy “Dottie” Ernst 159
Steve Darrow 323

Moderator (2 years) – Vote for one

Dorothy Campbell 336
Jean Alexander 119

Budget Committee (3 years) – Vote for one

Sharon “Ivy” Walker 152
Scott Smith 240

Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years) – Vote for one

Mary Warren 321
Jay Boucher 101

Treasurer (1 year) – Vote for one

June Burrington 413

Cemetery Trustee (3 years) – Vote for one

Louise Gallup 421

Library Trustee (3 years) – Vote for one

Jim Griffin 382

Planning Board (3 years) – Vote for two

Jay Boucher 213
Rosalie Babiarz 217

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years) Vote for one

Jeremy J. Olson 299

- 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 \$917,729. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$906,655, 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. NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include special or individual warrant articles.

General Government

Executive	\$44,000
Elections/Town Clerk	28,223
Financial Administration	39,044
Reappraisal of Property	25,060
Legal Expense	10,000
FICA & Medicare	23,925
Planning Board	50
General Government Buildings	51,200
Cemeteries	6,200
Insurance	92,046
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$323,248

Public Safety

Police	\$96,293
Ambulance	12,830
Fire Department	16,000
Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	1,000
Subtotal	\$126,223

Highway and Streets

Highway and Streets	\$309,000
Street Lights	2,000
Subtotal	\$311,000

Solid Waste					\$92,000
Health and Welfare					
Health Agencies					\$10,964
Health Officer					0
Public Assistance					33,000
Subtotal					\$43,964
Culture and Recreation					
Parks & Recreation					\$2,200
Library					9,794
Patriotic Purposes					300
Subtotal					\$12,294
Debt Service					
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)					\$9,000
<u>Operating Budget Total</u>					<u>\$917,729</u>
	YES	301		NO	156

- 3) To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 72:37 (tax exemption for the blind). If approved, those meeting the appropriate criteria will receive a \$15,000 exemption on their property assessment. This Article appears at the direction of the Department of Revenue Administration.
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| | YES | 325 | | NO | 145 |
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- 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of paving town roads.
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| | YES | 272 | | NO | 213 |
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- 5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the previously established Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. **The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.**
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| | YES | 252 | | NO | 229 |
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- 6) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed into the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. **The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.**
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| | YES | 264 | | NO | 211 |
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- 7) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1A for the purpose of constructing a new town office building and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed into this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen to act as agents to expend. **The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.**
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| | YES | 146 | | NO | 334 |
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- 8) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a part time police officer.
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| | YES | 258 | | NO | 218 |
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- 9) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars (\$26,515) to purchase a 2012 Ford F250 with plow and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the previously established Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund with six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars (\$6,515) to be raised by taxation.
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| | YES | 222 | | NO | 262 |
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- 10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$36,964) for the purchase of a new police vehicle. To fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the already established Police

Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and twelve thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$12,964) coming from taxation. **The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.**

YES 213 NO 264

- 11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the restoration of the Town's historical records.
- YES 225 NO 255
- 12) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,895 for the purpose of paying the Grafton Library staff so that the Grafton Public Library may be open two hours daily, Monday through Thursday, 3:30pm to 5:30pm, while public schools are in session starting April 2012. **(By Petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this article / the Budget Committee does not recommend this article.**
- YES 227 NO 261
- 13) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand nine hundred seventy three dollars (\$9,973) for the restoration of the Town's historical records. To be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire and will have no impact on taxation.
- YES 334 NO 152
- 14) Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grafton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age to 80 years \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000 and owned net assets not in excess of \$40,000 (if single) or \$50,000 (if married), excluding the value of the person's residence.
- YES 326 NO 148
- 15) Shall we modify the disability exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grafton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: the person is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000 and owned net assets not in excess of \$40,000 (if single) or \$50,000 (if married), excluding the value of the person's residence.
- YES 266 NO 197
- 16) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred and forty dollars (\$2,240) to establish a fitting memorial to our former Librarian, Myrtle Cooper, and for other library purposes and programs. This article will be funded solely by donations already received and held by the Library Trustees for this purpose, not by general taxation, and will be administered by the Library Trustees. This article to be non-lapsing for five years according to RSA 32:7, VI. **The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.**
- YES 303 NO 178
- 17) Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?
- YES 432 NO 55
- 18) To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2004.
- YES 188 NO 274
- 19) To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken in 1982 Town Meeting to elect Planning Board members and instead have the Planning Board members appointed by the Selectmen, designating one Selectman or administrative official of the Town as an ex-officio member and appointing 4 other persons who are residents of the town as appropriate. Pursuant to RSA 673:2,II(c), this article shall take effect

immediately upon adoption by the Town Meeting and the Selectmen shall forthwith appoint members in accordance with RSA 675:5; however, the Planning Board shall continue in existence and the elected members in office may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

YES 132 NO 346

- 20) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Woodheating Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:69 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provision are:
- a. That any expenditure for a Woodheating Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:70 of the State of New Hampshire. **(By Petition)**
- YES 221 NO 249
- 21) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow an exemption of taxes on Wind-Powered Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:65 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provisions are:
- a. That any expenditure for a Wind-Powered Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34 and 72:34-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:66 of the State of New Hampshire. **(By Petition)**
- YES 230 NO 227
- 22) To see if the Town will vote certain provisions to allow exemption of taxes on Solar Energy Systems as defined in RSA 72:61 of the State of New Hampshire as of the date of any assessments affected by these provisions. These certain provisions are:
- a. That any expenditure for a Solar Energy Systems so defined, or any separate valuation thereof, shall be excluded from taxation, such that the amount of exemption shall not exceed the additional assessed value to the property for such systems.
 - b. That application for an exemption shall be governed by the provisions of RSA 72:33, 72:34, and 72:43-a.
 - c. That this statute shall remain in effect until rescinded. These provisions are proposed in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, and RSA 72:62 of the State of New Hampshire. **(By Petition)**
- YES 244 NO 211
- 23) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to sell the town owned building and accompanying land known as "Town Hall" located on Turnpike Road, the sale of which will be by public auction which shall occur within six months of passage of this article. **(By Petition)**
- YES 154 NO 312
- 24) To see if the Town of Grafton will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to REDUCE the annual town budget by ten percent for the next 3 years. **(By Petition)**
- YES 224 NO 229
- 25) To see if the Town will vote to direct the governing body of the Town of Grafton to appoint a Capital Improvement Program committee to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years. The sole purpose and effect of the Capital Improvements Program shall be to aid the Selectmen and Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget. **(By Petition)**
- YES 169 NO 283

BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 1-30-12

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Ed Grinley

Scott Smith

Catherine Mulholland

David Rienzo

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		43703	42561	43703		44000	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		23899	22308	28723		28223	500
4150-4151	Financial Administration		38328	30655	39044		39044	
4152	Revaluation of Property		39655	37317	25060		25060	
4153	Legal Expense		10000	9401	10000		12000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		23093	20371	23925		23925	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		500	170	50		750	
4194	General Government Buildings		66840	58088	62650		51200	11450
4195	Cemeteries		4600	6739	6354		7845	
4196	Insurance		84469	77749	92046		92046	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1500	1110	2000		1500	500
4199	Other General Government		2000	0	2000		2000	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		87864	109947	116293		161293	
4215-4219	Ambulance		13220	13218	17830		12830	5000
4220-4229	Fire		16085	16114	16895		16000	895
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		100		100		100	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		1000	983	1000		1000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		281100	280566	359244		309000	50244
4313	Bridges							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMM. APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMM. APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS (cont.)								
4316	Street Lighting		3000	3360	3000		2000	1000
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		91565	100239	121068		92000	29068
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration / Welfare		38313	23639	3300		3300	
4414	Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		10964	10964	10964		10964	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.							
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payemnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		2200	1984	2200		2200	
4550-4559	Library		4250	4250	6544		9794	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		280	172	300		300	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources							
4619	Other Conservation							
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING								
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		9000	9000	9000		9000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer							
	- Water							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)							
	- Electric							
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		897518	871925	1032993		942074	

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS (Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4915	Fire Dept.	#5	20000		30000		30000	
4915	Bridge Capt. Res.	#6	20000		20000		20000	
4915	Capital Res. Town Office				10000		10000	
		INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
	SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		40000		60000		60000	

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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	New Highway Truck	9	25000		26515		26515	
	Highway Paving	4	25000	25000	30000		30000	
	Police Vehicle	10	5000		36964		36964	
	Part Time Police Officer	8			20000		20000	
	Additional Hrs. Library	12	1260			1895		1895
	Book Restoration	11			5000		5000	
	Book Restoration	1			8976		8976	
	INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		56260		122956		122956	

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		28203	182	182
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		7581	6200	6200
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		47320	63000	63000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		199	168	168
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		255		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		155443	155000	155000
3230	Building Permits			125	125
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		11172	7000	7000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		55840	59867	59867
3353	Highway Block Grant		145350	149052	149052
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		8976		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		3425	500	500
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		75	1500	1500
3502	Interest on Investments		2230		
3503-3509	Other			700	700
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		35869		
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds			6651	6650
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance		8872		
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			510810	449945	449945

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	897518	1032993	942074
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	40000	60000	60000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	56260	122955	122955
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	993778	1215948	1125029
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	510810	449945	449945
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	482968	766003	675084

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: _____
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)



Raymond S. Burton

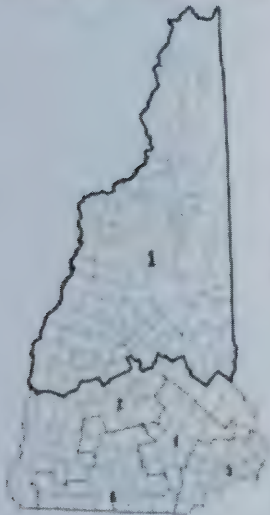
338 River Road
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*Executive Councilor
District One*

Report to the People of District One by Ray Burton Executive Councilor, District One

As one of five members of the Executive Council, I will again take the Oath of office on January 3, 2013. I am now representing 108 Towns, four cities- Berlin, Laconia, Claremont and Lebanon spread across all or parts of seven of NH's ten Counties, - Carroll, Grafton, Belknap, Coos, Sullivan, Strafford and Merrimack. I was sorry to lose, through the redistricting process, the towns of Belmont and Charlestown.

Governor Hassan will be the tenth Governor I have served with in the last 35-36 years of public service to the 263,000 people of this large Northern Rural District. The Governor is required to nominate citizens to serve on the dozens of volunteer Boards and Commissions which the Council will vote on. I urge anyone who is interested in serving to send a letter of interest and resume to the Governors Office, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For a list of the Boards and Commissions go to <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm> contact my office or utilize your local town or city library.



Towns in Council District #1

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Center Harbor, Gifford, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro

COOS COUNTY:

Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stark Stewartstown, Strafford, Whitefield

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

MERRIMACK COUNTY:

Andover, Danbury, Hill, New London, Wilmot

STRAFFORD COUNTY:

Middleton, Milton, New Durham

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee

With the support of the NH Health and Human Services Department, I have three District Health Councils which meet about every 4 months with Commissioner Nick Toumpas and his staff for about 2 hours. We receive updates and respond to local health concerns, consumers, providers and elected officials- local, county and state. These 2 hour sessions are open and frank discussions about the health of all NH citizens. The notification is all by email. Please send me your email to add to the list if you are interested at ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

2013-2014 is the year of the 10 year NH Transportation Plan. The Five Member Council will work closely with the local Regional Planning Commissions; hold required hearings on the recommendations for the next ten years for all modes of transportation- highways, rail, air and public transportation. We then submit our recommendations to the Governor by December 15, 2013. The Governor reviews and submits her recommendations of the plan to the NH House and Senate by February 15, 2014 which will become a legislative bill concluding with a new 10 year transportation plan by July 1, 2014. Keep in touch with my office or the NH Dept. of Transportation Planning Office at 271-1484 on this. There will be some interesting and in depth discussions and votes.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance. I enjoy participating and speaking at local events and consider it an honor to serve you.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Grafton, NH

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice is a compassionate, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Grafton residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to institutional care, our services likely offer significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice serves clients of all ages and at all stages of life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, the Visiting Nurse & Hospice made 662 homecare visits to 32 Grafton residents and absorbed approximately \$26,464 in unreimbursed charges.

Home Healthcare: 507 home visits to 24 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

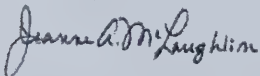
Hospice Services: 130 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 25 home visits to 4 residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, Grafton residents made visits to Visiting Nurse & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Grafton's annual appropriation helps the Visiting Nurse & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)



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Programs

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)
Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)
Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)
Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)
Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)
Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)
Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)
Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 1-877-711-7787)
ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 1-866-634-9412)

Grafton County Senior Citizens
Council, Inc. is an equal
opportunity provider.

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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2011-12, 66 older residents of Grafton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center and 34 were assisted by ServiceLink:

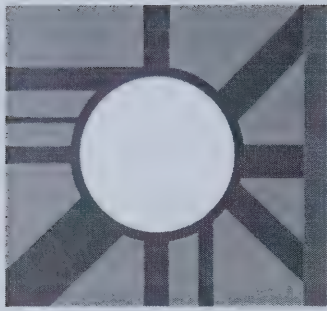
- Older adults from Grafton enjoyed 1,353 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 2,018 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Grafton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,340 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- Grafton residents benefited from in-home care a total of 135 hours. (*GCSCC no longer provides this service as of July 1, 2012.*)
- Grafton residents received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 58 visits with a trained outreach worker and 66 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Grafton's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 695 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Grafton residents in 2011-12 was \$50,940.80.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Grafton's population over age 60 increased by 133.6% according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Grafton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director



MVHI

Your Public Health Initiative

MVHI is a nonprofit public health organization serving the Upper Valley towns of Canaan, Cornish, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield. Our goal is to protect and promote the health of our community.

MVHI hosts a number of public health and substance abuse prevention programs and works with partner organizations to promote a broad range of public health efforts. In 2012, MVHI served as the convener of a project creating a regional public health collaborative that will develop a unified set of regional priorities, ensure a steady flow of information, support inter-agency initiatives, and improve our regional capacity to address identified public health needs. In 2013, we will officially launch this collaborative by establishing an advisory committee and hiring staff.

In 2012, MVHI ran two substance abuse prevention initiatives in the towns of Canaan, Enfield, Dorchester, Grafton, and Orange: 1) Indian River Youth 2 Youth after-school program, and 2) Mascoma Valley Prevention Network, a community coalition focused on reducing youth alcohol and drug abuse.

During 2012, our programs reached many people who live, work, and attend school in Grafton:

- Immunizations -- MVHI provided information for parents about free flu vaccines available for students not served by Lebanon's school-based flu vaccine clinics. We also hosted three flu vaccine clinics in the region that provided over 600 free flu vaccines to residents aged 10 and older.
- Substance Abuse Prevention: During the 2011/2012 school year, 1 Grafton youth participated in the Youth 2 Youth program. During the past school year, the MVPN hosted six (6) Parent Night Events to provide parents and other adults with information about prevention topics and what is happening in our communities. In March, we co-hosted a forum on the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data with the school district. We participated in several school and community events to provide information and engage parents.
- Coordination: MVHI staff represented region wide public health issues at various regional and state level committees and workgroups, including the Upper Valley All Health Hazards Regional Coordinating Committee, the HEAL Partnership, and NH Department of Health and Human Services Regionalization efforts.

MVHI greatly appreciates the support we receive from Grafton and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2013.

Annual Report 2012

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Four Extension Field Specialists are based out of our North Haverhill office: Deborah Maes, Food Safety and Community Economic Development; Kathleen Jablonski, Youth and Family; Heather Bryant, Food & Agriculture; Dave Falkenham, Natural Resources; and State Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak. Donna Lee is in the newly created position of 4-H and Master Gardener Coordinator. Lisa Ford, Nutrition Connections, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Our staff is supported in the office by Kristina Vaughan and Teresa Locke.

Volunteers serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and provide local support for our programs. Membership for 2011-2012 included Martha McLeod, Franconia; Frank Hagan, Bethlehem; Cheryl Taber, Littleton; Luther Kinney, Sugar Hill; Mary Ames, Bath; Pauline Corzilius, Pike; Joan Pushee of Plymouth, Jon Martin of Bristol; Emilie Shipman, Enfield; Joan Osgood, Piermont; and Catherine Flynn of North Haverhill. They are joined by State Representative Kathleen Taylor and County Commissioners, Ray Burton, Michael Cryans and Omer Ahern, Jr.

During the 2012 year, UNH Cooperative Extension reorganized to work more effectively to meet the needs of NH Citizens. This new approach looks at regional programming and focuses on using individual staff expertise.

Here are some of our noteworthy accomplishments during the past year.

Maes and Bryant worked with UVM Extension and USDA Rural Development of NH/VT to provide training in the Stronger Economies Together curriculum to "Keep Growing" a four county initiative. The goal is to strengthen the local economy through support of local agriculture.

Maes also worked with a volunteer panel in Franconia to explore the town's need for police coverage, staffing and office space.

Falkenham conducted a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 10,000 acres of forestland to help landowners manage their private woodlots.

Bryant is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial, testing 8 varieties of sweet potatoes for yield and quality.

Grafton County Master Gardener volunteers work on a number of educational projects around the County. One example, the Memorial Gardens at the County Complex is in its 7th season. This year volunteers added new plants and began work to update the interpretive signs.

Jablonski worked with Lakeway Elementary School to teach a healthy living and nutrition curriculum as part of a grant funded by the WalMart Foundation.

Jablonski and Colpitts continued to work with local after school organizations to use inquiry science and technologies curriculums.

Ford is part of the ECO Learning Garden located at Whole Village where she and other volunteers worked with youth and parents in planting, harvesting and cooking the garden yields.

Three participants in a nutrition/cooking class taught by Ford volunteered to assist with the next series.

Lunak helped coordinate a state wide workshop on Understanding Animal Handling featuring noted expert Temple Grandin that attracted over 200 participants.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah B Maes, Extension Field Specialist & County Office Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Vital Records Administration
Grafton Resident Birth Report
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
NONE				

Grafton Resident Death Report
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
HALE, ROBERT	JANUARY 1, 2012	LEBANON, NH	HALE, ROBERT	CALL, NANCY
DODGE, DONALD	JANUARY 10, 2012	HANOVER, NH	HAMEL, MAURICE	DODGE, GERTRUDE
GROUT, DOROTHY	APRIL 20, 2012	FRANKLIN, NH	DOODY, WILBER	MAYOU, ETTA
SENER, DORIS	JUNE 24, 2012	GRAFTON, NH	BATTEN, WILLIAM	FRENCH, LENA
JAMES, GORDON	SEPTEMBER 24, 2012	LEBANON, NH	JAMES, FRANK	BOND, MILDRED
THURBER, PATRICIA	SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	MERRIMACK, NH	BRANN, WINTHROP	FRENCH, MARIE
BARNES, HARRY	OCTOBER 5, 2012	MANCHESTER, NH	BARNES, JOHN	BROWN, ROSE
FODEN, AMANDA	OCTOBER 23, 2012	GRAFTON, NH	FODEN, AARON	ROBERTS, JENNIFER
JALBERT, CECILE	NOVEMBER 19, 2012	HANOVER, NH	DESJARLAIS, EMILE	CARTIER, CLARINDA
SAWYER, ELAINE	NOVEMBER 20, 2012	LEBANON, NH	KENNEY, ROBERT	RUBY, EMILY
PINTO, FRANCES	DECEMBER 31, 2012	GRAFTON, NH	SPODNIK, ANDREW	VLAHAC, ELIZABETH

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Grafton Resident Marriage Report
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

Person A's Name & Residence	Person B's Name & Residence	Town Issued	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
MANNING, JESSICA L GRAFTON, NH	FAIRBROTHER, JOSHUA GRAFTON, NH	GRAFTON	GRAFTON	FEBRUARY 3, 2012
HILL, SCOTT R GRAFTON, NH	BUETTNER, JACQUELINE M GRAFTON, NH	CANAAN	GRAFTON	FEBRUARY 18, 2012
WALKER, PAULE NASHUA, NH	PERKINS, BRENDA GRAFTON, NH	NASHUA	HUDSON	APRIL 21, 2012
COLE, HEIDI C FRANKLN, NH	AULT, BARBARA A GRAFTON, NH	BARTLETT	JACKSON	MAY 26, 2012
BELLOIR, ANTHONY R CANAAN, NH	BOSTWICK, STEPHANIE A GRAFTON, NH	ENFIELD	ENFIELD	MAY 26, 2012
TARNER, JACOB GRAFTON, NH	DANFORTH, JESSICA DANBURY, NH	GRAFTON	GRAFTON	JUNE 30, 2012
DOWNING SR, JOSEPH D GRAFTON, NH	MAJOR, SARAH GRAFTON, NH	THORNTON	LINCOLN	JULY 24, 2012
GRINLEY, ADAM GRAFTON, NH	LAZAR, CARISSA GRAFTON, NH	GRAFTON	GRAFTON	SEPTEMBER 8, 2012
SMITH, RYAN BELMONT, VT	KENYON, ALI GRAFTON, NH	GRAFTON	GRAFTON	DECEMBER 22, 2012



PUBLIC NOTICE

“Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds.” RSA 206:5

The request must be submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.

This notice is required to be published in the town’s 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT CREDITS

The “Inventory of the Town of Grafton” used on the front cover is a copy of page 3 of the “*Annual Report for the Town of Grafton for the Year Ending February 15, 1913*”.

The photographs on page 25 were submitted by the Grafton Historical Society along with their report for publication and are not credited.

The back cover features an original pen and ink illustration by long-time resident Gretchen Renee. It is one of many that she drew for our town history book, “*Isinglass, Timber, and Wool*”, authored and published by Kenneth R. Cushing, 1992, and is used by permission.

The photograph of Merle Kenyon on the dedication page was taken by Selectman Steve Darrow, specifically for this publication. In hopes of surprising Merle with the dedication, he was not asked for permission to use his picture!

DIRECTORY

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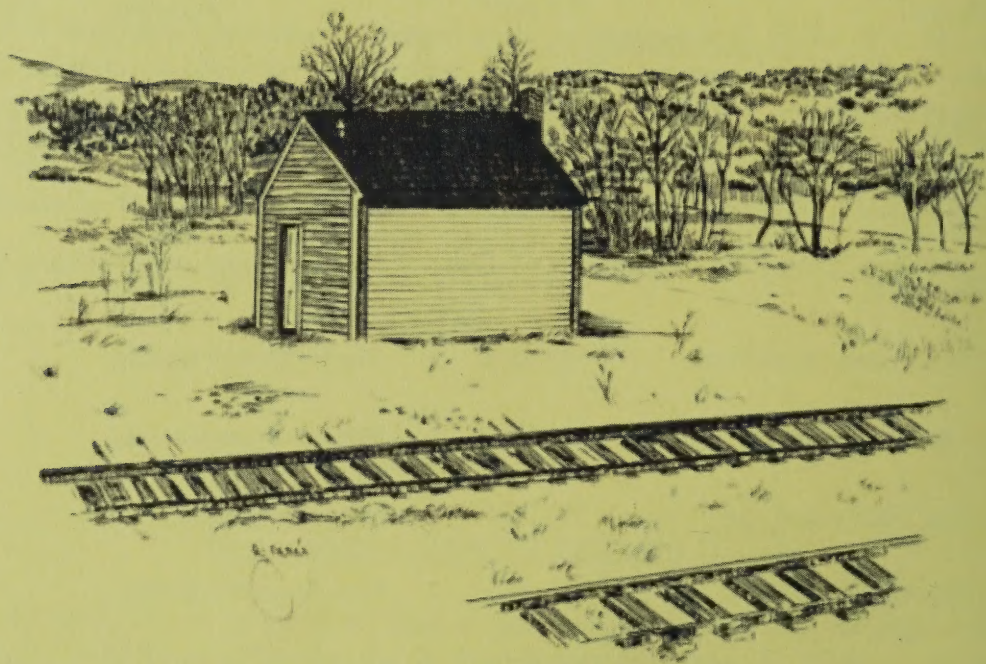
911

Selectmen's Office selectmen@townofgrafftonnh.com	523-7700	Monday - Friday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Grafton Library library@townofgrafftonnh.com	523-7865	Wednesday & Saturday Monday & Wednesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tax Collector graftontaxcollector@gmail.com	523-4061	Thursday	5:15 pm to 8:00 pm
Town Clerk graftontc2008@hotmail.com	523-7270	Monday & Wednesday Friday Last Saturday of Month	5:15 pm to 8:00 pm 7:00 am to 11:00 am 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Recycling Center	523-9113	Wednesday & Sunday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Forest Fire Warden / Sean Frost	523-8836	For Brush Fire Permits	
Grafton Ambulance Service	523-4623	Non-Emergencies Only	
Grafton Fire Department	523-7500	Non-Emergencies Only	
Grafton Police Department	523-7667	Non-Emergencies Only	
Highway Department	523-7027		

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