

GRAFTON, VERMONT  
WARNING  
For Town and Town School Districts

The legal voters of the Town and Town School Districts of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Grafton Elementary School on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM EST to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1        To choose all Town and Town School District Officers. Voting to be by Australian ballot; polls open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- ART. 2        To act on the Auditor's Report.
- ART. 3        To authorize the Selectmen, the Town School Directors and the Athens/Grafton Joint Contract School District Directors to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.
- ART. 4        Shall the voters of the Grafton Town School District approve the Athens/Grafton Joint Contract School District budget K-6 expenses of one million, four hundred seventy three thousand, four hundred dollars (\$1,473,400.00) that includes five hundred dollars (\$500.00) compensation for each School Director.
- ART. 5        Shall the voters of the Grafton Town School District approve the school board to expend nine hundred three thousand, nine hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$903,928.00) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of twelve thousand, eight hundred eighty dollars and twenty-three cents (\$12,880.23) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.13% lower than spending for the current year.
- ART. 6        Shall the Town of Grafton vote to raise \$141,000 for the Capital Budget. (\$100,000 for Equipment, \$4,000 for Guard Rail, \$10,000 for Highway Structures, \$15,000 for Fire Truck, \$5,000 for Town Hall Repairs, \$2,000 for Computers and \$5,000 for Bridge Painting and Scraping).
- ART. 7        Shall the Town of Grafton raise \$523,150 for the maintenance of highways and bridges.
- ART. 8        Shall the Town of Grafton raise \$273,340 for the Selectmen's Budget.
- ART. 9        Shall the Town of Grafton raise \$9,000 for ambulance services.

- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton raise \$23,000 for the Firemen's Association operating expenses.
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise \$9,000 for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses.
- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton grant tax exemption to the Grafton Historical Society for their property at 147 Main Street.
- ART. 13 Shall the Town of Grafton raise \$9,741 for Humanitarian expenses (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; VCIL - \$105; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; Valley Cares - \$1,052; RSVP - \$160; The Current - \$250; Woman's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100; Grace Cottage - \$1,500).
- ART. 14 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being Aug. 15, Nov. 15, Feb. 15, and May 15.
- ART. 15 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1 ½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136.
- ART. 16 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the town meeting.