

The Moderator called the meeting to Order at 6:45 pm

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

Jim Dague made the motion to move the Article which was seconded by Judy Wood. Judy Wood nominated Roger Stauss which was seconded by Victoria Crowne. Jim Dague made the motion to cease nominations which was seconded by Kenneth Bagley. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot cast for **Roger Stauss** as Moderator.

2. To elect all Town Officers as required by law.

a. To elect a Selectperson for a 3 year term ending 2021. Norm Arseneault nominated Sean Linskey. Motion was seconded. Dennis Demers nominated Jim Dague. Motion was seconded. Danial Sargeant made the motion to cease nominations. Motion was seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. The Moderator called for a vote by paper ballot. A total of 48 ballots were cast with Sean 19 and Jim 29. Elected was **Jim Dague** as Selectman.

b. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a 1 year term ending 2019. Nancy Beattie nominated Nancy Needham and was seconded. Mary Falcon moved to close the nominations. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. One ballot cast for **Nancy Needham** as Delinquent Tax Collector.

c. To elect a Town Grand Juror for a 1 year term ending 2019. Mike Cunningham nominated Mike Eramo. Motion was seconded. Motion was made to cease nominations and was seconded. All were in favor. One ballot cast for **Mike Eramo** as Town Grand Juror.

d. To elect an Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits for a 1 year term ending 2019. Mike Eramo nominated Diane Eramo. Motion was seconded. Judy Wood made the motion to cease nominations. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. One ballot cast for **Diane Eramo** as Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits..

e. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a 3 year term ending 2021. Kate Stauss nominated Mark Belisle. Motion was seconded. Kate made the motion to cease nominations. Motion was seconded by Nancy Demers. All were in favor. One ballot was cast for **Mark Belisle** as Cemetery Commissioner.

f. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner to complete a term ending 2020. Mary Falcon Nominated Kathy Werner. Motion was seconded by Judy Wood. Bruce Hyde moved to cease nominations. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. One ballot was cast for **Kathy Werner** as Cemetery Commissioner.

g. To elect a First Constable for a two year term ending 2020. Sean Linskey nominated Mark Belisle. Motion was seconded by Judy Wood. Ken Beattie moved to cease nominations. Motion was seconded. All were in favor. One ballot was cast for **Mark Belisle** as First Constable.

h. To elect a Second Constable for a 1 year term ending 2019. Sean Linskey nominated Brett Stickney. Motion was seconded by Judy Wood. Kate Stauss moved to cease nominations. Motion was seconded by Judy Wood, All were in favor. One ballot cast for **Brett Stickney** as Second Constable.

3. To hear the Selectmen's report and act upon same. Judy Wood made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded by Mary Falcon. Richard Poole gave an update on ECFiber. Bruce Hyde gave a review of the Selectmen's Report and thanked Norm Arseneault for all his work on the FEMA Alternate Projects. Kate made the motion to accept the report. Motion was seconded by Judy Adler. All were in favor. **Article 3 Passed.**

4. Shall the voters of Granville approve a budget of \$199,800 to purchase road equipment and hire a full time road foreman to perform the necessary road work for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018? Judy made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded by Jim Dague. Bruce Hyde described the process of events if the Article were to pass or if it is defeated. There were questions taken and statements made from the floor. Cheryl Sargeant made the motion to call the question. Motion was seconded by Kate Stauss. All were in favor. Kate Stauss made the motion to vote by paper ballot. Motion was seconded. Total of 45 ballots were cast with 30 No and 15 Yes. **Article 4 Defeated.**

5. Shall the Town of Granville vote to accept the budget of \$ 398,264 to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate

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sufficient to provide the same? Christian Jaquith made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded by Cheryl Sargeant. Statements and questions were taken from the floor. Mary Falcon made the motion to call the Article. Motion was seconded by Judy Wood. Judy made the motion to vote by a raise of hands. Motion was seconded. A total of 30 hand votes with 22 Yes votes and 9 No votes. **Article 5 Passed.**

6. Shall the Town of Granville vote to increase the Highway Capital Investment Account in the amount of \$ 6,000 for the purpose of repaving Town roads? Kate Stauss made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded. Vivian Branschofsky made the motion to call the question. Motion was seconded All in favor. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The Ayes have it. **Article 6 Passed.**

7. Shall the Town of Granville vote to increase the Capital Account for the purpose of covering expenses for Fire Protection in East Granville in the amount of \$500.00? Judy Wood made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded by Christian Jaquith. Jim Dague made the motion to call the question. Motion was seconded by Cheryl Sargeant. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The Ayes have it. **Article 7 Passed.**

8. Shall the Town of Granville elect two (2) additional Selectmen for a term of two (2) years each as described in 17 V.S.A. 2650 (b)? Judy Wood made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded by Kate Stauss. The floor requested to hear from Danial Sargeant who submitted the petition for the Warned Article who responded by reading a prepared statement of pros and cons of a five member board versus a three member board. Judy Wood made the motion to call the question. Motion was seconded by Cheryl Sargeant. Shawn Doughrity made the motion to vote by paper ballot. Motion was seconded. Total of 39 ballots were cast with 15 Yes votes and 24 No votes. **Article 8 Defeated.**

9. Shall the Town of Granville vote to authorize property taxes to be paid to the Treasurer as provided by law, in four (4) equal installments, with due dates being; August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15? Kate Stauss made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded by Christian Jaquith. Kate made the motion to call the question. Motion was seconded by Christian Jaquith. All were in favor. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The Ayes have it. **Article 9 Passed.**

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10. Shall the Town of Granville vote that overdue taxes will bear interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136? Christian Jaquith made the motion to move the Article. Motion was seconded. Kate made the motion to call the question. Motion was seconded by Cheryl Sargeant. All were in favor. The Moderator called for a voice vote. The Ayes have it. **Article 10 Passed.**

11. To transact any other business to come before said meeting. Judy Wood called attention to invite registered voters to who are interested to join the planning Commission. Mark Belisle reminded dog owners to register their dogs by April 1st. and that there will be a rabies clinic held the Hancock Fire Department on March 21st at 5 pm till 7 pm. Bruce thanked Wade for filming tonight's meeting. The video will be available on line at OrcaMedia.com. Kate Stauss thanked Sean Linskey for service as Selectman.

12. To adjourn said meeting. Jim Dague made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Roger Stauss/ Moderator

Nancy Demers/Justice of the Peace