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Assessor's Map 46: Parcel 1, Parcel 2, Parcel 7, Parcel 8, and Parcel 9; thence continuing along the southern boundary of Parcel 26 as shown on the Montague Assessor's Map 35; thence continuing along the southern boundaries of the following parcels as shown on the Montague Assessor's Map 46: Parcel 15, Parcel 16, crossing Dry Hill Road to the northwest corner of Parcel 78; thence southerly along the western boundary of said Parcel 78; thence easterly along the boundaries of Parcel 78 and Parcel 31 to Wendell Road; thence continuing along the western boundary of Wendell Road to Parcel 34; thence continuing along the western, southern, and eastern boundaries of the Parcel 34 and the eastern boundary of Parcel 74 to Wendell Road; thence continuing along the western boundary of Wendell Road in a generally southeasterly direction to a point on the Montague-Wendell town line; thence proceeding in a generally northern direction along the Montague-Wendell town line to the point of beginning.

Also included shall be all land that lies between the above described area to be annexed and the Turners Falls Fire District, between the Mineral Road Bridge over the Millers River and where the above described area to be annexed intersects with Federal street, in order to form a contiguous district.

SECTION 3. Such annexation shall be effective upon acceptance of this act at a district meeting of the Millers Falls Fire and Water District, and at a district meeting of the Turners Falls Fire District.

SECTION 4. Upon acceptance as provided for in section three of this act, the Turners Falls Fire District shall succeed to all property, rights, and privileges held or enjoyed by the Millers Falls Fire and Water District at the time of such acceptance.

SECTION 5. In the event that this act is not accepted, by either or both districts before July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, the dissolution date of the Millers Falls Fire and Water District set forth in section seven of chapter three hundred and four of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-one shall be extended until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

Emergency Letter: March 16, 1994 @ 4:43 P.M.

Approved March 16, 1994.

Chapter 6. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NONPARTISAN PRELIMINARY ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF GRANBY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who is qualified to vote for town officers in the town of Granby may be a candidate for an elective town office therein and shall be entitled to have his name as such candidate printed on the official ballot to be used at a preliminary election; provided, however, that he files nomination papers provided by the town clerk containing not less than fifty signatures certified as voters of said town.

SECTION 2. The preliminary election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day preceding every regular or special town election.

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SECTION 3. No primary or caucus for the nomination of town officers shall be held. No ballot used at any preliminary, regular or special election in said town shall have printed thereon any party or political designation or mark, and there shall not be appended to the name of any candidate any such political designation or mark.

SECTION 4. Nomination papers shall be filed with the town clerk not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of the thirty-fifth day preceding the preliminary election. Every nomination paper shall be submitted to the registrars of voters for certification of the names thereon on or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day preceding the day on which it shall be filed with the clerk.

SECTION 5. The election officers shall, immediately upon the closing of the polls at the preliminary election, count the ballots and ascertain the number of votes cast in the several voting places for each candidate, and forthwith make return thereof upon blanks to be furnished, as in regular elections, to the town clerk who shall canvass such returns and shall forthwith determine the result thereof.

SECTION 6. The two persons receiving at a preliminary election the highest number of votes for nomination for an office shall be the sole candidates for that office whose names may be printed on the official ballot to be used at the regular or special election at which such office is to be filled, and no acceptance of a nomination at a preliminary election shall be necessary to its validity.

If two or more persons are to be elected to the same office at such regular or special election, the several persons in number equal to twice the number so to be elected receiving at such preliminary election the highest number of votes for nomination for that office shall be the sole candidates for that office whose names may be printed on the official ballot.

If the preliminary election results in a tie vote among candidates for the nomination receiving the lowest number of votes which, but for such tie vote, would entitle a person receiving the same to have his name printed upon the official ballot for the election, all candidates participating in such tie vote shall have their names printed upon the official ballot, although in consequence there be printed thereon names of candidates to a number exceeding twice the number to be elected.

SECTION 7. If at the expiration of the time for filing nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at any preliminary election not more than twice as many such papers have been filed with the town clerk for an office as there are persons to be elected to such office, the candidates whose nomination papers have thus been filed shall be deemed to have been nominated to such office and their names shall be voted on for such office at the succeeding regular or special election, as the case may be, and the town clerk shall not print such names upon the ballot to be used at such preliminary election and no other nomination to such office shall be made. If in consequence it shall appear that no names are to be printed upon the official ballot to be used at any preliminary election in the town, no preliminary election shall be held.

SECTION 8. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the laws of the commonwealth governing town elections, special elections of town officers and special elections in towns shall, so far as applicable, govern such elections in the town of Granby.

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SECTION 9. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Granby in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the ballot for the town election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-four:- "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled 'An Act providing for non-partisan preliminary elections in the town of Granby', be accepted?".

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall take effect, but not otherwise.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 5, 1994.

Chapter 7. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR A CERTAIN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately establish a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of education, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the department of education is hereby authorized and directed to establish a sick leave bank for Regina M. Lawless, an employee of said department. Any employee of said department may voluntarily contribute one or more of his sick, personal or vacation days to said sick leave bank for use by said Regina M. Lawless.

The foregoing was laid before the Governor on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1994 and after ten days had the force of law as prescribed by the Constitution as it was not returned by him to the branch in which it originated with his objections thereto within that time.

Chapter 8. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR ELEANOR ANDRADE-CRUZ, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately establish a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of education, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: