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IN MEMORIAM

OF

THOSE WHO SERVED OUR TOWN

Chief William E. Sargent, Jr.

Born: September 15, 1935   Died: June 2, 2009

Bill Sargent joined the Groveland Police Department as a Reserve Officer on August 20, 1960 and was promoted to a fulltime officer on April 1, 1969 working under the command of the late Chief James Shanahan. Bill was made Sergeant in 1974, promoted to Lieutenant on September 1, 1985. Following the passing of Chief Shanahan in May, 1989, Bill was promoted to the position of Chief of Police and served as Chief until his retirement on September 30, 1999.

"You will be sadly missed, Bill, by all those who had the pleasure of serving with you".
2009

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF GROVELAND

AND

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS

AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 2008 THRU JUNE 30, 2009

INCLUDING THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
2009

TOWN CLERK’S

ANNUAL REPORT
# TOWN OF GROVELAND

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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Trustee of Langley-Adams Library
Barbara Gauvin 2010
Kathleen Prunier 2010
Patricia Hamilton 2010
Lisa Dube’ Carpenter 2011
Laurel Puchalski 2011
Sharon Perotti 2011
Gerard Tibbetts 2012
Elizabeth H. Burton 2012
Helen R. McGrath 2012

Planning Board
James Freer 2010*
Carole Gist 2011*
Robert O’Hanley 2012*
Walter Sorenson 2013*
Jonathan Stock (3 year appointment by Selectmen) 2012

Light Commissioners
Kermit Cross 2010
Kenneth Rollins 2011
Robert Brady 2012

Cemetery Commissioners
Richard T. Sciacca 2010
Mark McCabe 2011
William Dunn 2012

Tree Warden
Mark McCabe 2010

Housing Authority
Robert Houle 2010
Nancy Lewandowski, Governor’s Appointee 2011
Elizabeth A. Gorski 2012
Rosamond Muise 2013
Tobe Alperin 2014

*2008 Town Meeting voted to change the Planning Board from an elected Board to an appointed Board. As the above-noted members terms expire, the vacancy will be filled by appointment through the Board of Selectmen.
TOWN OF GROVELAND

WARRANT FOR 2009 ANNUAL ELECTION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss:
To Robert J. Kirmelewicz, Chief of Police of the Town of Groveland, in the County of Essex

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Annual Town Election to meet in their voting precinct Town Hall, 183 Main Street Groveland, MA on Monday, May 4, 2009 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. to elect the following Town Officers and vote on the following Ballot Questions:

ARTICLE 1:

To Elect: One Selectman for three years
            One Assessor for three years
            One member of the Board of Health for three years
            One member of the School Committee for three years
            Three Trustees of the Langley-Adams Library for three years
            One member of the Water/Sewer Commission for three years
            One member of the Cemetery Commission for three years
            One member of the Municipal Light Commission for three years
            One member of the Groveland Housing Authority for five years
            One Tree Warden for one year
            One Moderator for one year
To vote upon the following Question fill in the Oval to the right of the “YES” or “NO”.

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town vote to have its elected Road Commissioner become an appointed Superintendent of Streets of the Town?

YES  ()  

NO   ()

**QUESTION 2:** Shall the Town be allowed to assess an additional $100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the Fiscal Year 2010 Pentucket Regional School District Supplemental Budget Assessment, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

YES  ()

NO   ()
# ELECTION RESULTS
## TOWN OF GROVELAND
### MAY 4, 2009

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**Question #1.** Shall the Town vote to have its elected Road Commissioner become an appointed Superintendent of Streets of the Town?

Yes – 357  
No – 393

**Question #2.** Shall the Town be allowed to assess an additional $100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the Fiscal Year 2010 Pentucket Regional School District Supplemental Budget Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Yes – 284  
No – 473
SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

DECEMBER 8, 2009

**United States Senate**  
**Democratic Party**
- Michael E. Capuano – 165
- Martha Coakley – 326
- Alan A. Khazei – 79
- Stephen G. Pagliuca – 79

**United States Senate**  
**Republican Party**
- Scott P. Brown – 297
- Jack E. Robinson – 24
TOWN OF GROVELAND

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex,ss:

To Robert J. Kirmelewicz, Chief of Police of the Town of Groveland, in the County of Essex

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special Town Meeting to meet at the Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall School, 253 School Street on Monday, April 27, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. to vote on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS($16,000.00) from the Conservation Fee Account #2600-000-35905-000 to the Conservation Services Expense Account line item #1001-171-52000-052; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Conservation Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action
ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to make the following transfers; or take any other action relative thereto:

$186.00 from Council on Aging Van Driver Salary line item #1001-541-51211-051 to Council on Aging Formula Grant line item #2701-541-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$1,000.00 from Council on Aging Van Driver Salary line item #1001-541-51211-051 to Council on Aging Expense line item #1001-541-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$3,000.00 from Plumbing Inspector Salary line item #1001-243-51100-051 to Veterans Benefit Expense line item #1001-545-57701-057 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$3,000.00 from Electrical Inspector Salary line item #1001-245-51100-051 to Veterans Benefit Expense line item #1001-545-57701-057 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$2,000.00 from Whittier Assessment line item #1001-302-56500-056 to Veterans Benefit Expense line item #1001-545-57701-057 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$10,000.00 from Rubbish line item #1001-433-52000-052 to Town Counsel Expense line item #1001-151-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$4,000.00 from Elections & Registration line item #1001-162-52000-052 to Town Counsel line item #1001-151-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$2,500.00 from Unemployment Expense line item #1001-913-51703-051 to Town Counsel Expense line item #1001-151-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$2,000.00 from Computer System Expense line item #1001-155-52000-052 to Town Counsel Expense line item #1001-151-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$1,000.00 from Town Reports line item #1001-195-52000-052 to Town Counsel Expense line item #1001-151-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$3,091.20 from Animal Control Officer Salary line item #1001-292-51100-051 to Police Other Salary line item #1001-210-51113-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$2,000.00 from Treasurer Tax Title line item #1001-144-52990-052 to Treasurer Expense line item #1001-145-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$1,000.00 from Treasurer Tax Title line item #1001-144-52990-052 to Municipal Fields and Water Expense line item #1001-190-52000-052 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$1,500.00 from Cemetery Part Time Salary line item #1001-491-51112-051 to Cemetery Full Time Salary line item #1001-491-51100-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;
$1,610.00 from Water Retirement Expense line item #6500-450-51710-051 to Water Superintendent Salary line item #6500-450-51100-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$690.00 from Sewer Retirement Expense line item #6510-440-51710-051 to Sewer Superintendent Salary line item #6510-440-51100-051 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$2,991.41 from Haverhill Capital Bond line item #6510-440-58000-058 to Sewer Long Term Debt Expense line item #6510-440-59100-057 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$3,000.00 from Water System GIS Mapping line item #6500-450-52000-055 to Public Water Well Cleaning and Rehabilitation line item #6500-450-52000-058 to cover initial funding shortfall;

$18,000.00 from Water Operations Facility Design and Improvements line item #6500-450-52000-057 to Public Water Well Cleaning and Rehabilitation line item #6500-450-52000-058 to cover initial funding shortfall;

Article submitted by the Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($50,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2008 Town Free Cash and TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($25,000.00) from Health Insurance line item #1001-914-51501-051 for the purpose of contracting for an engineering and feasibility assessment of the Dr. Elmer Bagnall Elementary School; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Bagnall Building Committee

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($100,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2008 Town Free Cash to the Snow and Ice Expense line item #1001-423-51100-051 to cover the Fiscal Year 2009 initial funding shortfall; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action
ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($100,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2008 Town Free Cash to the Road Maintenance Expense line item #1001-426-52418-052 for the purpose of performing additional street repair at the discretion of the Road Commissioner; or take any other action relative thereto.
Article submitted by the Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($100,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2008 Town Free Cash for the purpose of funding an employee vacation and sick leave buy-back account; or take any other action relative thereto.
Article submitted by the Finance Director

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS ($333,073.00) from Fiscal Year 2008 Town Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund Account #8500-000-35992-000; or take any other action relative thereto.
Article submitted by the Finance Director
Action requires a 2/3 vote.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS($25,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2008 Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings for the purpose upgrading the flow meter at the sewer pump station and associated improvements; or take any other action relative thereto.
Article submitted by the Water and Sewer Commissioners

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action
**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2009 annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects, and other expenses, with each item considered to be a separate appropriation:

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or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article submitted by the Community Preservation Committee*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**FINANCE BOARD RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION**

**DATE AND ACTION TAKEN:** April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to amend Chapter 10-Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Ways, Sec. 10-4. – Street Opening Permits of the town’s General By-Laws so that Sec. 10-4. shall read as follows:

“Sec. 10.4. Street Opening/Trench Permits.

(a) **Street Openings.** No person except the Road Commissioner/Superintendent of Streets, or his designee, shall excavate through, in or under any street or sidewalk, or any way or part thereof, without first obtaining a written Street Opening Permit from the Road Commissioner/Superintendent of Streets. Such Street Opening Permit shall be in a form and containing general conditions as developed and modified from time to time by the Road Commissioner/Superintendent of Streets. Any excavation involving a public way shall be assessed a street opening fee to be used for future restoration and maintenance of the affected area.

(b) **Trench Excavation.**

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 82A, the Town hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the regulations of the Division of Occupational Safety as promulgated under 520CMR14.00 as same may be from time to time amended. The purpose of this bylaw is to establish reasonable standards to protect the safety of the citizens of the Town of Groveland.
Section 2. The Road Commissioner/Superintendent of Streets, or his designee, shall serve as the Permitting Authority and may promulgate additional regulations consistent with such state enactments. The Board of Selectmen may vote to designate a reasonable fee to defray the cost of the issuance and administration of said permit.

Section 3. No person shall, except in an emergency, make a trench excavation in any public way, public property or privately owned land until a permit is obtained from the Permitting Authority, or his designee. The Permit Holder shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate permit for the excavation of trenches for each project from the Permit Authority, or his designee.

Section 4. In the event a trench is determined to be unsafe and unattended, the town’s Highway Department shall take action to backfill, barricade, or cover the trench and the permit holder shall be assessed and be responsible to the Town for the costs associated with the action, including any overtime costs for Highway Department employees or the department authorized contractors.

Section 5. Whenever a permit holder is making multiple trenches over the course of a single project, the Permitting Authority, or his designee, may choose to issue a blanket permit allowing the permit holder to add to the list of trench locations as the permit holder becomes aware that a trench is required. The permit holder shall advise the Permitting Authority, or his designee, of the addition of each new trench.

Section 6. If any of the foregoing provisions are held invalid such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any remaining provision."

or take any other action relative thereto.

NOTE: The above-noted Permit is mandated by State Law due to an unfortunate incident in which a child was killed when an unguarded trench collapsed and killed her resulting in Legislative action requiring that each municipality establish trench permitting regulations.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION

ROAD COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION

DATE AND ACTION TAKEN: April 27, 2009 – Unanimous Favorable Action
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in said Town, one copy in each of the three parts of Town known as Savaryville, the Village, and South Groveland, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Precinct Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

______________________________
Elizabeth A. Gorski, Chairman

______________________________
William H. Darke, Selectman

______________________________
Donald N. Greaney

A true copy, attest:

Anne Brodie Town Clerk          Robert J. Kirmelewicz, Police Chief

**OFFICER’S RETURN**

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Groveland who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs by posting true and attested copies of this Warrant at the Town Hall, Savaryville and South Groveland. Said copies not having been posted less than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

______________________________
Anne Brodic, Town Clerk          Robert J. Kirmelewicz, Police Chief