

Ballot RESULTS for the Town of Grafton
State of New Hampshire
2015

Selectmen (3 years) Vote for one

Cindy Kudlik 79
 Brian Fellers 28
 Ed Grinley 121
 Nicholas Hamilton 1
 Merle Kenyon **158**

Treasurer (1 year) Vote for one

Margaret “Peg” Emslie 156
 Dorothy Campbell **219**

Library Trustee (3 years) Vote for one

Jim Griffin **290**

Budget Committee (3 years) Vote for one

Pamela Curran **279**

Cemetery Trustee (3 years) Vote for one

Michele R. Norris **251**

Planning Board (3 years) vote for two

Maureen O’Reilly **187**
 Rosalie Babiarz 88
 Jay Boucher 81
 Frank Neufell **205**

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

Joseph A. Brown **170**
 Angus Gorman – write in 149

- 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 \$1,023,681. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,019,224, 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	\$48,925
Elections/Town Clerk	33,911
Financial Administration	38,861
Reappraisal of Property	47,880
Legal Expense	15,000
FICA & Medicare	24,000
Planning Board	375
General Government Buildings	44,469
Cemeteries	7,700
Insurance	84,482
Advertising/Regional Dues	1,500
Contingency	2,000
Subtotal	\$349,103

Public Safety

Police	\$137,393
Ambulance	16,000
Fire Department	22,156

Emergency Management	100
Forest Fire Warden	1,000
Subtotal	\$176,649
Highway and Streets	
Highway and Streets	\$355,215
Street Lights	3,000
Subtotal	\$358,215
Solid Waste	\$89,005
Health and Welfare	
Health Agencies	\$8,964
Health Officer	0
Public Assistance	20,000
Subtotal	\$28,964
Culture and Recreation	
Parks & Recreation	\$2,700
Library	14,045
Patriotic Purposes	300
Subtotal	\$17,045
Debt Service	
Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)	\$4,700
<u>Operating Budget Total</u>	<u>\$1,023,681</u>
	Yes: 255 No: 111

- 3) To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 6 year municipal lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$175,511 for the purpose of leasing a fully equipped 2015 International 7600 6X4 dump truck with plow and sander, and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars (\$32,186) for the first year's payment for that purpose. The remaining yearly payments to come from the Highway Operating Budget. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)
The Selectmen recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article. Yes: 236 No: 147
- 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.
The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article. Yes: 249 No:138
- 5) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of placing ledge pack on town dirt roads. (Majority vote required).
The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article. Yes: 272 No: 112
- 6) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of paving town roads. (Majority vote required) **Yes: 243 No: 142**
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 7) To see if the Town will vote to expand the purposes of the existing Recycling Center Revolving Fund so that the funds may be utilized to offset all of the costs of the Recycling Center, including operating expenses, purchasing equipment, or any other expense associated with the Recycling Center. **Yes: 257 No: 119**

- 8) Should article #2, the proposed operating budget for 2015, fail to pass, then to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand four hundred eighty dollars (\$2,480) coming from the library fiduciary fund to be added to the default budget of the library. That sum being omitted from the 2014 operating budget because of a clerical error. This article will have no impact on taxation.
Yes: 280 No: 98
- 9) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the previously established Library Capital Reserve Fund.
***The Selectmen recommend this article/ the Budget Committee recommends this article.* Yes: 238 No: 142**
- 10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.
***The Selectmen recommend this article/the Budget Committee recommends this article* Yes: 261 No: 125**
- 11) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of restoration of the Town's historical records. (Majority vote required). **Yes: 237 No: 146**
The Selectmen recommend this article / the Budget Committee recommends this article.
- 12) Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.
Yes: 196 No: 176
- 13) Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 34:16 allowing municipalities to pay for investment services from capital reserve funds, if approved at town meeting, instead of including such fees in the annual town budget, to be paid by the town. If approved, such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by the governing body. No vote by the governing body to rescind such authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of such article. Any professional fees incurred shall be reported in the annual report of the trustees of trust funds as expenditures out of capital reserve funds. Passage of this article will not appropriate any new tax revenue and is self funded from earnings.
***The Selectmen recommend this article.* Yes: 234 No: 141**
- 14) To see if the Town will vote to prohibit all parking along Grafton Pond Road, to erect a total of up to a dozen signs in proximity to the dam in both directions which clearly display the ordinance and penalty, to distribute warning tickets and photo-document first offenses, and to authorize official Police, Fire, Ambulance, or Highway departments to order towing at owner's expense for repeat offenders or excessively unsafe first offenses. Grafton Pond Road, which is owned and maintained by the town, starts at the Enfield border, goes past Grafton Pond dam, and ends at the 3-way intersection with Kinsman Highway and Hardy Hill Road. This article is intended to reduce the current severe overuse issue at Grafton Pond, and to ensure there is a safe and reliable passage for residents and emergency vehicles. **(By Petition) Yes: 181 No: 203**
- 15) To see if the town will vote to have the Town of Grafton allow registered four wheelers to travel the roads of Grafton. **(By Petition) Yes: 131 No: 254**
- 16) To see if the town will vote to have all meeting minutes recorded and transcribed by a reputable outside source. (This is to avoid confusion when minutes are needed for court.) **(By Petition). Yes: 88 No: 284**
- 17) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Chief of Police to not prosecute any matter relating to the use or possession of cannabis (marijuana) in compliance with Article IX and Article XIII of the United States Constitution. **(By Petition) Yes: 93 No: 288**
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 18) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Select Board and the Budget Committee to reduce the operating budget by ten percent for the next three years. **(By Petition) Yes: 91 No: 295**
The selectmen do not recommend this article.

- 19) To see if the Town will vote to establish an ordinance to discourage or otherwise prevent fraud and abuse of office at the local level. This ordinance requires any Town official found to have committed fraud, which includes the falsification of public documents, to be removed from office forthwith. *(By Petition)*
The Selectmen do not recommend this article. Yes: 141 No: 241
- 20) To see if the Town will vote to preclude the Town from paying the personal legal expenses and personal medical expenses of any Town official. *(By Petition)* Yes: 91 No: 291
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 21) To see if the Town will vote to preclude immediate family members from serving on any Town board concurrently. *(By Petition)* Yes: 106 No: 276
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 22) To see if the Town will vote to require all funding for the Grafton Public Library to be on a voluntary basis, (no use of taxation). *(By Petition)* Yes: 92 No: 294
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 23) To see if the Town will vote notwithstanding Warrant Article #2, to set the operating budget for Public Safety: Police at \$10,000. *(By Petition)* Yes: 56 No: 326
The Selectmen do not recommend this article/ The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.
- 24) To see if the Town will vote to preclude any Town official and the use of any Town funds to cooperate with the National Security Agency (NSA). *(By Petition)* Yes: 73 No: 301
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 25) To see if the Town will vote to preclude the Town from accepting any Federal military equipment in the future and to require the immediate sale at public auction of any military equipment previously received. *(By Petition)* Yes: 59 No: 316
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 26) To see if the Town will vote to preclude any Town official and the use of any Town funds to cooperate in any Civil Forfeiture in violation of any rights enumerated or reserved by the people in either the United States Constitution or the New Hampshire Constitution. *(By Petition)* Yes: 64 No: 304
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 27) To see if the Town will vote to preclude members of the Select Board (Selectmen) or Budget Committee from receiving payments from any accounts payable account of the Town of Grafton, in which they have voted to fund. *(By Petition)* Yes: 83 No: 289
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 28) To see if the Town will begin the process of withdrawing from the Mascoma Valley Regional School District, in accordance with the process outlined in RSA 195:25. This article does not constitute a vote on whether the Town will leave the District, but solely acts to establish a study to determine the impact on both the Town and the District, such that voters in a future year may make an informed choice on this issue. *(By Petition)*
The Selectmen do not recommend this article. Yes: 92 No: 281
- 29) To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the multi-town agreement between the Towns of; Canaan, Enfield, Grafton, Hanover, Lyme, and Orford to share prosecutorial legal services. *(By Petition)*
The Selectmen do not recommend this article. Yes: 63 No: 313
- 30) To see if the Town will vote to instruct State Representatives; Steven Darrow, Robert Hull and Jeffrey Shackett to propose legislation to lower the amount of interest charged on delinquent property tax amount to be on par with the current prime interest rate. *(By Petition)* Yes: 100 No: 271
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

- 31) To see if the Town will vote to instruct State Representative; Steven Darrow, Robert Hull and Jeffrey Shackett to propose legislation to repeal the licensing of dogs. (*By Petition*) Yes: 63 No: **312**
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 32) To see if the Town will vote to preclude the Select Board (Selectmen) from placing any opinion of any Warrant Article on the Warrant, except for Warrants that appropriate funds or are otherwise required by RSA:3, VI. (*By Petition*) *The Selectmen do not recommend this article.* Yes: 81 No: **292**
- 33) To see if the Town will vote to preclude members of the Select Board (Selectmen) or their immediate family members from bidding on or purchasing properties owned by the Town of Grafton. (*By Petition*)
The Selectmen do not recommend this article. Yes: 104 No: **273**
- 34) To see if the Town will vote to preclude members of the Select Board (Selectmen) or Budget Committee of their immediate family members from bidding on contracts offered by the Town of Grafton. (*By Petition*)
The selectmen do not recommend this article. Yes: 101 No: **272**
- 35) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Chief of Police to not prosecute any crime in which the victim is not a natural person. (*By Petition*) Yes: 36 No: **338**
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.
- 36) To see if the Town will vote to require the Supervisors of the Checklist to register to vote, any qualified individual, at the deliberative session who wishes to do so. (*By Petition*) Yes: 71 No: **303**
The Selectmen do not recommend this article.