

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT  
WARRANT**

Worcester, ss:

To the Clerk of the Grafton Water District, in the County of Worcester:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the voters of the territory included within the boundaries of that Grafton Water District in the Town of Grafton, as established by Chapter 135 of the Acts of 1984 and amended by Chapter 427 of the Acts of 1987, to meet at the office of the Grafton Water District, 44 Millbury Street, Grafton, MA on Tuesday the 30th day of April 2024, at five thirty o'clock, p.m., to act on the following articles hereinafter mentioned.

**Article 1.** To see if the District will accept the Annual Report of the District Commissioners or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 2.** To see if the District will accept the Annual Report of the District Treasurer or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 3.** To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the sum of two million, eight hundred and forty-nine thousand, nine hundred and forty-two dollars and no cents (2,849,942.00) as the Fiscal 2025 budget as printed in the Annual Report to defray the usual expenses of the District or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 4.** To see if the District will vote to appropriate twenty-three million dollars (\$23,000,000.00) to pay all costs of making various water system improvements, including, but not limited to, the design and construction of two (2) new water treatment plants at the East Street and Worcester Street well sites that will treat for the removal of PFAS contaminants, and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto. To meet this appropriation, the Water District Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Water Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter. 44, §7 and 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor. All, or any portion, of this borrowing may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") in accordance with Chapter 29C, as amended, of the General Laws. The Chair of the Board of Water Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Board of Water Commissioners, the Treasurer and any other appropriate officials of the District are authorized to execute and deliver any and all agreements and other documents that may be required by the Trust, or by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in connection with any financing to be obtained through the Trust. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this

vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 5.** To see if the District will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Shrewsbury, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 4A, for purposes of supplying water for commercial or industrial use only, to an area south of the New England Power transmission lines, located at 414-428 Cherry Street in the Town of Shrewsbury, specifically lots 55-002001, 55-002002, 55-002004; for fire protection, or domestic use and to install, construct, repair, maintain, accept and operate any water lines and appurtenances as necessary to deliver same, to accept any easements to facilitate the supplying of water to that area and to set rates and charges and terms in the best interest of the District or take any action relative thereto.

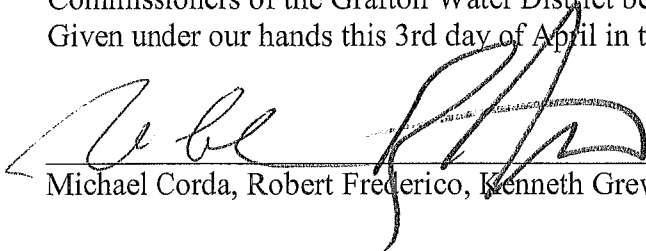
**Article 6.** To see if the District will appropriate from available funds the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to facilitate the repair of the headwall associated with the culvert at Doris Drive owned by the District or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 7.** To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Water Commissioners, to borrow in anticipation of revenue under MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, a sum or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 8.** To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make pre-payments against existing loans or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve the warrant by posting attested copies thereof in two or more public places in the territory of the Grafton Water District at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and making do return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Commissioners of the Grafton Water District before the opening of said meeting.  
Given under our hands this 3rd day of April in the year two thousand and twenty four.

  
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Michael Corda, Robert Frederico, Kenneth Grew, Commissioners

**Grafton Water District  
Annual Budget**

	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Proposal	Change
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation</b>			
Salaries	\$ 658,600	\$ 728,440	10.6%
Benefits	256,562	\$ 303,502	18.3%
Maintenance	404,500	\$ 416,500	3.0%
Utilities	131,500	\$ 133,500	1.5%
Chemicals	92,000	\$ 98,000	6.5%
Engineering Services	40,000	\$ 45,000	12.5%
Miscellaneous	2,950	\$ 2,950	0.0%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,586,112</b>	<b>\$ 1,727,892</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Office & Supplies	\$ 44,500	\$ 69,500	56.2%
Insurance	30,000	\$ 30,000	0.0%
Accounting	12,000	\$ 12,000	0.0%
Legal	6,000	\$ 10,000	66.7%
Officers Fee	3,500	\$ 3,500	0.0%
Moderator's Fee	300	\$ 300	0.0%
Treasurer's Fee	13,000	\$ 18,000	38.5%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 109,300</b>	<b>\$ 143,300</b>	<b>31.1%</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 525,000</b>	<b>\$ 555,575</b>	<b>5.50%</b>
<b>Capital</b>			
Gen. System Improvements	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	0.0%
Vehicle	\$ 75,000	\$ -	0.0%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ 325,000</b>	<b>-18.8%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,620,412</b>	<b>\$ 2,849,942</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
<b>Total Revenue(Anticipated)</b>	<b>\$ 2,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,100,000</b>	<b>6.9%</b>