



*Town of Groton
New Hampshire
2020 Annual Town Report*

Thank you to John Rescigno for submitting the cover photo!

The past year has been interesting: it was unique to have a presidential election year combined with a pandemic. Hopefully, no future moderators will have to deal with that combination. We have all had to make changes to our daily routines, but one thing that has not changed is that we are having our annual town meeting to decide the town's needs and how much to spend to meet those needs. It is the moderator's duty to conduct an orderly meeting. For that purpose, we will follow the rules listed below.

Tony Tavares, Moderator

1. Our purpose is to have a meeting that is civil, informative, and as brief as possible
2. A request to change any of these rules may be made at the start of the meeting: and accepted by a majority of the voters present. (Rules listed with an RSA may not be modified)
3. You are a legislative body by law, and only registered voters of the town may participate
4. Registered voters of the town must have a voter card received from the supervisors of the checklist at the start of this meeting; without it you may not speak or vote on the articles.
5. Articles will be considered in the order presented in the warrant
6. Articles will be read as presented; a motion to accept the article and a second will be called for. When seconded, the person moving the article will be recognized to speak for the article; then the article will be open for discussion and debate.
7. Persons that move and second an article or motion must state their name (RSA91A:2)
8. Comments and questions are to be directed to the moderator; not to others in the room.
9. Persons wishing to speak on the article must raise their hand or stand at their seat, showing their voter card, and be recognized by the moderator in order to have the floor. The person recognized must first state their name before speaking. While that person has the floor, everyone else should be courteous and refrain from speaking so that everyone can hear the person having the floor.
10. Everyone wishing to speak on an article will have an opportunity to speak at least once.
11. Non-residents may speak only by approval of the voters

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12. If a motion to move the article is made, all persons who, prior to the motion, have indicated that they wish to speak may be allowed to speak, if they have not already spoken to the article, before the motion is accepted. Once the motion has been made no additional voters may request to speak. Once the motion is accepted, a vote on the motion will be taken; a simple majority vote will be required to pass the motion; if it passes, all discussion on the article stops and a vote on the article will be taken.
13. Articles may be amended; this must be made in writing and not change the intent of the article.
14. Secret Yes/No ballots can be requested prior to a voice vote; this requires a written request by five voters, present at the meeting: (RSA40:4a).
15. If a vote is questioned by seven or more voters immediately after the moderator declares a non-ballot vote and before other business is begun, a secret ballot will be taken: (RSA40:4b). The request may be oral or in writing.
16. A motion to restrict reconsideration of any prior vote taken may be made; if passed, this means that those votes are protected by RSA40:10 at the current meeting. If it is desired to reconsider a protected vote, it will be done at a separate meeting with notice, at least seven days later.
17. Finally, RSA40:7 requires everyone to “be silent at the desire of the moderator, on pain of forfeiting \$1 for each offense, for the use of the town.” (A potential fund raiser)

P.S. --The next town meeting in March 2022 will be the end of my term as moderator. I believe in term limits. So, I will not be placing my name on the ballot for the position. This will give everyone, male or female, time to consider placing their name on the town ballot to run for moderator. Everyone, at some time, should get involved in some small way in the operations of their government.

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(Incorporated December 7, 1796)

New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2020

Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2020

Administrative Assistant	Health Officer
Sara Smith	Tony Albert
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Deputy Treasurer
Joanna Peel	Debra Lindsey
Police Chief	Fire Warden
Michael Bagan	Roger Thompson
Police Officers	Deputy Wardens
TBH	Bill Oakley Norm Willey Jeremy Haney
Emergency Management Director	Deputy Emergency Management Director
Bill Oakley	Patti Oakley
Transfer Station Superintendent	Transfer Station Attendants
Norm Willey	Richard Cross George Evors
Public Works Director	Equipment Operators
Robert Ellis	Fred Brooks Norm Willey Jeremy Haney
Custodial	Ballot Clerks
Gina Rescigno	Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Miles Sinclair Vickie Kimball- (sub)

Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2020

Select Board	Moderator
Tony Albert 2023 John Rescigno 2021 Ron Madan 2022	Tony Tavares 2021
Treasurer	Trustees of the Trust Fund
Pamela Hamel 2023	Michele Lacroix 2023 Gina Rescigno 2021 TBH 2021
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Library Trustees
Ruth Millett 2021	Ruth Gaffey 2023 Gina Rescigno 2022 Bonnie Lane 2023
Planning Board	Zoning Board
Deb Johnson 2023 Russell Carruth 2023 Dave LaBar 2021 Forest Blake 2021 Dave Madden 2022 Kristina Brodie 2022 John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison)	Glen Hansen 2022 Ann Joyce 2023 Peter Smith 2022 Gary Easson 2023
Cemetery Trustees	Supervisors of the Checklist
Jim Gaffey 2023 Stephen Spafford 2022 TBH 2021	Pamela Hamel 2022 Anne Tobine 2024 Gina Rescigno 2023
Local Auditor	
Ann Joyce 2021	

Letter from the Groton Select Board

There were many improvements to the town roads thanks to grant money and the hard work of Bubba coordinating the projects. North Groton Road received its final coat of pavement. Sculptured rocks road was rebuilt, several new culverts including three box culverts were installed, this combined with ditching and catch basins should alleviate much of the destruction the road has seen in the past due to storms. Edgar Albert Road received a new culvert. New air-conditioning units were installed in the Town House making it a true cooling station. This was work that was noted on the most recent Hazardous Mitigation plan and past plans.

The town was approached by USDA to apply for grant money to be used towards a new town garage. One of the stipulations was to have detailed plans of the building and site work. The Select Board hired an architect firm and the process began. Sara spent many hours working on the application process and the town was finally approved for the grant. This was to be guaranteed money. The Select Board held several meetings pertaining to the building and held a public hearing. The Select Board then took the input of the town residents and modified the building, thus reducing the cost of the overall project.

Finally, it wouldn't be 2020 if COVID-19 were not mentioned. The Town worked closely with the State Health office following all safety guidelines to protect the public.

Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully submitted,
The Groton Select Board

Town of Groton Warrant 2021 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the county of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 8th day of May at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House or at The Everett Hobart Memorial Park depending on COVID-19 and weather.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 9, 2021

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MAY 8, 2021

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million eighty-three thousand nine hundred eighty four dollars (\$1,083,984.00)** to design and construct a new Department of Public Works building, and to authorize the issuance of **six hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$685,000)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The remaining appropriation will be funded through an anticipated **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** USDA grant, and the withdrawal of **one hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars (\$148,984)** from the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. Further, to raise and appropriate from taxation up to \$100,000 for the first year's debt service payment.

Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred ninety-one thousand, eight hundred ninety-two dollars (\$791,892)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following CAPITAL RESERVE AND/OR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

- Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (Dec. 31, 2020 balance: \$64,650.96)
- Perambulation Non-Capital Reserve Fund (Dec. 31, 2020 balance: \$34,247.08)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$155,894)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2020 balance: \$30,180.29): \$50,000
Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2020 balance: \$34,800.42): \$7,000
Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2020 balance: \$60,051.95): \$98,894
Total Capital Reserve Funds \$155,894

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)** for repair/reconstruction of the River Road project. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred ninety-three dollars (\$135,593)** to repair damages received due to a severe storm in July 2019 with **one hundred one thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars (\$101,695)** to come from FEMA and the remaining **thirty-three thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$33,898)**, the Town's 25% portion of the cost, to come from general taxation.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$4,975)** for the repair of the bridge that leads to the Town Conservation Pond.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200)** for excavation services to prepare for the construction of the concrete slabs at the Transfer Station. (submitted by the Transfer Station Supervisor)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** for the purpose of grave mapping layout of the Jenny DeCoste Annex at River Road Cemetery; perform research in soil, water, elevation or restrictions in grave layout; establish burial rights for each grave and procedure for interment; establish policy and procedure for memorial placement; establish and study the cost of land development to help set fees for future grave sales; review Perpetual Care funds currently established and future needs from grave sales. (submitted by the Cemetery Trustees)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 11: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred forty-six dollars (\$246)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund. Fund to be offset by **two hundred forty-six dollars (\$246)** from unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the Timber Tax revenue for 2020. (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Hebron Public Library, pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-b Contract for Services, for a period of one (1) year to provide library services to Groton residents. (submitted by the Library Trustees)

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 0-3

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to change all voting times for State, Federal, Newfound Area School District, and Town elections to take place from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on all election days. These are the current polling hours for town elections; all other elections have polling hours of 8:00am to 7:00pm.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by tax deed as justice may require, in addition to disposing it by public auction and advertised sealed bids. This authority shall continue indefinitely and remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the municipal Town meeting.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the following tax deeded properties by listing them with a realtor for sale, or otherwise as justice may require and allowing the selectmen to negotiate the terms of sale, including but not limited to the sale price.

- Map 1 Lot 91
- Map 2 Lot 26
- Map 7 Lot 36
- Map 10 Lot 12
- Map 10 Lot 22
- Map 10 Lot 29
- Map 10 Lot 40

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 9th day of February 2021.

GROTON SELECT BOARD



John Rescigno, Chairman



Tony Albert



Ron Madan

TOWN OF GROTON - 2021 Proposed Budget & 2020 Expenditures						
		Proposed	2020	Approved		
		2021 Budget	Actual	2020 Budget		
II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)		1,203,105	1,266,338.43	1,362,981		
OPERATING BUDGET		791,892	700,894.22	764,796		
SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		411,213.00	565,444.21	598,185.00		
		\$ 291,647	265,651.43	\$ 290,076		
1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT		63,689	62,460.21	62,775		
4130	EXECUTIVE	47,279	46,206.46	45,885		
4130.1	Administrative Assistant Wages	9,600	9,600.00	9,600		
4130.2	Selectmen Stipend	160	540.38	640		
4130.3	Moderator/Assistant Salary	50	50.00	50		
4130.4	Other Town Meeting Expense	150	150.00	150		
4130.5	Contracted Services(Web hosting)	400	195.00	400		
4130.6	Workshops & Seminars	1,200	1,350.28	1,200		
4130.7	Telephone/Internet	400	327.07	400		
4130.8	Mileage	1,000	964.21	1,000		
4130.9	Supplies	900	907.75	900		
4130.10	Postage	50	0.00	50		
4130.11	Furniture / Fixtures	600	677.66	600		
4130.12	Office Equipment Maintenance	400	151.40	400		
4130.13	Hiring Expenses	200	0.00	200		
4130.14	Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.)	1,300	1,340.00	1,300		
4130.15	Computer/maintenance/software	56,073	51,243.09	57,975		
4140	ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS	31,525	29,656.16	30,606		
4140.1	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary	9,000	6,511.83	9,000		
4140.2	Deputy Wages	140	40.00	60		
4140.3	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues	1,200	1,810.99	1,000		
4140.4	Town Clerk Expenses	2,500	2,643.80	2,500		
4140.5	Tax Collector Expenses	2,000	100.00	2,000		
4140.6	Workshops & Seminars	2,000	1,570.17	1,450		
4140.7	Telephone/Internet	1,500	1,271.40	1,500		
4140.8	Computer Maintenance/Software	50	0.00	50		
4140.9	Advertising	200	346.90	200		
4140.10	Supplies/Advertising Election	1,300	655.44	1,300		
4140.11	Supplies-General	1,350	1,325.95	1,350		
4140.12	Postage	600	1,405.08	2,035		
4140.15	Ballot Clerks	1,208	2,616.78	2,924		
4140.16	Checklist Supervisors	1,500	1,288.59	2,000		
4140.17	Mileage	24,160	23,166.96	24,160		
4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	1,200	1,027.84	1,200		
4150.1	Financial Reporting (Town Report)	4,750	3,750.00	4,750		
4150.2	Auditing	15,000	15,243.00	15,000		
4150.3	Assessing	3,000	3,000.00	3,000		
4150.4	Treasurer Salary	50	25.00	50		
4150.5	Deputy Treasurer Salary	150	108.80	150		
4150.6	Mileage	10	12.32	10		
4150.7	Supplies					

4153	LEGAL EXPENSES		11,000	5,269.55	11,000	
4153.1	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements		1,000	0.00	1,000	
4153.2	Attorney Fees		7,000	2,827.00	7,000	
4153.4	Junkyard Compliance		3,000	2,442.55	3,000	
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		75,700	72,447.42	71,100	
4155.1	NH Retirement System		10,600	10,656.16	10,000	
4155.2	Life & Disability Insurance		1,100	690.75	1,100	
4155.3	Health Insurance		53,000	49,183.01	49,000	
4155.4	FICA/Medicare		11,000	11,917.50	11,000	
4191	PLANNING AND ZONING		6,816	1,257.29	6,626	
4191.1	Planning Board Postage		255	117.10	175	offset by revenues
4191.2	Planning Board Advertisement		400	240.00	225	offset by revenues
4191.3	Planning Board Mileage		25	0.00	25	
4191.4	Recording Fees		425	169.00	175	offset by revenues
4192.4.1	Application Fees		240	0.00	-	offset by revenues
4191.5	Planning Board Dues		1	0.00	1	
4191.6	Planning Board Supplies		150	22.00	25	
4191.7	Planning Board Seminars/Training		400	498.44	600	
4191.8	Planning Board Legal		2,500	0.00	2,500	
4191.8.1	Planning Board Master Plan & Zoning		1,000	0.00	1,000	
4191.9	Zoning Board Legal		1,000	0.00	1,000	
4191.10	Zoning Board Seminars		200	0.00	600	
4191.11	Zoning Postage		100	34.75	100	offset by revenues
4191.12	Zoning Mileage		10	0.00	50	
4191.13	Advertising/notices		100	176.00	100	offset by revenues
4191.14	Zoning Supplies		10	0.00	50	

4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	22,900	17,341.74	22,405
4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:	3,000	2,982.68	3,000
4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages	1,800	1,996.95	1,800
4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance	4,250	2,700.35	4,250
4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	584.65	1,500
4194.5	Cleaning Supplies	200	111.95	200
4194.6	General Supplies	500	470.52	500
4194.7	Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevator)	2,850	3,340.17	2,355
4194.8	Town House Electric	2,800	2,285.46	2,800
4194.9	Town House Heat	6,000	2,869.01	6,000
4195	CEMETERIES	5,152	4,943.10	5,802
4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	2,500.00	2,500
4195.2	Salaries/Lawn Care	2,000	1,615.00	2,000
4195.3	Supplies	100	174.00	250
4195.4	Mileage	1	0.00	1
4195.5	Fuel	1	0.00	1
4195.6	Advertising	50	0.00	50
4195.7	Site Work-River Road Cemetery	500	654.10	1,000
4196	GENERAL INSURANCE	14,446	14,531.10	14,532
4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance	10,500	9,633.00	9,633
4196.2	Workers' Compensation	3,503	4,628.93	4,629
4196.3	Unemployment Compensation	443	269.17	270
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL	4,450	4,448.57	4,450
4197.1	Advertising	500	516.00	500
4197.2	Dues	1,950	1,932.57	1,950
4197.3	GHS	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
4197.4	NLRA	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	7,261	8,542.40	9,251
4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances	1	0.00	1
4199.2	Forestry	600	200.00	800
4199.3	Tax Mapping	1,660	1,542.40	1,450
4199.4 *	Grants/Engineering	5,000	6,800.00	7,000
				off set by revenues

		2 - PUBLIC SAFETY		197,985	180,306.92	203,578
4210	POLICE			95,103	73,213.05	99,649
	4210.1	Police Chief Wages		46,350	39,816.00	45,000
	4210.2	Police Officer Wages (FT)		1	0.00	1
	4210.3	Police Officer Wages (PT)		18,750	0.00	18,750
	4210.4	Telephone/Communications		2,500	2,663.92	2,500
	4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions		700	405.00	700
	4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint		1,500	2,017.95	1,500
	4210.7	Office Supplies		1,000	561.26	1,500
	4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit		1	0.00	1
	4210.9	Dispatch Service		5,500	5,735.85	5,500
	4210.10	Prosecutor		6,000	9,852.42	9,896
	4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance		500	927.96	500
	4210.12	Cruiser Equipment		1,500	747.79	2,000
	4210.13	Uniforms		2,000	1,166.32	2,500
	4210.14	Books/Periodicals		100	0.00	100
	4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammof/taser etc.)		1,000	7,571.25	1,500
	4210.16	Mileage		400	157.25	400
	4210.17	Postage		50	11.00	50
	4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser		3,000	1,549.08	3,000
	4210.19	Advertising		250	0.00	250
	4210.20	Training		2,500	30.00	2,500
	4210.21	Animal Control		500	0.00	500
	4210.22	Special Detail		1,000	0.00	1,000
	4210.23	SOU Stipend		1	0.00	1
4220	FIRE/AMBULANCE			101,604	106,218.87	102,651
	4220.1	Stipend		1	250.00	500
	4220.2	Communications/Training		1	0.00	300
	4220.3	Equipment		200	0.00	400
	4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron		73,000	73,380.88	73,000
	4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney		15,000	19,229.58	15,000
	4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid		13,400	13,358.41	13,400
	4220.7	Dues		1	0.00	1
	4220.8	Mileage		1	0.00	50
4290	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			1,278	875.00	1,278
	4290.1	Supplies		200	0.00	200
	4290.2	Workshops/training		1	0.00	1
	4290.3	Equipment		1	0.00	1
	4290.4	Equipment Maintenance		200	0.00	200
	4290.5	Mileage		1	0.00	1
	4290.6	Wages/Stipend		875	875.00	875

		3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		192,731	149,957.93	165,366	offset by Highway
4311	ADMINISTRATION			85,330	72,661.59	83,965	Block Grant
	4311.1	Road Agent Wages		46,865	49,195.00	45,500	
	4311.2	Assistants Wages		31,000	19,442.48	31,000	
	4311.3	Telephone/Internet		1,240	1,149.94	1,240	
	4311.4	Training & CDL Testing		500	76.00	500	
	4311.5	Electricity		1,100	874.12	1,100	
	4311.6	Heating Fuel		3,600	1,624.73	3,600	
	4311.7	Mileage		500	0.00	500	
	4311.8	Membership/Dues		25	25.00	25	
	4311.9	Supplies		500	274.32	500	
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS			106,301	76,165.98	80,301	
	4312.2	Vehicles-Equipment Maintenance & Repairs		15,000	15,648.52	15,000	
	4312.3	Contracted Services/Equipment Rentals		16,000	23,848.64	16,000	
	4312.4	Material		7,500	2,840.24	7,500	
	4312.5	Signs		500	850.15	500	
	4312.6	Uniforms		500	500.00	500	
	4312.7	Tools & Equipment Purchases		2,000	1,386.87	2,000	
	4312.8	Gas		4,500	1,723.66	4,500	
	4312.9	Diesel		5,500	3,126.39	8,500	
	4312.10	Salt, Sand, Deicer		24,000	21,241.51	20,000	
	4312.11	Hydrants		1	0.00	1	
	4312.12	Culverts		1,500	1,500.00	1,500	
	4312.13	Safety		800	0.00	800	
	4312.14	Tree Maintenance		3,500	3,500.00	3,500	
	4312.15	Groton Roads Repair and Maintenance		25,000	0.00	0	
4316	STREET LIGHTING			1,100	1,130.36	1,100	
	4316.1	Utility Charges		1,100	1,130.36	1,100	



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2020	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$62,460	\$62,775	\$63,689	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$51,243	\$57,975	\$56,073	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$23,167	\$24,160	\$24,160	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$5,270	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$72,447	\$71,100	\$75,700	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$1,257	\$6,626	\$6,816	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$17,342	\$22,405	\$22,900	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$4,943	\$5,802	\$5,152	\$0
4196	Insurance	03	\$14,531	\$14,532	\$14,446	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	03	\$4,449	\$4,450	\$4,450	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$8,542	\$9,251	\$7,261	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$265,651	\$290,076	\$291,647	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	03	\$73,213	\$99,649	\$95,103	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$106,219	\$102,651	\$101,604	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$875	\$1,278	\$1,278	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$180,307	\$203,578	\$197,985	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	03	\$72,662	\$83,965	\$85,330	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$201,166	\$205,301	\$106,301	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$1,130	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$274,958	\$290,366	\$192,731	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2020	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	03	\$3,560	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$84,900	\$76,765	\$84,907	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$13,785	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$88,460	\$99,550	\$90,907	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	03	\$1,380	\$1,588	\$1,553	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$4,693	\$4,693	\$4,707	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$6,073	\$6,281	\$6,260	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	03	\$2,043	\$2,043	\$1,675	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	03	\$880	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$2,923	\$5,544	\$4,676	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$5,583	\$6,239	\$5,739	\$0
4550-4559	Library	03	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$94	\$100	\$100	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$5,677	\$6,341	\$5,841	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2020	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	03	\$1,845	\$1,845	\$1,845	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1,845	\$1,845	\$1,845	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$111,044	\$130,000	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$510,400	\$510,400	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$621,444	\$640,400	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$791,892	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	02 <i>Purpose: Bond for Public Works Building</i>	\$100,000	\$0
4903	Buildings	02 <i>Purpose: Bond for Public Works Building</i>	\$1,083,984	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05 <i>Purpose: add to previously established CRFs</i>	\$155,894	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$1,339,878	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4195	Cemeteries	10 <i>Purpose: River Road Cemetery mapping layout</i>	\$3,000	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06 <i>Purpose: River Road Project</i>	\$110,000	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	09 <i>Purpose: Excavation for Transfer Station Slabs</i>	\$3,200	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	11 <i>Purpose: Conservation Commission 3% Timber Tax</i>	\$246	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	08 <i>Purpose: Repair of Bridge</i>	\$4,975	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07 <i>Purpose: FEMA Match</i>	\$135,593	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$257,014	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	03	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	03	\$0	\$8,300	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	03	\$0	\$623,800	\$627,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$41	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes Subtotal		\$0	\$649,541	\$654,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$0	\$140	\$140
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$0	\$120,000	\$130,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$0	\$240	\$270
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$0	\$4,200	\$3,800
3311-3319	From Federal Government	02, 07	\$0	\$355,587	\$351,695
	Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$0	\$480,167	\$485,905
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$0	\$30,693	\$30,867
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$0	\$27,283	\$26,400
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$0	\$393	\$393
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	03	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	State Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$109,369	\$58,660
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$11,575	\$0
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$0	\$11,575	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	02	\$0	\$18,000	\$148,984
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$18,000	\$148,984
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	02	\$0	\$0	\$685,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	11	\$0	\$0	\$246
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$685,246
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$0	\$1,268,652	\$2,032,795



Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2021
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$791,892
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,339,878
Individual Warrant Articles	\$257,014
Total Appropriations	\$2,388,784
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,032,795
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$355,989

Notes



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Street No. Street Name Phone Number

Email (optional)



Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2019	Year:	Year:
Property Taxes	3110		\$180,407.66		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$2,400.00		
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187		\$41.48		
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$139.19)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2019	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,452,525.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$6,500.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$8,190.91			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$49.80			
Other Taxes	3189				

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2019	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$755.10			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$948.81	\$10,038.50		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$1,468,830.43	\$192,887.64	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Credits				
	Levy for Year of this Report	2019	Prior Levies	
Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Taxes	\$1,296,719.68	\$147,329.67		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,167.75	\$2,400.00		
Yield Taxes	\$8,190.91			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$902.66	\$8,743.80		
Penalties	\$46.15	\$1,294.70		
Excavation Tax		\$41.48		
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$33,077.99		
Discounts Allowed				
Abatements Made				
	Levy for Year of this Report	2019	Prior Levies	
Abatements Made				
Property Taxes	\$775.09			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	2019	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$156,012.05			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,332.25			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax	\$49.80			
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	(\$365.91)			
Total Credits	\$1,468,830.43	\$192,887.64	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$159,028.19
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$39,815.54



Lien Summary

Summary of Debts

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2019	Year: 2018	Year: 2017+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$36,707.94	\$20,953.08
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$36,668.37		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$302.03	\$4,656.69	\$6,661.82
Total Debts	\$0.00	\$36,970.40	\$41,364.63	\$27,614.90

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2019	2018	2017+
Redemptions		\$11,095.03	\$24,853.64	\$18,546.78
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$302.03	\$4,656.69	\$6,661.82
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$18.50	
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$25,573.34	\$11,835.90	\$2,406.30
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$36,970.40	\$41,364.73	\$27,614.90

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$159,028.19
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$39,815.54



GROTON (193)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

RUTH

MILLETT

Jan 7, 2021

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.


 Preparer's Signature and Title

Town Clerk Report

JANUARY 1, 2020 – DECEMBER 31, 2020

Account	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$156,191.00
Title Fees	\$367.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$2,454.20
Building Permit Fees	\$357.00
Candidate Fees	\$4.00
Copy Fees	\$87.00
Current Use Recording Fees	\$96.49
Dog Licenses Town & State	\$827.00
E-Reg. Fees	\$66.00
Junkyard Permits	\$70.00
Pistol Permits	\$10.00
Recycle Income	\$2,700.28
Transfer Station Fees	\$3,782.00
Vital Records Town & State	\$375.00
Refunds	\$100.00
Police Revenue	\$1.74
Planning Board Fees	\$275.50
Zoning Board Fees	\$556.45
Total	\$168,320.66
State Wash Account *	\$10,333.36

*State Wash Account are monies that are transferred from the Town of Groton to the State of NH DMV. This began in October with the beginning of the “One Check” status with the State DOS.

The monies are deposited into the Town of Groton and then an ACH transfer is made to the State of NH for the Town portion of the auto registrations. These transfers are done daily at close of day.

The “One Check” status was started to accommodate the use of Credit and Debit cards for auto registrations and other Town payments. Once the machine is up and running in the Town Office, we will be able to accept credit/debit cards in the office. This payment type is already available for online transactions. Thank you for your patience as we initiate this process.

Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020	\$	419,721.46
Total Deposits	\$	3,010,223.59
Total Orders Paid	\$	(3,448,418.23)
Total Bank Interest	\$	59.11
Total ACH Bank Fees	\$	(25.00)
Deposits:		
Tax Collector	\$	1,536,120.22
Town Clerk	\$	178,654.02
Treasurer:		
CPR 1st Responder Stipend	\$	1,242.86
Hazard Mitigation	\$	13,816.49
Fema	\$	126,093.89
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$	393.19
Groton Wind Pilot	\$	623,799.84
Highway Block Grants	\$	26,429.16
Insurance Claims	\$	1,389.31
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	200.44
Grants	\$	448,485.97
Cemetery Fees (2 plots)	\$	300.00
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$	30,867.65
Municipal Aid	\$	14,517.72
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$	135.00
Voter Checklist	\$	275.00
Covid Grant	\$	5,000.00
Health Trust Reimbursement	\$	2,502.83
Total Treasurer Deposits	\$	1,295,449.35
Adjustments:		
Returned Checks	\$	(4,757.91)
Capital Reserve Contributions	\$	(69,000.00)
Capital Reserve Transfers	\$	66,185.80
ACH State Motor Vehicle Pmts	\$	(9,038.24)
Pdip Contributions	\$	(550,000.00)
Pdip Transfers	\$	775,000.00
Voided Checks	\$	53,195.62
Haz. Mitigation direct deposit	\$	24,924.40
FEMA SRR	\$	182,564.58
Truck Grant	\$	49,037.81
Total Adjustments	\$	518,112.06
 Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	 \$	 <u>499,672.99</u>
On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank		

Public Deposit Investment Pool

Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$ 328,679.62
Total Contributions	\$ 550,000.00
Total Withdrawals	\$ (775,000.00)
Interest Earned	\$ 2,373.64
Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 106,053.26</u>

Groton Conservation Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020	\$ 6,536.57
Total Deposits	\$ 150.00
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 1.57
Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 6,688.14</u>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020	\$ 2,987.08
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.71
Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 2,987.79</u>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Police Department Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020	\$ 1,400.17
Total Deposits	\$ 270.00
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.31
Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 1,670.48</u>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Groton Yield Tax Account

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020	\$	170.51
Total Deposits	\$	-
Total Checks	\$	-
Total Bank Interest	\$	0.02
Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	\$	<u>170.53</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank		

Old Home Day Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020	\$	3,850.14
Total Deposits	Unused funds from general fund	\$ 750.00
Total Checks		\$ -
Total Bank Interest		\$ 0.92
Ending Balance on December 31, 2020	\$	<u>4,601.06</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank		

Local Auditor's Report

The local auditor's report for the Town of Groton should be available by March 2021.

2020 MS-5

The 2020 MS-5 will be compiled by April 1, 2021. The Final Report should be ready for the public in April 2021. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website, www.grotonnh.org and at the Town office.



Groton

For reporting year Jan 1, 2020 through Dec 31, 2020.

Trustees

Name	Position	Term Expires
Michele Lacroix	Trustee	3/31/2023
Gina Rescigno	Trustee	3/31/2021

Ledger Summary

Number of Fund Records	16
Ledger End of Year Balance	\$354,301.34

This ledger was reviewed for accuracy and submitted electronically under penalty of perjury on January 24, 2021 by Michele Lacroix on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Groton.



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Assessment/Reevaluation		10/1/2012						\$34,800.42
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$26,600.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,600.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$1,023.77	\$176.65	\$0.00					\$1,200.42

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Atwell Bridge		3/1/2006						\$8,260.41
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$1,010.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,010.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$5,210.41	\$40.00	\$0.00					\$5,250.41

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Cemetery General Maintenance		10/1/2011						\$797.38
Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)		Purpose: Cemetery Trust (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$42.42	\$4.96	\$0.00					\$47.38

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Common Fund		7/1/1963						\$2,640.16
Type: Trust		Purpose: Cemetery Perpetual Care		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$767.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$767.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$1,856.71	\$16.45	\$0.00					\$1,873.16

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Conservation		7/1/2007						\$110.58
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$9.90	\$0.68	\$0.00					\$10.58



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance				
Disaster Relief		12/1/2004		\$30,180.29				
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	(\$611.00)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,389.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$5,746.52	\$44.77	\$0.00	\$5,791.29				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance				
Dump Site		7/1/1989		\$6,487.21				
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$1,382.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,382.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$5,064.82	\$40.39	\$0.00	\$5,105.21				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance				
Electronic Equip/Software		8/1/2018		\$3,431.67				
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$3,258.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,258.30	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$152.00	\$21.37	\$0.00	\$173.37				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance				
Fire Station & Equip		3/1/2005		\$64,650.96				
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Police/Fire		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$9,248.28	\$402.68	\$0.00	\$9,650.96				

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance				
Groton Recreation Fund		6/1/1995		\$840.29				
Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)		Purpose: Parks/Recreation		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$790.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance				
	\$45.07	\$5.22	\$0.00	\$50.29				



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Heavy Equipment	3/1/2006	\$67,477.37

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$57,675.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,675.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$4,410.72	\$391.65	\$0.00				\$4,802.37

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Police Cruiser	1/1/1991	\$5,734.50

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Police/Fire		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,344.70	\$5,655.30
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$2,102.10	\$79.20	\$2,102.10				\$79.20

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Preambulation	1/1/2009	\$34,247.08

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$32,246.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,246.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$1,787.76	\$213.32	\$0.00				\$2,001.08

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Public Works	10/1/2014	\$60,051.95

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$45,025.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,245.02	\$59,779.98
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$1,599.98	\$271.97	\$1,599.98				\$271.97

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Town House Fund	12/1/1995	\$33,570.44

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$44,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,201.15	\$33,298.85
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$2,692.85	\$271.59	\$2,692.85				\$271.59



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Fund Name	Date Of Creation							Fund EOY Balance
Truck Sander Fund	6/1/1989							\$1,020.63
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)			Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$18,114.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,185.18	\$928.82	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance	
	\$814.82	\$91.81	\$814.82				\$91.81	

Groton

Tax Totals

Tax Warrant:	2020P02 of 2	
Number of Parcels:	750	
Valuations		
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Non-Utility Land Value:	40,655,400	
Current Use Credits:	(11,852,345)	
Non-Utility Improvements Value:	45,406,800	
Utility Value:	12,595,160	
Exempt Property Value:	(2,898,300)	
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Valuation Before Exemptions:	83,906,715	
Exemptions Applied:	(385,000)	
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Net Valuation:	83,521,715	
Net Non-Utility Valuation:	70,926,555	
Net Utility Valuation:	12,595,160	

Tax Rates

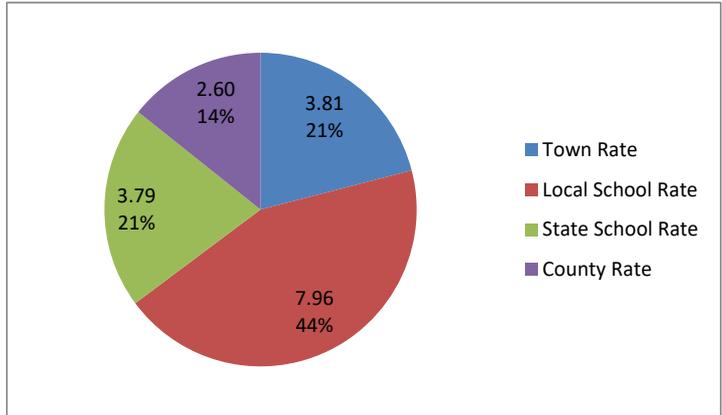
Total: 18.16	Municipal:	3.81	State Education Tax:	3.79
	School:	7.96	County:	2.60

Taxes

Total Property Tax:	1,469,031.00	
Veterans Credits Applied:	(20,000.00)	
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Commitment Amount:	1,449,031.00	
Penalties:	3,494.00	
First Bills Minus Abatements:	663,303.00	
First Bills Exceeding Total Tax Needing Refund:	(0.00)	
Adjusted First Bills:	(663,303.00)	
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Total Tax Bills:	789,222.00	

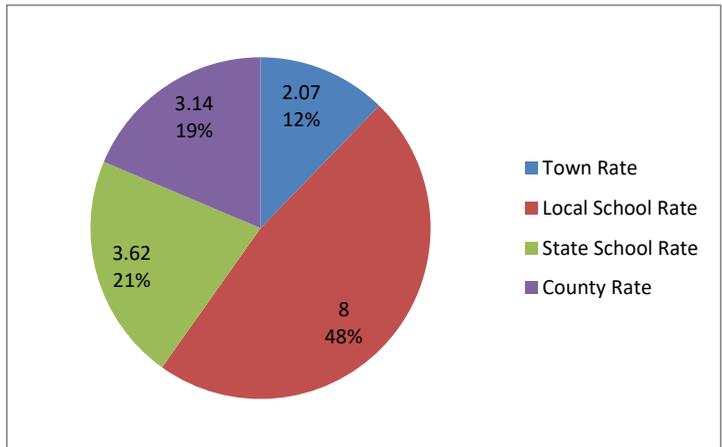
2020 Taxes

Town Rate	3.81
Local School Rate	7.96
State School Rate	3.79
County Rate	2.60
Total	18.16



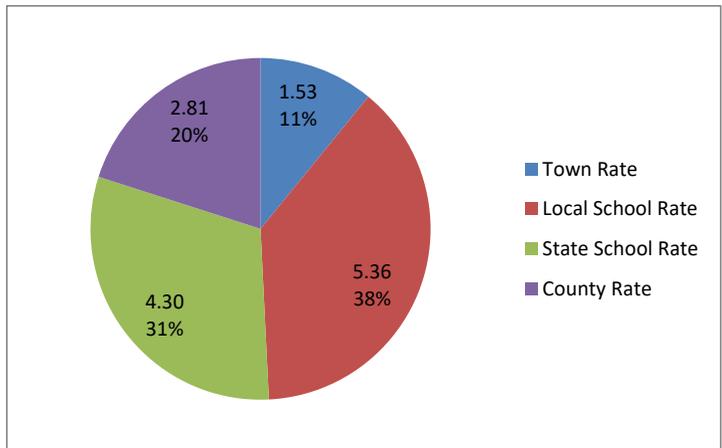
2019 Taxes

Town Rate	2.07
Local School Rate	8
State School Rate	3.62
County Rate	3.14
Total	16.83



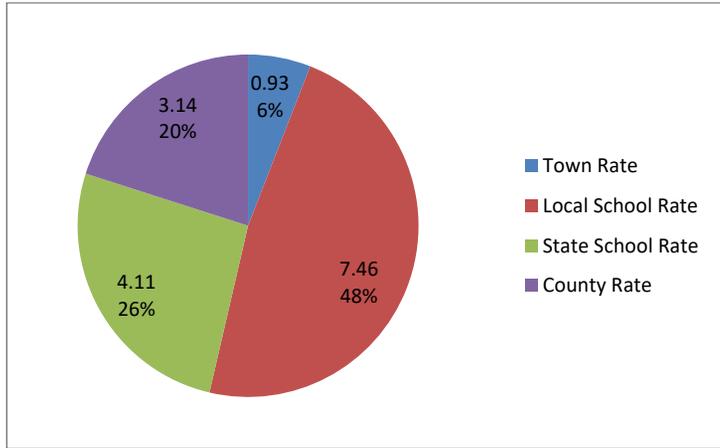
2018 Taxes

Town Rate	1.53
Local School Rate	5.36
State School Rate	4.30
County Rate	2.81
Total	14.00



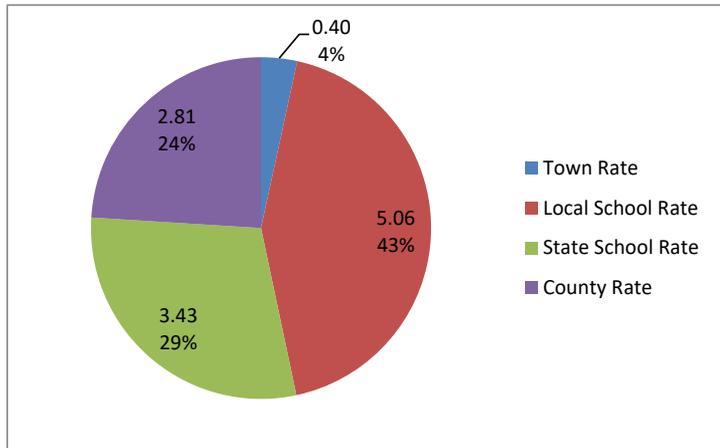
2017 Taxes

Town Rate	0.93
Local School Rate	7.46
State School Rate	4.11
County Rate	3.14
Total	15.64



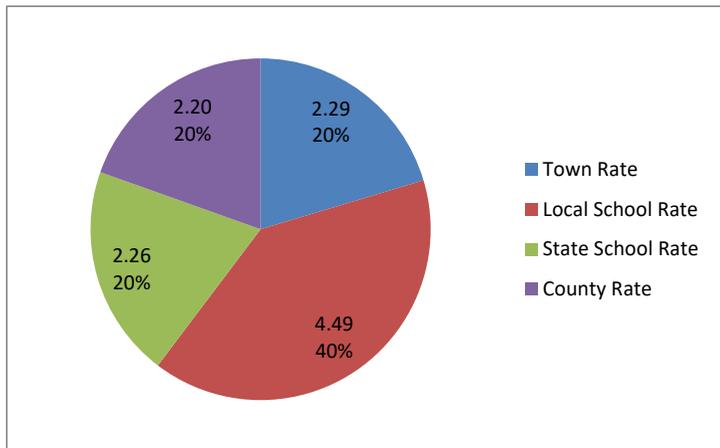
2016 Taxes

Town Rate	0.40
Local School Rate	5.06
State School Rate	3.43
County Rate	2.81
Total	11.70



2015 Taxes

Town Rate	2.29
Local School Rate	4.49
State School Rate	2.26
County Rate	2.20
Total	11.24



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2020 Tax Rate Calculation**

TOWN/CITY: GROTON

Gross Appropriations	1,612,981	
Less: Revenue	1,170,665	
Less: Fund Balance to reduce taxes	150,000	
Add: Overlay	5,606	
War Service Credits	20,000	
 Net Town Appropriation	 317,922	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	317,922	TOWN RATE
		3.81

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0	
Regional School Apportionment	931,485	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(0)	
 State Education Taxes	 (267,885)	 LOCAL
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	663,600	SCHOOL RATE
		7.96

STATE EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390		
69,624,769	267,885	STATE
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		SCHOOL RATE
69,731,249		3.79

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	216,652	
Approved County Tax Effort	216,6252	COUNTY RATE
		2.60
		TOTAL RATE
		18.16

PROOF OF RATE

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	70,763,555	3.79	267,885
All Other Taxes	83,358,715	14.37	1,198,174
			1,466,059

Welfare Assistance Report

In 2020, the Town saw a slight decrease in general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$2,923.37 in Vendor Assistance payments.

2020 Expenditures

Grafton County Senior Citizens		\$500.00
Tri-county Community Action		\$1,543.00
Electric Assistance		\$0.00
Rental Assistance		\$0.00
Fuel Assistance		\$130.37
Food		\$0.00
Gasoline		\$0.00
Other- Cremation		\$750.00
Total Expenditures		\$2,923.37

Organizations in local communities reached out to the Town of Groton to inform us they would be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Groton. Once again, the Town collected donations of winter clothing and food for our residents. Thank you to all who donated.

Requests for assistance must be made through the Town's Welfare Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Welfare Officer

Schedule of Town Properties

Map/Lot	Land/ Building	Acres	Location	Valuation	Year Acquired
1-91	Land	5.11	North Groton Road	\$ 32,300	2015 tax deed
2-26	Land	8.5	Old Rumney Road	\$ 26,600	2011 tax deed
2-123	Land	47	North Groton Road	\$ 36,400	2006 tax deed
5-61	Land	0.5	adjacent to Garage	\$ 30,800	1992
6-61	Land	2.9	559 North Groton Road	\$ 50,700	2018 tax deed
7-36	Land	3.25	North Groton Road	\$ 32,300	2006 tax deed
10-12	Land	0.55	Halls Brook Road	\$ 500	2006 tax deed
10-22	Land	50	Old Rumney Road	\$ 56,100	1985 tax deed
10-29	Land	5	Halls Brook Road	\$ 8,800	2006 tax deed
10-40	Land	1	Halls Brook Road	\$ 2,600	2012 tax deed
10-41	Land/old building	1	404 Halls Brook Road	\$ 35,000	2019 tax deed
1-50-CEM	Bailey Hill Cemetery	0.1	Bailey Hill Road	\$ 13,000	
2-57-CEM	North Groton Cemetery	0.69	North Groton Road	\$ 41,400	
2-114-CEM	River Road Cemetery	0.232	River Road	\$ 20,100	
2-114-CEMA	Jenny Decoste Smith Annex	0.464	River Road	\$ 35,900	2012
4-1-CEM	Kimball Hill Cemetery	0.1	Kimball Hill	\$ 10,800	
7-54-CEM	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	0.51	North Groton Road	\$ 38,600	
5-62	Town Garage & Former Offices	5	63 North Groton Road	\$ 119,700	
5-62-1	Conservation/ Pond Area	1.6	North Groton Road	\$ 9,500	Entrusted to Cons. Comm. 2008
5-136	Park	6.67	Sculptured Rocks Road	\$ 67,300	
6-1-3	Land- Future Town Garage	6	North Groton Road	\$ 36,700	from Green Acre Woodlands
6-55	Transfer Station	11.4	677 North Groton Road	\$ 85,500	
7-54	Town Hall	1	754 North Groton Road	\$ 239,500	

GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

As I complete my first full year as your Police Chief, I would like to thank all Groton's residents and home owners for their support and gratitude. As the year has gone by, I have met a large number if not all of you at least once. I have been overwhelmed by your good wishes and encouragement, for this I am grateful. This year has been a unique one with the COVID-19 pandemic looming overhead, creating great stress and pressure on all of us to just exist, make a living and keep the ones we love who are at risk safe. All that being said Groton has received a fairly moderate volume of calls with relatively low offense numbers. This is a testament to the quality and self-reliance of the residents we have, their goodwill and patients toward one another. I commend all of you and ask that you keep that attitude going forward.

To help supplement enforcement and improve public safety the Police Department has purchased radar speed control signs using money already existing in this year's budget, which have already been put in service. You may have seen them in your travels. These signs have been proven to be effective in making motorists more aware of their speed and the posted speed limits, improving compliance. The signs are portable and easily relocated and will be moved around the town periodically to address problem areas.

I was able to submit a reduce budget for 2021 by working with the select board to trim some underutilized budget items and reduced prosecution costs. The police department continues to look for ways to improve service and coverage without increasing our budget.

As always there are no silly question and no concern to small please call or stop by when I'm available and I will do my best to address your situation. The most effective departments have an engaged community.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Chief of Police

Michael Bagan

The Town of Groton has logged a total of 526 calls with the Plymouth Police Dispatch Center year to date for 2020. The following is a break down.

OFF AT COURT: 2	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPL: 3
911 HANG-UP:	MOTOR VEHICLE INQUIRY: 1
ANIMAL COMPL: 5	MOTORVEHICLE STOP: 6
ALARM:11	NOISE COMPL: 8
ANIMAL LOST/FOUND: 2	SERVE PAPERWORK: 1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE: 1	PARKING ENFORCEMENT:1
CIVIL COMPLAINT: 6	PARKING INFO INQUERIES: 1
COMMUNITY PROGRAM: 2	LOST/FOUND PROPERTY: 5
CRIME AGAINST PERSON: 2	POLICE SERVICE: 36
CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY: 2	SEX OFFENDER REG: 8
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK: 14	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: 13
CRUISER MAINTENANCE: 34	THEFT REPORT: 4
CIVIL STAND-BY: 2	UNTIMELY DEATH: 1
DISTURBANCE: 5	VACANT HOUSE CHECK: 1
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE: 16	SERVE WARRANT: 3
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT: 1	FIRE DEPT ASSIST: 18
FOLLOW-UP: 36	HARASSMENT: 6
HIGHWAY/MUNICIPAL SERVICES: 4	
POLICE INFORMATION: 11	
JUVENILE RELATED INCIDENT: 2	
SERVE DVP/STALKING ORDER: 1	
DAILY LOG ITEM: 179	
MOTORIST ASSIST: 1	
MEDICAL EMERGENCY: 51	
MESSAGE: 1	
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: 7	

Groton Fire Information

Make sure you check and test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. You should have carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your residence. Good chimney maintenance is important when it comes to heating appliance devices, whether it is LP gas, oil or wood heat. If you have auxiliary emergency power, the exhaust should be 10' away from doors and windows and should never be operated inside any residence or garage. Safety is very important so please call if you have any questions.

Remember **fire permits** are required by law for any open outside burning when the ground is **NOT** completely covered by snow. Permits are issued for the burning of clean materials **ONLY**. If you have questions related to what can and cannot be burned this information is located on the back of your fire permit.

Permits can be obtained from the following people:

Roger Thompson	Warden	786-2138	72 River Rd
Norm Willey	Deputy Warden	744-5928	777 N. Groton Rd
Jeremy Haney	Deputy Warden	254-6037	28 Smith Rd
Bill Oakley	Deputy Warden	236-2269	22 Crosby Lane
Pattie Oakley	Agent	520-4712	22 Crosby Lane
Debra Thompson	Agent	786-2138	72 River Rd

HEBRON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report for Groton 2020

In 2020 the Hebron Fire Department responded to 202 calls. That compares with 177 for 2019 and 206 for 2018. Of the 202 calls for 2020, 84 were in Hebron, 80 were in Groton, and 38 were mutual aid calls to other neighboring towns.

Out of all 202 calls 100 exactly were medical emergencies. That is consistent with fire-based ambulances services. Anywhere from 50 to 70 percent are EMS calls.

So much for statistics. In general, the Hebron Fire Department came through 2020 in pretty good shape. Emergencies were handled timely and professional manner. I am expecting 2021 will continue the in the same way. Beyond that I have some real concerns. Those concerns are not around apparatus or equipment. The Department is in good shape in those areas. My concern is in the area of personnel. It is a nationwide issue in the fire service and Hebron is no exception. A recent article in a professional journal states the case. In the 1970's in Pennsylvania there were 300,000 volunteer and call (paid on call) firefighters. Today there are 30,000. That is a cultural shift. That really concerns me. I see in other small volunteer and call departments in our mutual aid system that personnel issues are becoming more pronounced. Even the neighboring department that have full-time personnel are being challenged. In years past those departments were called combination departments. There was a small crew on duty 24/7, but if anything serious came in the call members responded to man additional apparatus. It was typical for those departments to have 20 or more call members. Today those same departments have less then 10 call members.

As I look at our roster, and consider the age of our crew, especially the EMT's, myself included most of us will be gone in the next two years.

Well, recruit more young people I have been told. First, where are the young people and second, most have no interest in becoming firefighters or EMT's. They have families and jobs, and their jobs are not in town. Our younger members, I am talking about those under 60, have limited availability especially during the day. In conversation with chiefs of surrounding small departments they are all saying the same thing.

So, what is the answer. On the fire side it is relying more on Mutual Aid. During the day, if a fire comes in my goal is to get out one Engine with three people for the initial size up and setting up for the attack. Neighboring departments on automatic response will arrive within 20 minutes. But even those departments will arrive with limited manpower.

On the EMS side the answer is more complicated. When a number of us retire because of old age (four of some of our most active EMT's are in their mid and upper 70's) we will be left with some hard choices. Hire people to be at the station or contract with a full-time department for ambulance service, if they would have us. In either instance the cost will be substantial.

I am suggesting to the town to establish a committee to carefully look at "the road ahead" for Hebron Fire Department.

The good news is that we have time to plan if we begin this spring. The Department is good for 2021 and hopefully at least the first half of 2022. Beyond that new models of how service is delivered will need to be implemented. The Fire Department will not be the same as it is now if it is to continue to serve the needs of our towns. Stay tuned.

As always, I want to thank the members of the Department for their dedication and commitment. Their resourcefulness makes it possible to meet the many demands of our active communities. And, I want to thank the community for all its support and encouragement.

JOHN M. FISCHER
Chief, HFD
Commanding

Rumney Fire Department- Groton Coverage

Rumney Fire Department provides fire coverage for the eastern portion of the Town of Groton through a contract between the two towns. During 2020, the department responded to a total of 195 calls, a lot of mutual aid calls to the surrounding communities as well as within their coverage area. They responded to 28 calls in Groton with 7 of them being fire calls, 3 motor vehicle accidents (includes all types of vehicles such as ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.) and assisted at 18 medical calls. Their involvement with the medical calls is strictly to assist EMTS with lifting a patient or a carry-out from the home to an awaiting ambulance. The fire department does not provide medical services.

The cost for this coverage is based on the expenses of the department as well as equipment replacement. We are looking at replacing a fire engine within the next year. At present two of our engines are over 18 years old (one being close to 30 years old). A committee will be formed to “build” a replacement truck over the course of this year. We also have a tanker and a Forestry/Utility truck on line.

I feel we have a good working relationship with the Town of Groton and look forward to serving them for years to come.

David Coursey
Fire Chief
Rumney Fire Department

Highway Department

2020 was another busy and challenging year for the Highway Department.

Major projects accomplished in 2020:

- Finished up storm damages from 2017 on Sculptured Rocks Road and Province Road. Thank you to M.E. Latulippe for your work on Province Road!
- Finished paving and road side gravel from the Sculptured Rocks State Park to Province Road. Thank you to Bryant Paving!
- Worked with Kirk Fenoff and Sons to complete the installation of the three box culverts for the Hazard Mitigation Grant. Thank you to Kirk Fenoff and Son!
- Finished top coat on North Groton Road from Halls Brook to past the MIT camp. Thank you again Bryant Paving!
- Started the Sculptured Rocks Road rebuild project for the Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) grant. This has been about $\frac{3}{4}$ completed at this time with the reclaiming, reshaping, installing catch basins, culvert replacements being completed along with significant ditching and raising of the road and paving of the binder course. Thank you again M.E. Latulippe!
- Completed some reshaping of Old Rumney Road and North Fletcher Road. Thank you to Dave Leone!
- Completed cutting on half of North Groton Road. Thank you TLC!
- Replaced the existing culvert on Edgar Albert Road with a 5 foot diameter culvert. Thank you to Mike Ethier!
- Picked up the new International 6500 dump truck to replace the Dodge Dump Truck that we continued to have issues with for the last five years.
- Completed maintenance and repairs to the Town Equipment. Thank you to Gordon Coursey and Son!

For 2021, we will continue to work with the building committee to have meetings to design and develop the new Town Garage across from the Transfer Station and continue to work with the road committee to improve the conditions of the Town roads. We will be working on completing the NBRC grant work to Sculptured Rocks Road and the repairs to the storm damages from the July 2019 storm.

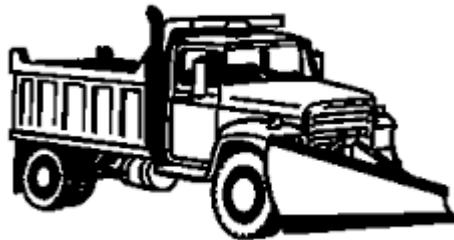
I would like to thank Fred Brooks, Jeremy Haney, Norm Willey, and Sara Smith for their hard work and continued service and loyalty to the Town. I would also like to thank John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Ron Madan for their continued support of the Highway Department and our projects.

In closing, I appreciate the continued support of the townspeople. I am available on the nights of the Select Board meetings from 6:30pm to 7:00pm, at the Town House, if any residents have any questions or concerns regarding the Highway Department. I will also provide the Town residents with Department updates at the Select Board meetings. I welcome any and all feedback that you may have.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert “Bubba” Ellis
Highway Department

Assistants:
Fred Brooks
Norm Willey
Jeremy Haney



Transfer Station

What a year 2020 has been at the Transfer Station. Due to COVID-19 home quarantines and the influx of what were normally part-time residents to “full-time” residents, usage at the facility skyrocketed to unforeseen numbers of visits per day. Facility usage visits went from 50-70 per day to a high of 130 during the summer months. This made necessary the issuing of Transfer Station Stickers to control site access to residents only. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation on this matter.

We have also hired and certified a second attendant/operator for backup and for the additional assistance during the summer months. Many of you know George Evirs from when he worked here previously. He has vast knowledge of the waste management business, after retiring from Waste Management Inc. after 22 years.

Due to contractor scheduling issues, we were not able to put in the cement pads under the dumpsters before the freeze set in. This has been rescheduled for Spring 2021. This will be phase I of this project. Phase II will hopefully be the construction of a covering over the open dumpsters to keep out rain and snow. This will save the Town a substantial amount on tonnage fees to dispose of materials.

Due to vendor price increases, we are raising the price of some items as there has not been an increase in the last ten years. Affected items will be electronics, construction debris and furniture. Just a reminder that all fees charged at the facility reflect what we pay the vendors to haul it away.

Please remember we still recycle aluminum cans, batteries, tires, electronics, scrap metal and lightbulbs.

Due to the prior mentioned increase in daily visits, revenues were up from fees collected and scrap metal and aluminum can proceeds. Using figures from the Town Clerk records, this amount was \$6,071.00 total.

We look forward to another year of serving the people of Groton.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Willey, Transfer Station Supervisor
Richard Cross, Transfer Station Attendant
George Evirs, Transfer Station Attendant
Ron Madan, On Call Operator
Jeremy Haney, On Call Operator



1/19/2021



Partnering to Make Recycling Strong Through Economic and Environmental
Sound Solutions

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234
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E-mail: info@nrrecycles.org Web Site: www.nrrecycles.org



Activity Detail Report

This is not a Bill - Pay from Invoice Only

Groton, NH

Commodity	Pickup Date	Release #	Lbs.	Net Tons	Gross Tons	Units	Price	Haul Charge	Revenue	Program Expenses	▲Revenue/Expenses	Net
Propane - 20# Damaged	10/30/20	376679		4	\$2,000						\$8.00	\$8.00
Subtotals												
Propane- 20#	10/30/20	376679		35	\$2,000			\$70.00				
Subtotals												
Propane- 30#	10/30/20	376679		1	\$8,000						\$8.00	\$8.00
Subtotals												
Propane- Trans.	10/30/20	376679		1	\$0,000			\$25.00			\$25.00	\$25.00
Subtotals												
Tires-Passenger	7/8/20	373959	4,375	2.19	1.95	175	\$2,250				\$393.75	\$393.75
Tires-Passenger	9/9/20	376830	6,250	3.13	2.79	250	\$2,250				\$562.50	\$562.50
Subtotals												
Tires-Truck	9/9/20	375830	270	0.14	0.12	6	\$12,500				\$75.00	\$75.00
Subtotals												
Grand totals			10,895	5.45	4.86			\$70.00	\$1,072.25			\$1,002.25

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report date: 1/19/2021



Northeast Resource Recovery Association

"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

Groton, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2020	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Tires	5.4 tons	Conserved 3.6 barrels of oil!

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Brian Patnoe, Chairman
Jessie Jennings, Vice-Chairman
Erik Rasmussen Treasurer
Derrick Carruthers, Secretary

c/o 161Main Street
Littleton, NH 03561
(603) 444-6303 ext. 2019
dcarruthers@nccouncil.org

2020 Annual Report

In 2020, Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton on Sunday, August 2nd and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 26th. A total of 253 households participated in the program and over 5,665 gallons of material was collected. The total expenses for 2020 HHW programming, which includes disposal costs, advertising, & insurance, totaled at \$20,121. The District has submitted a grant to the State of New Hampshire for \$5,072, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste Management, and received over \$1,850 in cash from businesses for disposal. The expected net expenditures for the program are \$8,199.00 (a cost of \$0.29 per resident.)

The district also coordinated two (2) fluorescent light bulb collections in the spring and fall, where all member towns were able to dispose of their bulbs and ballast. This year, fluorescent light bulb collections resulted in over 27,891 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of; as well as 842 bulbs; 2,327 units of ballasts and batteries. The total cost for this effort was \$3,020.69 covered by district dues.

When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers to ensure you receive the best price. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at www.nhthebeautiful.org.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance regarding their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at dcarruthers@nccouncil.org.

Respectively Submitted,
Derrick Carruthers, Secretary

Planning Board Report

During this past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has turned our lives upside down and changed the way we live and work. Every aspect of life has been impacted, requiring us to be as adaptive as possible, while still performing our public duties.

The Groton's Planning Board, like other boards, commissions and committees wanted to continue to provide services to the town's residents, while complying with the guidelines of National Emergency Orders, the State Governors Emergency Orders and the NH RSA's. The NH Municipal Association was invaluable in providing us with the information we all needed to stay abreast of the mandates and to implement our duties compliant of all regulations.

The Governors Emergency Order 23 relieved the Planning Board of meeting and accepting, hearing and acting on applications. However, the Planning Board only canceled its regularly scheduled meeting if there was no public business. The determination to cancel was made on a month-to-month basis.

The Planning Board wishes to thank the applicants who came before us for the understanding and cooperation they provided us.

Your Planning Board was able to meet all regulatory, emergency orders and recommended safeguards (social distancing and face coverings) while meeting with several applicants for subdivision approval and business formation.

- Approval granted to one applicant (Map 5 Lot 160 divided into 2 lots)
- One applicant will re-survey to resolve access & safety issues (Map 1 Lot 75 divided into 14 lots)
- One applicant is considering asking for a waiver of frontage and lot configuration regulations
- Of the two applications for business site review received in 2020, the planning board completed one for an automotive garage and fabrication facility (Map 6 Lot 15), while the second application from MIT for an expansion of their facility on North Groton Road remains outstanding pending submittal of plans by the applicant.

Should you have questions, or wish to convey concerns please contact the Planning Board at planningboard@grotonnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Planning Board (Deborah Johnson (Chair), Russ Carruth, Ray Blake, Dave LaBar, Dave Madden, Kristina Brodie, John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison))

Conservation Commission Report

The Mission of the Groton Conservation Commission is the promotion of public awareness and protection of our natural resources.

In a year marked by COVID-19, masks, and social distancing the Groton Conservation Commission continued its service to the town.

Wetlands applications were reviewed.

Road Clean ups were held and we thank the volunteers who helped. Let's all keep trash in our vehicles on the way to the trash station to make Clean Up Days easier.

Walks on Open Space trails took place to familiarize the GCC with some of the jewels of the town. Groton Conservation Commission encourages everyone to get out and enjoy the Open Space land in Groton.

- ❖ Cockermouth Forest -maintained by Society for the Protection of NH Forests
- ❖ Kimball Hill Wildlife Management Area – maintained by NH Fish and Game
- ❖ Province Road State Forest – maintained by the Department of Forests and Lands
- ❖ Sculptured Rocks Natural Area – maintained by NH Division of Parks and Recreation

The Conservation Commission meets monthly and is looking for new members. Please call 744- 9190 if you are interested.

Groton Conservation Commission looks forward to the time when it can operate as usual and include working with the public again. We all look forward to a Fishing Derby in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Groton Conservation Commission
Slim Spafford, Chair
Gina Rescigno, Vice Chair

Ruth Gaffey, Secretary
Cindy Carpenter
Ray Blake, Planning Board Liaison

Old Home Day Committee

The Old Home Day committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards the fireworks display. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 Old Home Day was canceled. We look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Old Home Day Committee

Gina Rescigno, John Rescigno, Gary Easson, Ron Madan, Christina Goodwin



Groton Recreation Committee

In the past few years the Groton Recreation Committee has been vacant. It has been recommended that the Select Board combine the Recreation Committee and the Old Home Day Committee into one Community Events Committee. Due to COVID-19 taking over 2020, this still has not happened as of yet.

With that said, members are still needed. The Select Board would like to encourage those with interest and passion to contact the Board so that a team of committee members can be formed to ensure that future recreational events and opportunities continue.

We ask for your feedback as we continue to look at ways to keep the community coming together and providing a place for families and friends to gather for events. Please let us know if you have ideas for ways that we can improve the Everett Hobart Memorial Park.

If you are interested in holding an event at the park, please contact the Select Board office at (603)744-9190.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Select Board



GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Groton Historical Society would like to thank its members and friends for their ongoing encouragement and support as we continue to “Preserve Groton’s Past for Its Future.”

The Groton Historical Society had an incredibly quiet year due to COVID-19. In March, the Board made the difficult decision to close our Museum after recommendations from the State of New Hampshire and CDC asking the public to stay at home. That decision also included cancelling our Memorial Day Program.

The Hebron Fair, Rumney and Groton’s Old Home Days were cancelled due to the concerns throughout the county.

The Board did meet two times to discuss the placement of the Groton Town Pound signs. Before the signs can be placed, trees will be removed around the pound. A local business has graciously offered their services to remove the trees. Hopefully, the signs will be installed in 2021. We are also mindful of the potential construction of a Town Garage adjacent to the pound. This may delay the signs going up until that project is complete.

In October, the Longyear Foundation sent two people to video the Museum and explain what it was like going to school there when George Washington Glover II attended. They are producing a video about Mary Baker Eddy’s life for students attending their sponsored schools. They normally sponsor a spring trip to the area for their students, but this too was cancelled.

Unfortunately, there will be no 2021 calendar. A 2022 calendar is on the list of things to produce over the next several months.

Thank you for your continued support of the Groton Historical Society. We hope 2021 will bring some measure of normality to all.

GHS Board Members

Paul Cole (Building Manager)
Pamela Hamel (Treasurer)
Sharon Nelson
Steve “Slim” Spafford

Roger Daniels (Vice President)
Debra Lindsey (Secretary)
Kathy Sobetzer (President)

Groton Historical Society, PO Box 50, Rumney, NH 03266

grotonhistorical@yahoo.com

The Groton Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Groton Public Library

In 2020, Groton residents have continued to have free access to books, magazines, DVDs, as well as downloadable books, audios and programs through the Hebron Library.

This service has been made possible by a Memorandum of Understanding between the two towns that was passed as a warrant article in 2019.

Due to COVID-19, access to Library materials is available through downloadable books and Porch side pickup. Call the Library or email your requests. Pick up is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

For more information contact:

Hebron Library

8 Church Lane

Hebron

603-744-7998

Visit the website to access the library and book catalog from home

www.hebronlibrary.org

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Library Trustees

Gina Rescigno

Ruth Gaffey

Bonnie Lane



Groton Cemeteries

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, the Cemetery Trustees were able to make progress in the preservation and maintenance of our town's cemeteries in 2020. Most of our focus this year centered on the River Road Cemetery. In 2012, the town purchased a half-acre lot adjacent to the original cemetery for the purpose of expanding the capacity of the cemetery for future use. However, other than clearing the property and keeping it mowed, no formal action was taken to properly prepare the property for future burials.

It soon became clear that the process of doing this was well beyond the capacity of the cemetery trustees or volunteers. In addition to having to comply with a lengthy list of state requirements for the establishment of new cemeteries, properly laying out the cemetery required professional expertise. Just a few of the considerations, for example, include the proper spacing of rows, the establishment of a roadway to accommodate vehicles, funeral parking, and digging equipment, and creating pedestrian aisles for visitors and pallbearers. At the recommendation of the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association, we were put in contact with Cemetery Helpful Solutions of Westwood MA which performed a preliminary study of the work needed to be done at River Road. The study was completed in October and a formal proposal was submitted with an estimate for the cost of the services to be provided which included a review and changes to the town's rules and regulations regarding cemetery maintenance, perpetual care and plot purchase agreements. At the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, the Trustees submitted a warrant article request of \$3,000 to be considered and voted on at the Town Meeting in March. It is our sincere hope the town will act favorably on this request, which will help provide for the town's burial needs well into the future.

Updating and improving the cemetery records was the second important focus of the trustees' efforts this year. Updates to the cemetery database, which includes maps and inscriptions for Rolfe, Union, River Road and Bailey Hill cemeteries were uploaded to The Crypt Keeper Online Database Service to which the town subscribes, providing an easy and accurate way to access cemetery records. In addition, all paper files were organized and compiled into six three-ring binders for grave registry, maintenance, maps, minutes of trustee meetings, rules and regulations, and list of memorial inscriptions. These records were turned over to the Town Clerk for safekeeping and future reference.

Finally, the trustees would like to thank the town residents who have supported the work to maintain the cemeteries by helping to place flags on the graves of Groton veterans, assist with updating the computer records and files, and keeping a vigilant watch over our cemeteries and notifying us of potential problems involving safety and preservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gaffey
Slim Spafford
Cemetery Trustees



2020 Annual Report

North Country Council Regional Planning Commission & Economic Development District

North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established by RSA 36:46. The Commission's region consists of serving 50 communities and 25 unincorporated places in the northern third of New Hampshire. The Council serves in an advisory role to local governments in order to promote coordinated planning, orderly growth, efficient land use, transportation access, and environmental protection. The Council's professional staff provides transportation, land use, economic development, community and environmental planning services; geographic information services (GIS); data collection and analysis; grant writing; grant administration; facilitation; and project management.

To date in 2020, North Country Council undertook the following activities:

- Completed stream culvert assessments in Hart's Location as part of a Saco River watershed project which aims to better understand flood vulnerability and aquatic habitat barriers.
- Facilitated four meetings of the North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to discuss regional transportation issues and identify priority projects for funding opportunities, including the Ten-Year Plan.
- Supported the work of two Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County and Grafton-Coos) to promote coordination of transportation services for the region's residents, including facilitating six RCC meetings, updating service directories, and assisting with federal grant applications to support transportation services for senior and limited-mobility residents.
- Represented the transportation needs of the region in the Ten-Year Plan process, including participation in public hearings and promoting public input opportunities to the region's communities.
- Supported the work of the North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) to steward and promote the region's many scenic and cultural byways, including facilitating two NCSBC meetings and developed a website to provide information on scenic touring along the byways.
- Represented the region as an at-large member to the NH Complete Streets Advisory Committee, providing a regional perspective on the development of the NH Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan.
- Continued the effort to develop an updated Regional Transportation Plan, which will identify the transportation-related needs, and opportunities of the region in the support of the development of transportation projects and reference for communities.
- Completed over 150 traffic counts to meet federal requirements and provide up-to-date information on traffic volumes across the region.
- Supported and participated in the White Mountain National Forest Alternative Transportation Working Group to address issues of overflow parking and promote safe transportation access to National Forest destinations.
- Created Community Profiles which provide demographic data on each community that include travel patterns, income, education, natural resources.
- Created community planning guidance documents to support local efforts in their transportation planning tasks.
- Provided mapping and data services to communities throughout the region in support of project development and funding opportunities.
- Responded to multiple request for reviews of Development of Regional Impact, prepared comments corresponded with state and local officials.
- Continued to assist Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) in providing development assistance to potential and awarded grantees. In 2020 the Council provided pre-project development coaching to over 15 potential NBRC grantees.
- Convened three full Commission meetings and facilitated discussions on – Solid Waste in the North Country, Broadband 101 and Forest Society North.
- Participated in local, state and regional level in initiatives (3-6) of various topics: housing, land use regulations, workforce development, economic resiliency and the outdoor economy.
- Provided technical support to communities relating to municipal land use regulations, best practices and planning opportunities.
- Assisted Coos County with the newly formed and ongoing Broadband Committee to better understand and implement broadband networks in under and unserved areas of Coos.
- Collaborated with other Regional Planning Commission's through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Director meetings in Concord.
- Supported efforts and attended the NH Planners Conference and NH Municipal Association Conference.

- Bulk ordered and distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to local land use boards (estimated savings of \$70.00 per book).
- Continued the efforts of the North County Council Brownfield Program through funding from the United States Environmental protection Agency (EPA).
- Updated the North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Economic Development District.
- Staff attended over 15 workshops, info sessions to increase Council capacity to better serve communities.
- Responded to various requests from communities for technical assistance and data research.
- Hosted four Solid Waste Roundtable for municipal officials and transfer station operators.
- Facilitates two household hazardous waste drop off day removing 2,235 gallons of hazardous material from the waste stream.



Tapply-Thompson Community Center 2020 Report to Towns

The Bristol Recreation Advisory Council and Staff want to express their sincere gratitude for the support we received throughout 2019-20.

2020 will be remembered as a very special time here at the TTCC. Although we were unable to run After School programs from March - June we were never idle. TTCC Staff were able to help with the delivery of groceries to our 'at risk' residents who were unable to get out and shop. It was a true community collaboration that we were grateful to be a part of. There were tough decisions to be made as summer camp approached but with a dedicated and adventurous staff we were able to put 8 weeks of summer camp together for our local youth. In so many ways 2020 showed us how very lucky we are to live and work in this great community. We went into the camp season armed with masks, thermometers, an abundance of Lysol and a 'can do' attitude. We came out of summer realizing that camp is an incredible experience even when there are no field trips, no physical contact and no overnight camping! This has been a year of constantly being ready to adapt and we not only survived but thrived! The Community came forth with donations, supplies, support and lots of Lysol!!

We survived a kitchen makeover that was scheduled to wrap up in June and was completed in October!! The best laid plans...but oh what a kitchen it is! We can now cook our Apple Festival pies and crisps on-site, wash dishes in an actual dishwasher and have lots of cabinet space to fill!

2020 saw the beginning of a new program called Newfound Every Child is Ours. This is a collaboration with the Bristol Police Department, the Newfound Schools and the TTCC to provide bags of food to be sent home on weekends with children in the District that may have some food challenges while not at school. We distributed 72 bags in our first week and 109 in our last delivery. The need is great and the outpouring of supplies has been incredible.

Although most of our fundraising events had to be cancelled we will still hold a special 'outside' version of Santa's Village complete with Santa, Ms. Claus and Elves. We modified our Apple Festival and had people pre-order their apple baked goods for pick up on that Saturday. We had to limit the number of apple peelers and cooks in the building at the same time but the response was tremendous and pre-orders will now become part of our yearly Festival!

We were able to access funding for our child-care programs which has helped us get through the year. We kept a full summer and after school staff on despite the decrease in participants that can accommodate at one time. This allowed us to break the kids up into small groups and ensure the safest possible delivery of programs. 2021 may be a challenge financially if the current restraints continue but we are confident that the TTCC Board & Staff will continue to provide high quality recreation programs for all of you! Wishing you all good health and cherished memories for the upcoming year!



Request for Groton Allocation in Fiscal Year 2021: \$400.00 (level-funded request)

Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), formerly Genesis Behavioral Health (GBH) is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving the 24 towns that make up Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. LRMHC provides Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large, psychiatry; nursing; community support programs for people with severe and persistent mental illness; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families. LRMHC owns two handicapped accessible vans and provides transportation services to patients in the greater Plymouth and Laconia areas as a means to enhance access to care in this rural area.

Founded in 1966, LRMHC provides comprehensive, integrated mental health treatment for people living with - and recovering from - mental illness and/or emotional distress. In Fiscal Year 2020, LRMHC's 200 employees served 4,089 children, adults and families. During this same time period, we provided over \$1.2 million of charity care.

In Fiscal Year 2020, **5 residents of Groton received services from LRMHC.**

GROTON	Patients Served-LRMHC
Children (0 to 17 years)	3
Adults (18 to 61 years)	2
Elder (62 + years)	0

LRMHC is requesting **\$400.00** this year; which is a level funded request from last year. Your continued support will help us ensure the provision of 24/7 Emergency Services to people in crisis, as oftentimes emergencies are attributable to lack of health insurance and/or the financial resources necessary to seek preventative care. For many, Emergency Services at LRMHC are the gateway into treatment. Access to timely and effective treatment supports recovery, and minimizes further harm to the patient, the community, and other systems of care.

An investment from Groton will be leveraged with appropriations from other communities to offset the tremendous cost of staffing the Emergency Services program round the clock. Similar to a municipal police or fire department, Emergency Services is a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Your appropriation will ensure the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduce the burden on your town.



GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2019-20, 25 older residents of Groton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or Newfound Area Senior Services; 3 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 134 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 123 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Groton residents benefited from one visit with a trained outreach worker and 4 contacts for assistance from ServiceLink.
- Groton citizens volunteered 114 hours of their time and talent to GCSCC during the past year.
- They participated in 108 health, educational, and social, activities.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents in 2019-20 was \$4,192.37.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Groton's population over age 60 increased by 169.2% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Groton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH) is a non-profit offering a wide range of vital health services to residents of 22 Central NH towns. This past year PBCH provided almost 15,000 home visits delivering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, hospice end of life care, palliative care, and social work to residents regardless of their ability to pay.

In the 54 years of Pemi-Baker Community Health's existence, we have never experienced such growth in our organization as we are seeing today. The demand for compassionate services in your community has risen steadily and thanks to community support, we have been able to meet the ongoing needs of every resident, in spite of the uncertain financial and regulatory climate in which we operate.

Rising health care costs and reductions in government funding have put needed health care out of reach for too many of our neighbors and friends. As healthcare delivery continues to evolve with the COVID-19 pandemic, advanced training and safety equipment is needed to continue delivery of services to our patients safely. We are following both the CDC and the NH Department of Health's safety recommendations to meet the needs of our homecare and hospice patients as well as those coming into our facility for physical, occupational and aquatic therapy.

Pemi-Baker will continue to provide care, regardless of ability to pay. Town funds are used to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay, and to augment (as in Hospice care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. Our agency is dependent upon charitable donations, town funds, and grants to provide services.

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBCH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy, and with Hospice, we make the end of life journey one of hope and dignity, while putting the patient/family in the driver's seat. Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and many have been able to realize this possibility.

Pemi-Baker Community Health is interested in the complete health of the community. Our primary services are:

- 🏠 **Home Health** – nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, LNAs and nutritional counseling in the home setting
- 🏠 **Hospice** – nursing, therapies, social work, spiritual care counseling, bereavement services, hospice doctor, LNAs, hospice trained volunteers, 24/7 on call support, and medical supplies in

the home setting

- ☞ **Palliative Care** - nursing, therapies, social work, and LNAs in the home setting
- ☞ **Facility-based Therapy** – physical, occupational, and aquatic therapy in our facility

For safety, some services have been postponed but PBCH also provides:

- ☞ One-on-one bereavement support
- ☞ ZOOM Coffee With Caregivers support groups
- ☞ Joint Mobility Classes
- ☞ Gym and Aquatic Membership/Classes
- ☞ American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/Lifeguarding
- ☞ Foot Clinics
- ☞ Blood Pressure Clinics
- ☞ Children’s Swim Lessons
- ☞ Nutrition & Health Presentations
- ☞ ZOOM Fill Out Your Forms-Advance Directive help

We are pleased to be part of your community and touching lives: yours, your family’s, your neighbor’s, in a partnership to improve health and lives.

Thank you for all your support!



Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA
Chief Executive Officer



Tri County CAP is a Family of Programs, serving families in Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties. We are dedicated to improving the lives and well-being of New Hampshire’s individuals, families, and communities. We provide opportunities and supports for people to learn and grow in self-sufficiency and to get involved in helping their neighbors and improving the conditions in their communities. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty through the development of programs that allow low-income individuals the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the State and National economy and the social fabric of their communities through programs that address: Education; Emergency Support; Economic Development; Food Self Sufficiency; Marshalling of Local Resources; and Transportation.

Tri County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.

Annually we serve more than 24,000 individuals that reside over 4,455 sq. miles of Northern New Hampshire. TCCAP and our 16 service programs provide services to all residents of Coos, Carroll, and Grafton County’s requesting and needing support.

During our Fiscal Year 2020 we served a Total of 45 Groton Clients valuing \$52,384 in services provided.

Tri County Community Action Program thanks all communities and counties that we serve for their financial support of the programs, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our community families in need.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy A. Goyette".

Amy A. Goyette, NCRI
Strategic Initiatives and Projects Supervisor
Tri County Community Action Program



Town of Groton

Mid-State’s mission is to provide high quality health care services to the community, regardless of a person’s ability to pay. Mid-State’s sliding fee scale program ensures everyone has access to health care, especially those who might go without due to cost. Through our sliding fee scale program, Mid-State provided **\$336,360** in uncompensated charity care to the region in the past year. Local support is essential to ensure we are able to continue to help the under and uninsured in your community.

Mid-State’s services go beyond medical care by offering a wide variety of options to help patients reach their optimal health. Mid-State launched a Same Day Access and Acute Care program to address urgent medical needs of anyone in the community and continued to work towards addressing the opioid epidemic with the addition of an Intensive Outpatient Program as part of our RISE Recovery Services. In addition, our most recent efforts include our Feed the Need program to combat food insecurity in the community, a disparity that has only been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Service we offer:

- Primary Medical Care for all ages including pediatrics, family and internal medicine.
- Behavioral Health Services – counseling for individuals and families
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment – including Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid dependence, and Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program
- Dental & Oral Health Care (Bristol office)
- Dental Hygiene (Plymouth office)
- Onsite Pharmacy in Plymouth
- Financial Assistance – Sliding Fee Scale is available for all services for those eligible
- Enrollment Assistance for the Marketplace, Medicare and Medicaid
- Same Day Access and Acute Care

Mid-State’s Year in Review (July, 2019 – June, 2020)

- Number of unduplicated patients served:
 - Medical: 10,379 Dental: 1,592 Behavioral Health: 1,322
- Number of Visits:
 - Medical: 30,707 Dental: 3,342 Behavioral Health: 8,017
- Total cost of uncompensated charity provided: \$336,360

Town of Groton Usage Statistics (July, 2019 – June, 2020)

- Total number of patients: 65
- Total number of charity care recipients: 0
- Total in uncompensated charity care provided: \$0

CADY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT
Town of Groton

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Groton for your support over the past year. Together we are preventing substance misuse and building possibilities, potential, and promise for our children.

Addiction is one of the most complex issue facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths continuing to steal the lives of too many of our young people. The most responsible and humane strategy is to stop these tragic situations from occurring in the first place by preventing the use of all addictive substances in adolescence, including alcohol and marijuana.

The ongoing mental health, substance misuse, and child protection crises our state is experiencing have taken a significant toll on New Hampshire’s children and families, impacting all child-serving systems. These crises, and the pandemic we continue to face, are disrupting children’s stability and upending their lives; however, resources remain limited for preventative services and other systems that support children remain underfunded and uncoordinated.

Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such, it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on to ensure that we are supporting the healthy social and emotional development of children in our region. The scary truth is we are seeing surges in childhood anxiety and clinical depression statewide and locally. In 2019, 341 children, ages 12-17, called the state’s 24-hour crisis line with the number rising to 418 this year. This summer, a disturbing new trend emerged — 26 children were waiting for a bed in a treatment facility, in contrast to one child in 2017. Additionally, youth substance misuse in our local region has increased significantly, putting our children at an even greater risk of harm. The 2019 Newfound Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicated our children are at higher rates than statewide averages in suicidal ideation, sadness, and feelings of hopelessness. Post COVID-19, these number are expected to grow, as so many of our children are struggling with the impact of social isolation and uncertainty. Emerging research shows that for youth to thrive, even amidst challenging life circumstances, what they need most is to be encircled by caring adults. This is the essence of CADY’s vital work. We work hard. We are persistent. And we will never give up. There is so much to be done. Collaboration is essential as our community is faced with complex problems that are just too big for a single organization, or level of government to solve alone. The scarcity of treatment services for children makes prevention a crucial first step to addressing their growing needs. Knowing this, as an essential public health service, we kept our doors open and programming moving forward during the pandemic.

Thankfully, our collective action has the power to transform lives by preventing youth substance misuse through education, skill building, increasing early intervention services and social-emotional supports, and offering opportunities for mentoring and resiliency building. We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. We cannot do this critical work without you. Thank you, Groton, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Sincerely
Deb Naro
Executive Director



2020 Annual Report to Newfound Watershed Towns

Newfound Lake Region Association

Newfound Lake Region Association is navigating the turbulent events of the year with flexibility and determination, ensuring the safe continuance of our current programming and even building new initiatives to fit today's special circumstances. In a year where so many turned to Newfound for respite and relaxation, our work at NLRA took on extra meaning. We were reminded of the essential reason we all value this beautiful place and work so hard to keep it a healthy and thriving ecosystem.

Water Quality

- With our dedicated group of volunteers, we completed our 34th consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake in partnership with University of New Hampshire's Lakes Lay Monitoring Program (LLMP). Lake water quality continues to be better than average, but non-harmful algal blooms are becoming more common.
- We continued sampling tributaries and headwater streams at 35 locations also with LLMP. The extensive, healthy forests covering the hillsides that form the upland drainages are the reason for our clean water.
- We began stormwater testing response protocol and can now mobilize to test lake and streamwater following storms during the summer months.

Stormwater Management

- Conducted stormwater assessments on properties across the watershed and provided recommendations to property owners on improvements they can make to reduce their impact to Newfound Lake.
- Worked with Newfound property owners and municipalities and employed area youth to implement small scale stormwater mitigation projects that protect water quality in Newfound Lake.
- Secured watershed management plan funding for further large-scale stormwater projects that will project water quality.

Land Conservation

- Continued our participation in the Newfound Land Conservation Partnership with the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and The Nature Conservancy.

Aquatic Invasive Species

- With NH LAKES, coordinated the Lake Host program to prevent milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake. In 2020 paid and volunteer personnel inspected over 3,000 boats at Wellington boat launch.
- Coordinated Weed Watchers, a volunteer network that surveys the shoreline in search of invasive aquatic species. In 2020 we focused on surveying high-risk areas, including areas adjacent to boat launches, and other areas around the lake.

Education and Community Engagement

- We debuted exciting youth programs at Grey Rocks Conservation Area including a StoryWalk and several Newfound Nature Station programs.
- Our guided paddles on the Cockermonth, in the Hebron marsh, and along the Northern Newfound Water Trail brought paddlers up close to everything we work to preserve.
- We continued to work with watershed towns to protect clean water, the local economy, and your property values.

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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

January 15, 2021

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center would like to connect with Veterans in Vermont and New Hampshire who have served in the military and who may not be utilizing the full comprehensive VA medical benefits package that is available.

We are forever grateful for your service and wish to remind you that you may be eligible for important healthcare benefits and additional services. If you are not enrolled in VA healthcare or if you are enrolled but not currently utilizing services, we encourage you to consider how we may be able to support your healthcare needs and overall well-being!

The VA offers a wide variety of services ranging from assistance for Veterans seeking primary care services to various social support services. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support (Veterans helping Veterans), group sessions, telehealth and more. We are proud to offer designated treatment areas for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic in White River Junction.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton.

If you would like to enroll in VA Healthcare, please call (802) 295-9363 at extension 5118 or 6281. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that you need when applying. If you have any enrollment questions you can also send them directly to our enrollment email address below.

VHAWRJVeteranEligibility@va.gov

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Becky Rhoads".

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

2020 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Meeting comes to order at 9:00am on March 14, 2020 at the Groton Town House Community Room
Antonio Tavares, Moderator

Select Board Members present: Ron Madan, John Rescigno, Tony Albert

Supervisors of the Checklist: Pamela Hamel; Gina Rescigno; Anne Tobine

Moderator, Tony Tavares, introduces Town Officials, Ron Madan, Tony Albert and John Rescigno - Select Board Members; Sara Smith, the Administrative Assistant; Ruth Millett, Town Clerk and Michael Bagan, Chief of Police who is not a resident but will be allowed to speak on any Police related issues without having to go through the voting process for a non-resident.

397 registered voters in Town;

Ballot Articles March 10, 2020

Ballot Article 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Based on the Elections that were held on March 10, 2020

List of elected Officials incumbent and newly elected:

Selectmen - John Rescigno, Ron Madan, Tony Albert

Treasurer – Pam Hamel

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Ruth Millett

Planning Board - Deborah Johnson, Russell Carruth, Dave Labar, Forest Blake, Dave Madden, Kristina Brodie

Cemetery Trustees – James Gaffey, Stephen “Slim” Spafford

Local Auditor - Ann Joyce

Moderator - Tony Tavares

Trustees of the Trust Fund - Michele Lacroix, Gina Rescigno

Library Trustees – Ruth Gaffey, Gina Rescigno, Bonnie Lane

Zoning board - Glenn Hansen, Ann Joyce, Gary Easson, Peter Smith, Barrie Sawyer

Supervisors of the Checklist - Pamela Hamel, Annie Tobine, Gina Rescigno

Petition for anyone to sign if they wish, to facilitate access to broadband internet, high speed internet, and would be worth looking at before you leave today that the electric company is looking to supply in this area.

Election results for the School for the Town of Groton; Article 2, expendable trust fund – rejected by town voters; Article 3 operating budget – accepted; Article 4 petition article- accepted. District wide all three articles passed.

Moderator led the body in the pledge to the American Flag.

Moderator states that the moderator rules are in the Town Report bringing attention to number 18 on the rules – According to RSA 40:7 – everyone is to “be silent at the desire of the moderator, on pain of forfeiting \$1 for each offense, for the use of the town.”

Moderator reads Article 2:

Article 2:

to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred sixty-four thousand, seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$764,796.)** which represents the Operating Budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-0

Ron Madan makes a motion to accept the article as written. Tony Albert seconded.

John Rescigno speaks to article 2 briefly:

The operating budget is up about \$1800 from last year, With warrant articles up due to management of some of the grant monies that we're looking for.

Moderator opens the floor for comments.

No discussion, so Moderator calls the vote and reads Article 2 again.

Article passes.

Moderator reads Article 3

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of **five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)** for the purpose of the Sculptured Rocks Road upgrade project with the amount of **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** (50%) being offset by a Northern Border Region Commission (NBRC) Grant the Town applied for and was awarded and the remaining Town share of **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** (50%) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required.)

(The Select Board recommends this article 3-0)

Ron Madan makes motion to accept the article as written, John Rescigno seconded.

Tony Albert speaks to Article 3:

Sara and Bubba applied for the grant last year, and we weren't expecting anything of it. But we were awarded it last year. What it will be for is a rebuilding of Sculptured Rocks Road from North Groton Road through to a little bit beyond Sculptured Rocks Park. This will be a total rebuild, replacing culverts upgrading everything to be done this summer. There were a lot of other towns applying for this grant, so we weren't expecting to get it. I'll have Sara speak about the process.

Sara Smith:

We had to go to a meeting up north. There was a certain amount of money they were appropriating to different towns. Many of the towns were there for technology/Internet and came with presentations and were asking for a lot of money. Bubba and I thought it was just an informational meeting and weren't prepared for a presentation and we left there thinking there would be no way we would get this. We filled out the application. We have a huge stack of paperwork that we had to gather together with details concerning the road project. Usually grants take forever to hear back from, but within a month we heard back saying that they would love to award the town this money. It's a once in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to receive this money set aside through Northern Borders Regional Commission. Jeanne Shaheen actually assisted in pushing this for the town because of the flooding so we took the opportunity to jump on it knowing it was a great opportunity and we knew how bad the condition of Sculptured Rocks Road was. We had pushed before with many members of the State because of the condition of the road and because most of the traffic on that road is due to the State Park. We had engineers come out and look at the road and all agreed the work needed to be done but no one was willing to give any money. This rebuild will be 1.3 miles from North Groton to about 1200' past the park.

Robert "Bubba" Ellis:

I want to thank Senator Guida too. He really helped us push this in the right direction and encouraged us to go to some of these meetings to learn about these grants.

Bob Jackson:

Would this improve the situation for future flooding? Would it still be subject to damage from the overflow of water?

Tony Albert:

We have a mitigation grant that we received last year which will upsize the culverts and that is going out to bid. This will be upsizing the culverts along this road. We'll try our best, mother nature may fool us but these will be about twice the size of what's in there now. These will be bottomless box culverts/bridges.

John Rescigno:

It will increase the stability of that road.

Tony Albert:

The grant was to help with the damage that occurred last year.

Gary Easson:

We should send a thank you letter for the Senators who helped with this grant.

Stephen "Slim" Spafford:

These culverts are going in where the work was done last year, is that correct?

Robert "Bubba" Ellis:

Yes, that is correct.

"Slim" Spafford:

Can the work be done so that there is no "bump" as you go over these culverts?

"Bubba":

Yes. Once the culverts are done it will be new pavement from the end of Sculptured Rocks to Province Road.

Sara:

We looked into using the same engineer that we used to for the culverts to do the road project too so that it could be done all together and streamline the project but because they are two different grants with two different government agencies, we have to put out bidding. If the same engineer wins both bids it could still be this same engineer, but we can't just make it happen.

Al Paladino:

I live at 88 Sculptured Rocks Road and I am very thankful that this is finally getting done because that road is horrible. My concern is Hammerhead Road washing out. Everything that is running down from the park runs right across my yard, runs across their road and I end up with a tangle full of sand every year. Is the drainage in that section going to be addressed? I think on that road I have the worst problem right there. Is there going to be another meeting with these guys, will there be some discussion? I would like to know how much of my front yard they're going to chew up and if it will fix this problem. My yard is lower than the road right now and I think there are 3 or 4 layers of tar out there.

"Bubba":

We should be able to address those issues. I must meet with the engineer so this project will be engineered to deal with any issues like that. Under the power lines there may be 50 years of pavement and it's marshy there. It will be dug out and there will be underdrain where it needs to go. We will rebuild the road so where it needs to be fixed we will be doing that, not just repaving. We'll make sure to come see you.

No more comments so the Moderator calls the vote and reads Article 3 again.

Article 3 passes.

Moderator reads Article 4

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$69,000)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Town House CR Fund (December 31, 2019 balance: \$47,192.85): **\$5,000**

Disaster Relief CR Fund (December 31, 2019 balance \$5,135.52): **\$25,000**

Heavy Equipment CR Fund (December 31,2019 balance \$62,085.72): **\$5,000**

Atwell/Orange Brook CR Fund (December 31, 2019 balance \$6,220.41): **\$2,000**

Assessing Reval CR Fund (December 31, 2019 balance \$27,623.77): **\$7,000**

Public Works CR Fund (December 31,2019 balance \$46,624.98): **\$25,000**

Total Capital Reserve Funds \$69,000

The Select Board Recommend this Article 3-0

Tony Albert makes a motion to accept the article as written. Ron Madan seconded.

John Rescigno:

We increased the Disaster Relief Fund last year was \$5,000 this year \$25,000 because the money was nearly depleted with all the storms that we've had we also removed the Truck/Sander trying to take this amount down a little bit.

Clinton Parrish:

What is the Atwell/Orange Brook fund?

John Rescigno:

We were looking to put money aside should the bridge need any type of repair work and putting money aside for the future when eventually the bridge will need to be replaced.

Gary Easson:

How much tax money was brought in last year?

Ruth Millett:

The Tax Collector deposits were \$1,272,495.84.

Gary Easson:

If we pass this Article, we'll be up to approximately \$1,083,800. I hate to see the tax bills go up. It's always something, especially the schools and the older I get I need the money just to pay bills. I'm getting worried as I'm adding all this stuff up. If we pass everything through Article 6 we're going to be over \$1,300,000 and that is making me a little nervous. With this and some of the other Articles is there any way we can trim some of this?

Moderator:

I want to remind all of you that you have the right to amend any of these Articles in writing so if you wish to change an amount you can do so.

John Rescigno:

We recognized as we were going through the Warrant Articles that we would be increasing the tax burden as the amount was going up, but the Warrant Articles that are here are important for the Town and we decided to put them in here and leave it up to the Town to decide. We have projects that we started last year that we want to finish this year, such as North Groton Road and we want them to be complete and done properly. There is grant money that became available to us this year and if we don't take advantage of that money it will just cost the Town more money in the long run. It's interesting that we have a huge turn-out to dispute the money that we're spending in our own Town, but when the school decides to spend \$800,000 of our money, no one shows up. That's a bigger part of your tax money that you need to be concerned about. We are here to discuss these Articles and amend them if we so choose.

"Slim" Spafford:

Let's not forget what our taxes would be if we didn't have those wind towers. Many people comment that we aren't getting anything from them. We get about \$600,000 from the wind farm and without that you can imagine what our taxes would be.

Miles Sinclair:

The Atwell/Orange Brook Fund was discussed at last year's Town Meeting and an assertion was made that you could not use those funds for maintenance because it is a Capital Reserve Fund. Has that been clarified or have we determined that is not the case? You did mention, John, that this would be used for maintenance.

John Rescigno:

I believe you are correct. These funds cannot be used for maintenance.

No discussion, so Moderator calls the vote and reads Article 4 again.

Article 4 passes.

Moderator reads Article 5

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** for repair/reconstruction of the North Groton Road project. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Tony Albert makes a motion to accept the article as written. Ron Madan seconded.

"Bubba" Ellis:

This will put a final layer course from Halls Brook Road to about Helen Santoro's house/Nadeau Lane which is where they started years ago with the beginning of the road project on North Groton Rd. I spoke with a couple of paving contractors and last year we had a little money left over when we finished paving all the rest

of North Groton Rd, so it was suggested that we use a leveling course for Helen's to Hall's Brook. It stood up pretty good. It has taken a beating as this has been a horrible winter for roads. That was the one part of the road that they suggested it would be better to repave rather than grinding and reconstructing the whole road. So that is what this money is for to put on a finish coat and if oil prices remain the same we may be able to get up past Christina's house, maybe another 1000' because it has already started to deteriorate on the places we did 8 years ago when we were digging down the whole 4 feet. I'm not blaming anyone for what we did in the past but it obviously didn't work as well as we thought it was going to.

Doug Hutchins:

Why are we always doing work on the North Groton Road and doing nothing on the Sculptured Rocks Road? Why don't we cut this money in half? We're spending \$250,000 on Sculptured Rocks Road and we can lower this amount to our taxes won't keep going up.

"Bubba" Ellis:

\$50,000 won't do that whole section but it's whatever everyone wants. It's totally up to the voters. It just won't cover what we have already started.

Doug Hutchins:

Instead of spending, spending, spending, why don't we cut this in half? For years Sculptured Rocks Road has been neglected and they have put all the money towards North Groton Rd.

"Bubba" Ellis:

"They" are the voters

Ruth Gaffey:

I take your point and I guess I may have selfish interests because I go over North Groton Road to see my parents. It is a main road and I really appreciate all that has gone into it to fix it. It has been hellacious to try to get over that road. I would like to see that it is all kept up to standard.

No more comments so the Moderator calls the vote and reads Article 5 again.

Article 5 passes.

Moderator reads Article 6

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Dump Truck with a front/wing plow with a sander for the highway department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in the 2014 Dodge 5500 with any proceeds received to offset the total purchase amount. With **Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** anticipated to be received by a USDA grant, **eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)** to come from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining **sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000)** to be raised by general taxation. If the grant is not received, the amount of **one hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$112,000)** will be raised through general taxation. (Majority vote required.) (submitted the Highway Department)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

John Rescigno makes a motion to accept the Article as written. Tony Albert seconded.

“Bubba” Ellis:

We are trying to replace the 2014 Dodge that we have that seems to have been a “lemon” ever since we got it. We’ve put over \$30,000 into it since 2014 and that isn’t including regular maintenance or the 9 plus months that it was down and we had nothing to plow with. We bought the new pick up and were hoping not to use that as much to plow with but we’ve ended up having to use it quite a bit just to fill in when the Dodge was broken down. We’d like to be able to tell you that the \$50,000 is a given and we know we’ll get it. We got it two years ago to purchase the truck we’re replacing now, but we don’t find out about that grant until August, so we can’t promise anything. They divide the money up throughout the towns so if more are asking for it, it may end up being \$40,000. I don’t know what the trade in value will be by the time the next truck is actually ready.

Joe Koslow:

Do we know what type of truck we’re replacing it with? Do we have something in mind?

“Bubba” Ellis:

It’s a newer International/GMC that’s been out a year now. It’s bigger than a 550 but it’s still under CDL. That’s another problem we have is trying to find CDL drivers for what we want to pay and for part-time as well so we wanted to stay under CDL, but looked for a bigger and better truck. The Ford trucks have been having trouble with frames breaking. Ford is coming out with a new truck this year, a 600 but it’s the same frame, they are just putting heavier springs under it. The International has a straight frame like the big 6 wheelers.

“Slim” Spafford:

I know when we got the first grant through USDA which we got for the “lousy” truck we have. They do remember us because we have a track record with them. That makes it a little bit easier to get the grant. I wouldn’t be all down-in-the-dumps about whether we’ll get this or not. We have a good track record with them and that means something.

“Bubba” Ellis:

I just don’t want to promise something we may not get. Sara and I met with another USDA person concerning another grant. She was surprised that we received the \$250,000 grant.

Sara Smith:

Because we have that good relationship with the USDA, we have applied for another grant to be used for the building which we have not been able to find. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we are applying for a \$250,000 grant for the building. Nothing is certain and there is a lot of paperwork that goes into this but Bubba and I are working together on this.

Mike Lemieux:

What size is the pickup truck?

“Bubba” Ellis:

It’s a 1 ton, 350.

Mike Lemieux:

Would we not be better served by putting a sander on that, and an ezdump rather than getting a new truck? Do we really need 3 trucks?

“Bubba” Ellis:

We’ll be getting rid of the Dodge. We have 3 trucks now, we’ll be getting rid of one truck and getting the new truck so we’ll then have 3 trucks again. The pickup does have a sander on it that I rebuilt that’s about 26 yrs. old.

Mike Lemieux:

My question is why do we need 3 trucks?

“Bubba” Ellis:

The Dodge that we are replacing is the main truck that we use all the time to plow the roads. We try not to use the orange truck. Just coming over the roads takes a lot out of it. We didn’t buy the pickup truck to take over for a big truck. It was actually there as more of a spare, but because of the problems with the Dodge, we’ve had to use it a lot more. There is a plow and sander on the pickup that we use all the time but that isn’t what that truck should be used for. The orange truck does a better job of pushing back the snow and we’re hoping to get another 5-7 years out of that truck. That’s 5-7 years past what anyone thought we’d get out of it.

Doug Hutchins:

That’s a lot of money, that \$112,000 and we don’t know if we’re going to get this grant money. I think we should wait another year before we get this truck. We don’t have that many miles of road to take care of. The DOT has been very good about coming in and helping us. I’ve seen the DOT come and plow this section of North Groton Road and Hall’s Brook Road the last two storms.

“Bubba” Ellis:

This is State Road out here and Hall’s Brook. We did take care of it for a few years, but they’ve always taken care of this. They don’t plow our roads. We have North Groton Road from Hall’s Brook to 118, but this section from Hall’s Brook to the Town line has always been State road.

Doug Hutchins:

Even without the Dodge we still have 2 trucks to plow with.

“Bubba” Ellis:

You can’t plow all the roads with a pickup truck.

Doug Hutchins:

The Department of Transportation has always helped us when we needed it, look at North Groton Rd, they had it open in days after the flood.

“Bubba” Ellis:

The State has never plowed our roads, not as long as I have been here.

Doug Hutchins:

I still think we ought to wait on it. These downsized trucks are very fragile. They don’t hold up anywhere near as well as the orange truck has. They aren’t very strong. We don’t know if we’re going to get the grant. We can’t keep spending money or our taxes will be outrageous.

“Bubba” Ellis:

We have been putting money into that Dodge the amount it would have been to purchase a new truck to replace it.

Back and forth between the two.

Jeremy Elder:

Do we need the money appropriated before we get the grant, or is there a certain amount of time we have to raise the other amount that we need? Can it be pushed off till next year?

“Bubba” Ellis:

No, the grant money is for this year. There will be a whole other round for next year. We’d need to apply again for next year.

Sara Smith:

Grafton County received more money this year. Normally the truck grant would have been \$30,000, but we were told to ask for a little more this year because the county was allocated a little bit more. We have a better opportunity so we went for the \$50,000. There is a chance to apply for it again next year. It’s one of the grants you can go for every year, but we may not have the opportunity to go for \$50,000.

“Bubba” Ellis:

Yes, we have the orange truck but Jeremy and I are the only ones who have a “class-B” license and it’s getting harder to find people for the money that we pay. That is not the main truck, it’s mostly the 1-ton that we use. When the roads are closed, we would be able to use the new truck to go get a little sand or gravel. The 6-wheeler only hold a couple yards more than the 1-ton anyway. And we can’t use the orange truck when the roads are posted.

Jeremy Elder:

When you spend money you don’t have, I think it is irresponsible. No one spends money based upon what they speculate they are going to have in 6 months. All these things are good and yes, we should do them, but I’m with Doug, I think next year and we’ll take the chance that we don’t get the grant because we won’t have the \$100,000 spending up there or the \$250,000, we’re spending this year. The taxes have gone insane in this town, and I know you’re right, the school is killing us. The enrollment is going down and yet they always need a million bucks for something. Maybe we should repair the truck for another year. All these things are good but we can’t approve everything.

“Bubba” Ellis:

This truck should have been gone last year. We spent \$7,000 in the first month of the new budget. If the truck goes down this year, we will need to hire out to get done what we would do with that truck, plowing and sanding and we’ll probably spend another \$10,000 on that.

Gary Easson:

I agree that I think we should go for this, but what worries me is that it’s like a chicken farmer counting chickens before they hatch. The grant people should try to synchronize with towns so that they award grants a lot sooner than August so it’s not at the last minute. Maybe we should amend the article so that if we don’t get the grant money we can postpone till next year. If we don’t get the grant money in August it will put an extra burden on us and again, we do need the truck. Perhaps we could make this contingent on whether we get the grant or not.

“Bubba” Ellis:

If we order this truck on Monday, we’ll be lucky to see the truck by September. Tony and I went to look at the place where they make these trucks and Rumney is thinking also of getting one, they told them that they probably won’t see the truck until January so if we push this back even further, we won’t get it in a timely fashion before winter.

The Article was moved from the floor.

No more comments so the Moderator calls the vote and reads Article 6 again.

Hand count of votes:

Yes – 30; No - 16

Article 6 passes.

Moderator reads Article 7

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for the repair of Groton roads. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

John Rescigno makes a motion to accept the Article as written. Ron Madan seconded.

“Bubba” Ellis:

This money is what we’ve used in the past 2 years just for upkeep and repairs on all the roads. We’re trying to do some culverts on River Road which hasn’t received much attention over the past few years since a lot of work was done two years ago. Half of my budget and all the police budget needed to be used last year for road repairs after the 2019 flood. Many things that needed to get done didn’t get done because we had no emergency money left.

Bob Jackson:

Why isn’t this in the general operating budget?

John Rescigno:

We didn’t think of it but it could be in the general budget next year.

No more discussion, so the Moderator calls the vote and reads the Article again.

Article 7 passes.

Moderator reads Article 8

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars (\$13,785)**, for the construction of slabs for the dumpsters at the Transfer Station. (submitted by the Transfer Station Supervisor).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Ron Madan makes a motion to accept the Article as written. John Rescigno seconded.

Norm Willey:

We want to improve the area where the dumpsters are. The pads that are there are starting to break up due to age, they are 20+ years old. What we're proposing to do, Phase 1, we want to make one large slab that will have room on it for 6 dumpsters. Eventually, down the road, we want to put some type of covering over the dumpsters. I was down there on Tuesday and there were two dumpsters that had 6 inches of ice in the bottom. When those dumpsters go out, we pay for whatever weight is in it. If we get a 2 ft snowstorm, all that weight adds to what we will pay for that dumpster by the ton whatever is in it.

Comment from the floor, no name:

What is the long-term plan?

Norm Willey:

We plan to put a cover over top. This is what many of the Transfer Stations have gone to. It would be like a carport. The Select Board has been looking at a 3-story building in town for really short money, but we'd need someone to put it up. We're not looking to have some elaborate building, just a roof over the dumpsters to keep the water out.

Ruth Gaffey:

I really like hearing about the covering because, and I know I'm not alone in this, I am distressed that we aren't doing any recycling in Groton and this may be the first step in addressing that issue. There are towns doing single stream recycling and making money even now. We can keep that in mind and look forward.

Bill Jolley:

You got a couple bids for that, correct?

Norm Willey:

I got one bid which is way cheaper than anyone else is going to do it and he lives right here in town. I could get another bid, but this amount is for the one given.

Gina Rescigno:

Everything we thought was getting recycled was not because they cannot take anything that is contaminated, so in order for real recycling to happen we would need a covering.

Norm Willey:

Just to let you know, we do recycle, aluminum cans, batteries, tires, metal, electronics.

Joe Koslow:

Those that are recycling they want your cans and bottles to be spotless. They don't want pizza boxes because of the oil which contaminates the cardboard and the minute they get that stuff they contaminate the whole load.

No more discussion, so the Moderator calls the vote and reads the Article again.

Article 8 passes.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400)** for the demolition of the old library and old Town office building.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Tony Albert makes a motion to accept the Article as written. Ron Madan seconded.

John Rescigno:

This matter we've talked about for quite some time. The building is becoming an eyesore and it is in an unsafe condition so we would like to finally take it down.

Jeremy Elder:

Have we received any bids on this yet for the demolition work? If so, what were the bids coming in at?

Sara Smith:

Yes, we have received these and the \$10,400 was the lowest and it is a local company. Last year the Town gave permission to do the demolition, but we did not have the funds for it.

"Slim" Spafford:

The steel roof that is on that building we may be able to use for the shelter at the Transfer Station. There are salvageable things there.

"Bubba" Ellis:

The bid is already taking that into consideration. They will be scrapping the roofing, so they are taking that into consideration in the bid.

Doug Millett:

You might ask them about this, because if we need to go buy new roof it may cost us more that they would get to scrap it.

"Bubba" Ellis:

I'm just not sure if we want to put a 30-year-old roof when we want to start with something that will last a while.

John Rescigno:

You'll be replacing that roof in a couple of years if we do that. It only has a certain life span, and we aren't guaranteed the size so we may end up piecing things together. It would be better to put something up that is proper.

Gary Easson:

Not a good recording of most of his comments. Did anyone contact Habitat for Humanity. It seems there should be a lot to salvage out of that building.

John Rescigno:

There is a lot of mold inside that building so it would be a health concern to donate that to someone.

Doug Hutchins:

Would the Hebron fire department be interested in burning the building for training?

John Rescigno:

We looked into that, but they are not interested due to the power lines that are right nearby.

Rick Belanger:

Does that include disposal and how will the asbestos be handled?

John Rescigno:

That is part of the bid.

Rick Belanger:

Was it addressed in the bid?

“Bubba” Ellis:

I’m not sure that the asbestos was addressed. The building is stripped down inside down to the 2x4’s.

Tony Albert:

The asbestos must be addressed.

John Rescigno:

We can look into this, but is it part of the proposal, and will have it in the bid when we have it written up.

Rick Belanger:

If you have a bid for a \$10,400.00 and asbestos what not a part of that bid, in all likelihood it will not be an accurate bid. If this is for the work and for the disposal the third leg would be the asbestos. If that hasn’t been thought about then this bid will not be accurate.

John Rescigno:

I understand what you are saying and we are assuming it is part of it, but we will review the bid. If it is not part of the contract and if it will cost more, we can either cease that contract at that point and raise the additional funds next year, but we’re not sure there is asbestos in that building. They did go in a look at it.

Tony Albert:

I know the person that gave us this bid does work with asbestos abatement and has torn down buildings before so I’m sure he has this in his mind that this would need to be done.

Rick Belanger:

Who was it that gave this bid?

John Rescigno:

Gordon Coursey and Sons.

Bill Jolley:

In the event that asbestos or any other hazmat has not been considered and we vote in favor of this, though it is not a huge number, what happens if it is significantly greater? What happens to the money?

John Rescigno:

We can encumber the money and raise the additional money next year if you choose to put that through, if not it will go back into the general fund.

Doug Hutchins:

Why couldn't we put it out to bid for someone to come and push it down with an excavator, put it into a pile and burn it away from the power lines? We could still save the roofing for the dump. It wouldn't matter if it has nail holes in the roofing, you going to cover garbage.

Tony Albert:

You can't just burn it if there's asbestos and chemicals and things. It's not that easy. They will need to come and inspect to make sure the asbestos abatement has been done. There's a special place to get rid of the asbestos.

Doug Hutchins:

What does it cost to find out if it has asbestos in it? It probably doesn't have any in it.

John Rescigno:

I don't think you can just put it into a pile and burn it.

Lots of back and forth which I can't make out/talking over one another.

Pam Hamel:

It had to go to bid, so there are opportunities. That building has been a problem since we moved out of there. It has flooded numerous times. I think for \$10,400 to get that cleaned up, it's long overdue. It's unfortunate because part of it is historic but it is ruined and there's nothing that can be done about that. We need to get this building out of the flood plain and get it out properly.

Gary Easson:

Part of what he said is not clear... It can't be burned because of environmental laws, plastic wood, paints, plastic electrical boxes and fixtures, the EPA would come down on us.... Unclear again... the only way you can burn a building down today is if it accidentally catches fire.

Deb Johnson:

First part was unclear... Gordon Coursey does a good job. If for some reason the price goes up because someone finds something like asbestos, the Select Board is not able to increase and take that bid, but put the money back into the general fund therefore we'll get a tax break next year. It's an eyesore, it's a liability to the town and it is getting to be a health issue and it will put us into a favorable light for FEMA so that if in the future we apply for FEMA grant, we can say we're trying. We are beginning the process of moving out of the floodplain, give us additional grant money, and we may find ourselves in a position because of this little tax to get a much larger grant to help build our building or to repair roads that are washed out. In addition, I agree with John, there are so many things we don't do for this town and I'm on a fixed budget now that I'm retired, a lot of us are, but there are things we need to do to the town to make it attractive and to decrease liability. Liability for our town employees and liability for some child that decides it might be fun on Halloween to sneak in there or worse set the place on fire and get caught in there. We really need to take care of this, and I applaud the Selectmen for trying to go forward on this.

Rob Johnson:

Do we have insurance that covers this?

John Rescigno:

Yes, we do have insurance that covers this.

Ann Joyce asks to move the article.

Moderator reads the Article and calls for a vote.

Article 9 passes.

Moderator reads Article 10.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Hebron Public Library, pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-b Contract for Services, for a period of one (1) year to provide library services to Groton residents. (submitted by the Library Trustees)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Tony Albert makes a motion to accept the Article as written. John Rescigno seconded.

Jeremy Elder:

Is there anyway to lengthen the contract so it doesn't need to be brought up every year?

Ruth Gaffey:

I'm not sure of the answer to that or if it would be more expensive. Right now, we have funds in a checking account that we're using to pay this and we're doing that year by year. After that we hope to bring it before the Town and we'll see, I think that's what we'd probably do so the people could answer that.

Gina Rescigno:

Just to add to that, there's a certain amount of money there so that anyone in town can go there and get free library services. Once that money is spent then the vote would be if we want that to come out of taxpayer money. Right now, it's free, that's why we have it every year.

No more discussion so Moderator reads the Article and calls for a vote.

Article 10 passes.

Moderator reads Article 11.

Article 11:

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Groton, NH. We the Town of Groton hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy

consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (January 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Groton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Groton's congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Groton's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. (Submitted by Petition)

Dawn Lemieux makes a motion to accept the Article as written. Michael Lemieux seconded.

Dawn Lemieux:

Climate change is real and we want our state and federal legislators to act now. Cash-back carbon pricing puts a price on pollution and incentivizes conservation and innovation to replace fossil fuels with clean energy solutions. Cash-back carbon pricing imposes a fee, not a tax. All the money collected, after administration costs is rebated to all New Hampshire households on an equal basis. Two thirds of all households will break even or get more in their equal share of all the money collected than they paid in higher costs due to the fee. When it happens, the federal bill will replace the state bill and uses board of adjustments to push our carbon price around the world. New Hampshire residents want action on climate. Economists around the world believe that this approach is the most cost effective and fair way to keep carbon in the ground. This warrant does not commit our town or state to specific legislation but simply asks our representatives to address this issue and use a carbon cashback solution to do it. You can learn more about it at carboncashback.org and I will vote yes to support this common sense resolution. If anyone has any questions, I will try to help you.

Ruth Gaffey:

I am also in agreement with this particular issue and that we are very blessed up here to have some of the cleanest air in the country, but all around there are places that don't and as an asthmatic and with many family members who suffer from air pollution around the country we really do need to address this and to do this for our children.

Gary Easson:

My question, or concern is will this affect the local vendors for example those that have oil burners are they gonna have an added expense? What about this so-called money that we get back two years later what if we burn coal or wood or pellets how is that going to be affected? It will be affecting us in the bottom line.

Dawn Lemieux:

This fee is for fossil fuel and it would be applied as early in the flow of production as possible so coal would be taxed as it's coming out of the ground. Individuals like you who might be selling burners or servicing...

Gary Easson:

No, I buy oil like everybody else I heat my home with oil. If they are charged, they will just pass it on to the consumer. I don't want my prices going up I want my prices going down. They're getting too much now.

Dawn Lemieux:

It will be a price that's added to the price of oil.

Gary Easson:

In other words it's a price that's going to be passed on to the consumer, that's what I needed to know.

Dawn Lemieux:

That's why there's a dividend. 2/3 of the people get money back it helps encourage the use of other energy sources that might not be as polluting so in the long run those prices will be more competitive.

Gary Eason:

Can you explain how they're going to give us our money back?

John Rescino:

I have a few concerns, while I fully believe in global warming, it may not be as excessive as they say it is, you can clearly see that there's been a change in the environment the storms that go on, the amount of snow we used to get. I don't think the solution is putting a fee or tax on the product if you collect \$100 and then \$10 is used to administer this, you have \$90 left over. How do you get \$100 back to the people? You don't. We will not get the same amount back; we will get less back and basically your cost will go up. I think we need to recognize the issue and recognize that people around want to make money on the issue. We hear a lot about "plant-based" what does that mean? What does it take to grow vegetable, pesticides and herbicides which are equally as damaging to the environment? You need to look at the bigger picture.

You need to look at yourselves and ask what you do that has an effect on the environment. Do you use reusable bottles? Can we lower the temperature in the house by 1°? How much would that save on our carbon footprint? A tremendous amount. Do we carpool? What about using huge cars that use so much gas with one person in that car? We need to ask what we do as individuals? Don't let the government do anything. We all know the government fails at everything. Except the government of Groton. On a serious note government never succeeded on anything. Now we're dealing with the coronavirus how many viruses has this country gone through? Thousands of them and we're still not prepared? Let's be real or government is a failure. So, don't put this in their hands we need to see what we can do to help the environment because we do need to help the environment. Then we can get clean air and water. We need to make sure that we're prepared for the future and for generations to come.

Jim Joyce:

I just have a couple points, Australia instituted this tax in 2012 and increased electricity and gasoline 15% so they did away with it in 2014; so they had it for two years. That was a bust. And in yesterday's Union Leader Merrimack voters were torn over this and two state reps, Jeanine Notter from Merrimack and Richard Barry are both against it and the Town Council is against it because of the unknowns and cost issues.

Gary Eason:

From where I'm standing you hit the nail right on the head the other thing is alternative energy sources, they cost more to bring it to the market. If you could come up with something that was on the equal price basis and was competitive instead of always having to be subsidized by the government we still can't afford these elaborate little prices.

Dawn Lemieux:

You mentioned subsidies and the oil and gas industries are the biggest subsidized industries which is one of the reasons why wind and solar have not become more competitive because they haven't been as heavily subsidized. It's not just the energy we use in our homes. I have a great example, I used to own a printing business and I am environmentally concerned, and so whenever possible I would use paper that was made at mills that used solar or wind power and I tried to buy locally from New England mills or eastern Canadian mills. It was hard because I could buy paper at 2/3 of the price that was made in China or Brazil where they use highly polluting methods to make their paper but it was so much cheaper and in a competitive market it was very hard for me to say, "no", but because I care about it in most cases I would use the more expensive paper. This idea would make a more even playing field for companies who are doing the right thing like Monadnock Paper in south western New Hampshire which makes their paper all with water power from the river that runs behind their mill. At this point we're not making it easy for people to do the right thing to be competitive in the market. And this would make it's so they could be more competitive.

James Gaffey:

I do not like the argument that the government is not capable of dealing with this problem and it should all come down

to individual responsibility. Sure, we all want to cut our gas bills, we all want to improve the quality of the air, protect the air we breathe right now. To suggest that the government is going to screw this all up and charge everybody a lot more money than they should I simply do not buy that argument. If you think big oil is going to do something about it I've got a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you. I see this as largely a symbolic gesture. Reading the article, "we expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of the citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely", what is wrong with that? Anything that would involve the transfer of money or taxation who's dealt with at a legislative level our representatives would have to vote on any kind of buyback of taxation at some point down the road. It's very important that we at least symbolically support the measures that are being taken. Look what happened this year with the flooding we're going to see more of that. The planet's getting hotter, there's more evaporation, moisture in the atmosphere, more flooding, more severe weather. And to say individuals can take care of this, just buy a more fuel-efficient vehicle that's not going to cut it. It's just kicking the can down the road. I'm very much in support this article.

There is a call to move the vote from the floor.

Moderator dispenses with re-reading the Article and calls for a vote.

Article fails.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that by legally come before the Town.

Article passes.

John Rescigno has some closing comments:

I want to thank you all for coming in today. Even though article 11 didn't pass, global warming is real and we need to do our job to make sure we protect our environment.

I was voted in for the school budget committee and I appreciate all the votes but I will need to turn that down. There are a lot of positions that are open in the town and we really need to help the town out with these positions.

It is better to ask someone if they want you to write them in and see if they actually want to have that position.

There are a lot of scams happening right now with the corona virus, the census and the whole political piece that's going on right now so be very careful when you get phone calls. Don't give out social security numbers, bank information etc., be careful.

Respectfully Submitted


Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Resident Death Report

01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Dennis, Heidi Kathlyn	01/06/2020	Plymouth, NH	Joyce, Bernard	Rice, Kathlyn	N
Tolman, Frank Washburn	01/25/2020	Groton, NH	Tolman, George	Unknown, Myrtle	U
Gould, Kenneth Herbert	02/04/2020	Plymouth, NH	Gould, Everett	Unknown, Gladys	Y
Clark, Madeline	06/06/2020	Groton, NH	Amabile, James	Weid, Ruth	N
Pardy Sr., Raymond	06/13/2020	Groton, NH	Pardy, Leslie	Cave, Muriel	Y
Ljunggren Jr., Arvid Alfred	07/22/2020	Groton, NH	Ljunggren Sr., Arvid	McDonough, Grace	N
Laliberte, David	11/25/2020	Groton, NH	Laliberte, Philip	Dixon, Helen	Y

Resident Marriage Report

01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Fredette, Manla	Groton	Ryback III, Peter	Groton	Groton	Thornton	09/26/2020

Resident Birth Record

01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Vale, Oliver Elliot	07/29/2020	Plymouth, NH	Vale, Justin	Vale, Emily
Sharp, Acadia	08/15/2020	Plymouth, NH	Sharp, Scott	Sharp, Bethany
Haney, Garrett	08/24/2020	Plymouth, NH	Haney, Jeremy	Haney, Melissa

Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!

All dog licenses are due by April 30th. If they are not licensed by June 1 there will be a forfeit of \$25.00 and a fine of \$1.00 monthly.

License Fees are:

Male or Female	\$9.00
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
First Dog for Owner over 65	\$2.00

Current Rabies Certificate should be presented at time of registration.

Ruth Millett
 Town Clerk
 Groton, New Hampshire



Just a reminder, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday	12:00pm – 7:00pm
*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday	

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2020 Year-End Report from Councilor Michael Cryans

On January 6, 2020, I will complete my term as Executive Councilor.

This District is comprised of over 100 towns and four cities (Berlin, Claremont, Laconia and Lebanon). It covers up to ½ of the land area, from Tilton to Pittsburg.

The five members of the Council each represent approximately 275,000 constituents. The Council meets approximately every two weeks and most of the meetings are held at the State House in Concord. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, from March until September, all of the Council meetings were held via telephone, and no meetings were held in each of the Councilors districts during the summer.

The Executive Council votes on all contracts with the state over \$10,000 as well as appointments to Boards and Commissions. About fifty persons from District 1 were confirmed to various positions on State Boards and Commissions this year. The Council also votes on Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of State Agencies as well as confirms the appointment of judges to serve in New Hampshire District, Supreme and Superior Courts.

The function that I enjoy most is constituent service. Again, COVID-19 presented a whole new set of problems. First of all, it restricted traveling from town to town. Secondly, after the major health crisis, nothing was more impactful than the economic devastation to individuals and businesses. One glaring example was unemployment. The week prior to the pandemic, 500 people applied for unemployment assistance. The next four weeks, 119,000 filed for unemployment assistance. District 1, which is known for its restaurants, hotels, resorts and hospitality industry was hit the hardest with 44 towns seeing a 20-35% unemployment rate.

If you wish to serve on any Boards or Commissions, please submit your resume to Jonathan Melanson of the Governor's office. The Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications needed, can be reviewed at <http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx>.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can be helpful. My contact information is mjcryans@hotmail.com or 603-443-1901 or PO Box 999, Hanover, NH 03755.

I have enjoyed serving you the last two years. It has truly been an honor.

Sincerely,
Michael Cryans
Executive Councilor, District One

Notes

TOWN OF GROTON

SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:00

*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

744-9190

744-3382 fax

selectmen@grotonnh.org

www.grotonnh.org

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday Evening of the month: 7:00 pm

Please call 744-9190 by noon on Mondays to get on the current week's agenda.

Administrative Assistant:
Sara Smith

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00-4:00

Tuesday evenings: 12:00-7:00

*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

All other times by appointment

Ruth Millett
Joanna Peel – Deputy

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TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 12:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 12:00-6:00

744-3623

Transfer Station Superintendent:
Norm Willey

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