

# Town of Groton Warrant 2012 Annual Meeting

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2012 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 13, 2012

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

### DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 17, 2012

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for **one hundred forty-eight thousand, seven hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$148,787)** for the purpose of leasing a new plow truck for the highway department, the amount received from the trade of the 1998 International Truck will reduce the amount of the lease agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand, four hundred eight dollars (\$28,408) for the first years' payment for that purpose. *This lease contains an escape clause.* **(PASSED)**

### The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-four thousand, two hundred forty dollars (\$74,240)** for the purpose of purchasing a new Backhoe for the highway department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011 and the remaining balance to come from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with any funds received from the trade in value from the 1995 Ford Backhoe to be used to offset the amount withdrawn from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund, and no amount to be raised through taxation. **(PASSED)**

### The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purchase of a used backhoe for the Highway Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Heavy Equipment Capital

Reserve Fund, and further authorizing the transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011. **This article will be null and void if Article 3 passes.**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred forty-five thousand, six hundred nineteen dollars (\$545,619)** which represents the Operating Budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 6: 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 paved roads. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand, two hundred dollars (\$5,200) for the purchase of approximately ½ acre of land to expand the River Road Cemetery. Cost includes all expenses associated with the purchase of land and the lot line adjustment. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a one hundred three (103) foot portion of Hardy Country Road, a Class VI road, which portion is the easterly branch of the “Y” intersection with Sculptured Rocks Road (the westerly branch being a private road); and further to accept the dedication of a relocated entrance for Hardy Country Road between the balance of that road and Sculptured Rocks Road, creating a “T” intersection between the two roads. The new portion of Hardy Country Road shall also be a Class VI highway constructed to the satisfaction of the Select Board at the sole expense of Maxam EXPX2. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$6,020.57) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$31,972.50) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$32,459.02) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$47,957.14) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$30,958.37) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$50,724.73) **(FAILED)**

**The Select Board Do Not Recommend This Article**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2011 balance: \$5,020.87) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA). **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 18: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) for deposit in the Conservation Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2011. This sum represents the balance of the 2011 appropriation for conservation. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing public safety services, specifically police department public relations and officer training. All police revenues will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the police chief and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for repairs and maintenance of the Town House, and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing

five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Town House Capital Reserve Fund and the balanced of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to come from general taxation. (Dec. 31, 2011 Town House Capital Reserve Fund balance: \$18,049.36) **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase and installation of two steel doors for the police department and the removal of the police teller window. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$8,500) for the purpose of providing a comparable wage adjustment, \$1,165 of which would be allocated to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, with the balance divided up per hour between the Administrative Assistant, the Road Agent and the Road Agent Assistants. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommend this Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for the purchase of radios for the highway and fire departments, with four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500) to come from grant money and the balance of four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500) to come from general taxation. Funding of this article is contingent on the town receiving the offsetting grant money. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to be placed in this fund, and to further appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund. **(PASSED)**

**The Select Board Recommend This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2012.

**GROTON SELECT BOARD**

Kyle Andrews, Chairman

Ron Madan

Miles Sinclair