

**Town of Groton Warrant
2015 Annual Meeting**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 2015 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 10th 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 14th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

**BALLOT ARTICLES
MARCH 10, 2015**

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

ARTICLE 2: To propose an Amendment to the existing Town Zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. The purpose of this Amendment is to ensure that the Town of Groton has rules in place that will protect the Town. The Amendment will not stop alternative energy companies from building additional wind farms, rather it will ensure that the concerns of the people of Groton are considered and protect the Town financially. The State will consider people's concerns regarding large wind project applications if Groton has this Amendment in place.

The Planning Board approved this Amendment

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION
MARCH 14, 2015**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred eighty eight thousand, two hundred twenty six dollars (\$688,226)** 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 raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred forty-five thousand (\$145,000)** for repair/reconstruction of a portion of North Groton Road. (submitted by the Road Committee)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** for the repair of Groton paved roads.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 6: 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.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** for the purchase of approximately six acres of land located off North Groton Road (a portion of Tax Map 6 Lot 1) currently owned by Green Acre Woodlands, Inc., or authorize the exchange of a Town owned 50 acre lot located off Old Rumney Road (Tax Map 10 Lot 22) for the property mentioned above (as previously approved at Special Town Meeting October 2012) and to authorize the selectmen to execute any documents related to this purchase/exchange.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty seven thousand, eight hundred forty-nine dollars (\$27,849.00)** to be used for the purchase of a new 2015 Ford Explorer as a new police cruiser for the Police Department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)** from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining balance to come from taxation.

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, 2014 balance: \$21,035.48)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500)** to be used for the purchasing of new equipment and transferring the radio system to a new police cruiser.

In the event Article 8 passes the Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0
In the event Article 8 fails the Select Board Does Not Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty five hundred dollars (\$3,500)** to be used for the lettering of a new police cruiser.

**In the event Article 8 passes the Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0
In the event Article 8 fails the Select Board Does Not Recommends This Article 3-0**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty eight hundred dollars (\$2,800)** for the purchase of Material Handling forks to be used with the Highway Department's backhoe.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred dollars (\$300)** to maintain the Town's cemeteries and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing \$300 from the General Fund which was the amount paid for a plot in 2014.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** for deposit into the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$10,000.00)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500)** for deposit into the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$19,506.39)

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 deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$34,172.80)

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 thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$63,040.68)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 18: 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, 2014 balance: \$46,013.50)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 19: 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, 2014 balance: \$19,769.61)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$20,076.39)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 21: 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, 2014 balance: \$55,809.09)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 22: 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, 2014 balance: \$28.58)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the following tax deeded property using the services of a real estate broker to market such property rather than disposing of the property by public auction or sealed bid:

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| Dodge Road | Map 6 Lot 87 |
| Dodge Road | Map 6 Lot 88 |

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent position to an appointed position rather than an elected position.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4d providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely that public Library Trustees may accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of Town Meeting.

Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at over \$5,000, the public Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance.

No acceptance of any personal property under the authority of this section shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850)** for support of the Groton Historical Society.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1

ARTICLE 27: 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).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 28: Whereas: A road of historic significance completed in August 1771, so the Governor of the Province of New Hampshire could travel from Wolfeboro to Dartmouth College for commencement exercises.


Whereas: The last nearly pristine rural section lies in Groton, NH known as Province Road.

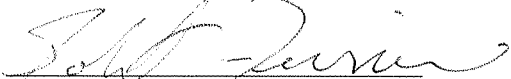
The purpose: to designate Province Road a Scenic Road according to RSA 231:157


ARTICLE 29: 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 17th day of February 2015.

GROTON SELECT BOARD


Christina Goodywin, Chairwoman


Robert Ferriere


Kyle Andrews