

Town of Groton Warrant 2022 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2022 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 8th 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 Articles 1 and 2, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 12th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 8, 2022

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

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Town of Groton Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance") as proposed by the Planning Board.

The effect of a Yes vote is summarized as follows:

1. Replacing the current one page zoning with the proposed Ordinance, known hereafter, as The Town of Groton Zoning Ordinance will:

- a) Establish zoning districts: A. Residential and Forestry/Agriculture; B. Rural Residential, Forestry/Agriculture; C. Renewable Energy/Other Businesses, Forestry/Agriculture, Conservation Cluster and Recreation
- b) Guarantee personal property uses, and distinguish size and priorities within each district
- c) Integrate the 2007 approved Floodplain Development Regulation as Article 6.
- d) Integrate the 2015 approved Large Wind Energy Systems Ordinance (LWES) as Article 7

Should the proposed Zoning Ordinance fail to receive an affirmative vote, the 2007 Zoning Ordinance, the LWES and Floodplain Development Regulation will continue in their present forms as Groton's zoning.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 12, 2022

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred ninety-nine thousand, five hundred eighty five dollars (\$799,585)** 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 eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$182,500)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$60,064.44): \$100,000

Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$30,186.57): \$50,000

Police Cruiser CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$5,735.68): \$10,000

Truck/Sander CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$1,020.87): \$10,000

Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$3,002.18): \$7,500

Electronic Equipment & Software CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$3,432.38): \$5,000

Total Capital Reserve Funds \$182,500

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to conduct sitework and plan design at the land across from the Transfer Station which is the potential site for the future Highway Garage. (submitted by the Highway Department)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000)** for the purpose of purchasing a new Backhoe/Loader for the highway department with **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to come from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000)** to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021, and **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** from a USDA grant. If the grant is not received, the **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** will be raised through taxation. (submitted by the Highway Department)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to pave the parking lot at the Town House.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000)** to pave the intersections in Groton.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500)** to recoat and restripe the basketball court at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

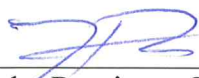
ARTICLE 10: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred ninety-one dollars (\$291)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund. Fund to be offset by **two hundred ninety-one dollars (\$291)** from the unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the Timber Tax revenue for 2021. (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

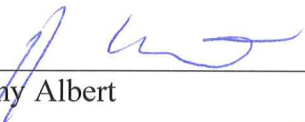
ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 7th day of February 2022.

GROTON SELECT BOARD



John Rescigno, Chairman



Tony Albert



Ron Madan