

# Town of Groton Warrant 2024 Annual Meeting

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2024 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 12<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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 12, 2024

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

### DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 16, 2024

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Groton adopt the provisions of House Bill 349 (2023) to withdraw from the Newfound Area School District/SAU #4 on June 30, 2025, and effective July 1, 2025, form a separate cooperative school district and single district SAU, called the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District, in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 349 (2023) and where applicable, RSA 195 and RSA 194-C, and further, shall the Town of Groton adopt the proposed Articles of Agreement for the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District.

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

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine hundred twenty thousand, four hundred seventy-four dollars (\$920,474)** 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-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required)

Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$170,952.23): \$50,000  
Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$136,936.36): \$50,000  
Police Cruiser CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$27,064.58): \$10,000  
Town House CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$31,678.27): \$10,000  
Truck/Sander CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$22,020.32): \$10,000  
Heavy Equipment CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$11,674.92): \$10,000  
Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2023 balance: \$18,908.05): \$7,500

**Total Capital Reserve Funds \$147,500**

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of paving the driveways and parking areas at the Transfer Station and the new Public Works Department with **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to come from the Grafton County ARPA funding and the remainder of **forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)** to be raised through taxation.

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)**, toward the repair of damages caused by the severe storm in December 2022. FEMA has already awarded the town \$145,394.25, which the selectmen have accepted pursuant to RSA 31:95-b. These funds will be combined to repair the damage.

**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-five thousand dollars (\$55,000)** for chip sealing. (submitted by the Highway Department)

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

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty- six thousand dollars (\$36,000)** for a new compactor and converter for the Transfer Station. (submitted by the Transfer Station)

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500)** for an equipment trailer for the Highway Department. (submitted by the Highway Department)

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500)** for a new mower for the Highway Department. (submitted by the Highway Department)

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

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800)** for a new garage door at the Transfer Station. (submitted by the Transfer Station)

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

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200)** for a new security system for the Town House.

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred four dollars (\$104)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund, with said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the Timber Tax revenue received in 2023. (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Atwell Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to be named Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, to change the purpose to cover construction, reconstruction, replacement and maintenance of all Town Bridges, and to raise and appropriate **nineteen thousand three hundred thirty one dollars (\$19,331)** to be placed in the fund, which amount is the same as the one-time payment made to the Town of Groton by the State of New Hampshire in 2022. This amount to come from the unexpended fund balance with no amount to be raised by taxation. Further, to keep the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 Majority Vote Required).

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

ARTICLE 15: 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2024.

**GROTON SELECT BOARD**

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John Rescigno, Chairman

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Tony Albert

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Ron Madan