

Annual Report Town of Groton



For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Dedication of the Town Report

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Groton's oldest resident, Paul E. Adams. Paul was born in Lincoln to George and Elizabeth (Hachey) Adams. At the age of 8, after his father had passed away, Paul's mother remarried Ned Albert and moved to Groton. He remembers working in a lumber camp every winter as a child after moving to Groton. Paul was always quick and athletic. Shortly after they first moved, the family lived in Hardy Country and their father was given a 4-year old palomino horse name Blazer that had never been broke. Paul trained the horse and rode it bare back (as the family could not afford to buy a saddle). Paul was the only person that could ride that horse.

Paul worked for a short time as a mechanic and then was the second person hired to work at A. E. Machine & Tools, Inc. The machine shop was located in Bristol, where the Freudenberg (formerly known as IPC) building is currently located. The shop was sold to Freudenberg in 1984 when the owner retired. Paul worked there almost 20 years. He also drove a school bus for 8 years. After Paul left the machine shop, he purchased some property, dividing it and selling off parcels. He currently resides at this property, where he built his home back in the 1940's.

Paul married a local girl, Ruth Hobart. They were together 50 years before Ruth passed away. During their marriage they had one son, Richard. Richard was also born and raised in Groton. He passed away shortly after his mother at the age of 52.



Paul is also a Veteran. He served in the Army for two years, stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Paul has lived in Groton for 92 years, turning 100 in October 2012. He makes every effort to vote each year. When asked what his hobbies are, Paul said "I am a jack of all trades". Paul has a wonderful history to share and Groton is fortunate to have him as part of the community.

Annual Report

of the Officers of the



(Incorporated December 7, 1796)

New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2012

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Town Officials - Elected, December 31, 2012

Select Board Kyle Andrews 2014 Christina Goodwin 2013 Miles Sinclair 2015	Moderator Lou Lieto 2014
Treasurer Darlene Andrews 2014	Trustees of the Trust Fund Alison Bagley 2015 Michele Escobar 2014
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Laura Hauser 2015	Library Trustees Christina Goodwin 2013 Marilyn Lieto 2015 Anne Tobine 2014
Planning Board Jennifer Burnett 2013 Russell Carruth 2014 Deb Johnson 2014 Dave LaBar 2015 Celine Richer 2013 Stephen "Slim" Spafford 2015 Sharon Nelson (Clerk, Alternate) Miles Sinclair (Select Board Liaison)	Zoning Board Patti Bailey 2013 Ken Gould 2014 Frank Grelle 2013 Glen Hansen 2013 Jiri Hajek 2014 Chuck Stata (Alternate) 2014
Road Agent Glen Hansen 2013	Local Auditor William Jolly 2013
Cemetery Trustees Pamela Hamel 2015 Christina Goodwin 2013 Sharon Nelson 2014	Supervisors of the Checklist Rachelle Hamel 2014 Pamela Hamel 2016 Ann Joyce 2018

Town Officials/Employees - Appointed, December 31, 2012

Administrative Assistant	Health Officer
Pamela Hamel	Chuck Stata
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Deputy Treasurer
Ann Joyce	
Police Chief	Fire Chief/Fire Warden
Joseph Pivirotto	Roger Thompson
Police Officers	Deputy Wardens
Jack Foley EJ Thompson Andrew Newcomb	Michael Lemieux Bill Oakley Joe Pivirotto Norm Willey
Emergency Management Director	Transfer Station Superintendent
Mike Lemieux	Joe Koslow
Road Agent Assistants	Transfer Station Attendants
Erik Ljunggren Ron Madan Dalton Warner	George Evirs Ken Gould Dalton Warner (alternate)
Ballot Clerks	Janitorial
Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Helen Santoro	Vickie Kimball

Letter from the Groton Select Board

As 2012 comes to a close, the Town Report gives the Board the opportunity to review the year, noting accomplishments and determining future projects. It is always hard for a Board to weigh the needs and wants of the community with the constraints of a budget, especially in light of the continued recession. The Board must work to find a balance.

Helping with that balance is the Groton Wind Farm, which continued construction throughout 2012. Due to development, those areas affected by construction were removed from Current Use status. This gave the Town a Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) of \$230,897 total. The LUCT was applied to offsetting the budget as tax revenue.

Groton Wind became commercially operative on December 28, 2012. Although the Company still has some testing to complete and some site work to finish, this officially starts the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with the Town of Groton. The PILOT requires quarterly payments billed at the rate of \$11,000 per megawatt (MW) or \$22,000 per turbine in the first year. This comes out to approximately \$528,000 a year applied as revenue to offset the Town's budget. This makes it even more important that the Board finds a balance between the money being received and projects that may need to be addressed in the coming years as well as assisting in keeping the Town's tax rate lowered. All of this is based upon input from the Town and its taxpayers.

The Board was faced with many other decisions throughout the year including but not limited to:

- Perambulation efforts. The Groton/Plymouth line was located, marked accordingly, pictures taken and documentation completed. Although that project was not completely finalized as of the close of the year, the next steps to perambulate the Hebron and Alexandria lines have been started.
- After reviewing the options with the Road Agent, Glen Hansen, the Board approved the purchase of the new backhoe when Warrant Article #3 was approved by the Town. The Town's old backhoe had definitely seen better days. The new backhoe is a 2011 JCB, with 100hp, drive control system, air conditioning, a tool carrier on front which allows for a general purpose bucket, a set of forks, powered angled snowplow and brush and many other features which the Town may look to add in the future. The purchase price was \$63,235.18, with \$50,000 taken from the unreserved

fund balance and the balance of \$13,235.18 from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

- After Town Meeting approval under Warrant Article #2, the Board approved the lease/purchase for the brand new plow truck. This is a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, with a seven year warranty and five annual payments of \$28,258. This payment will be reflected in the Highway Department budget. The Highway Department took delivery of the truck in September 2012.
- Upon recommendations at Town Meeting, the Board approved the creation of a Road Committee. The Committee is strictly volunteer, created to work on a written long range plan regarding the Town's roads. The Committee, which began meeting in the spring of 2012, consists of staff and members of the public. They met to review roads and provided recommendations beginning with the 2012 reconstruction/repair project of 300 feet on North Groton Road where the Road Agent excavated the road, built up the base, and covered it with binder. The Committee is expected to provide a recommended plan at the next Town Meeting.
- The Board reviewed, as it does every year, the Town owned properties. This year, they were able to list two properties for sale with Old Mill Properties in an attempt to get them back on the tax rolls. The two properties in question are located on Dodge Road. It is the intent of the Board to continue moving properties back to the tax rolls whenever possible.
- The Board held a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, October 27, 2012, to have the townspeople approve a land exchange with Green Acre Woodlands. The land swap is for a Town owned 50-acre lot off of Old Rumney Road for a 6 +/- acre lot across from the Transfer Station on North Groton Road. The Special Town Meeting approved this swap and the configuration of the land is still being determined. The lot is proposed as a suitable location for moving the Highway buildings and/or Library out of the flood way.
- The Board approved the submission of a grant application through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The intent of the application was to demolish the current Town Garage and Library structures, rebuild out of the flood

way, include moving all equipment and materials currently stored on site, and turn the site into a Conservation area. The Grant was a 75/25 split with 75% of the project being funded by FEMA and 25% being funded by the Town. As of the end of the year, the Grant was in a hold status. FEMA has a number of projects each year that they fund and our project is on the list but not at the top. This does not stop the need for the Town to keep moving forward with relocating these Departments. The risk of flooding and further damage to the buildings and equipment, as well as damages to the environment, etc. is too high for us to ignore.

Of course, the Board would be remiss if we did not discuss the setting of the 2012 tax rate. Based upon the delinquent taxes in the Town, the Board chose to retain \$225,000 of the unreserved fund balance and apply \$72,687 from that balance to the taxes. The Land Use Change Tax from the Groton Wind project was also a factor in setting the tax rate. All of this information was taken into consideration and the 2012 tax rate was set at \$11.23, reducing the Town's rate from \$3.37 to \$2.10. Taxpayers must keep in mind that contracts continually need to be negotiated, and things that have been put on hold for a number of years are rearing up with potential problems that need to be addressed. We cannot continue to defer maintenance or not focus on projects. Groton is a beautiful Town and we need to work to keep it that way.

In closing, the Board would like to thank the Groton Historical Society for their continued efforts and the completion of the Veteran's Memorial by darkening the letters, boxing in a graveled area and adding medallion markers for each branch of service. The monument stands as a reminder to those who served and the completion of it is a great dedication to Groton's Veterans.

In addition, the Board would like to thank all of the employees and volunteers who work so hard during the year to continue to provide service to our community. These people are an asset to the Town. We would encourage anyone who would like to become more involved in the community to run for any open positions, to volunteer or just continue to participate. There are Committees currently unstaffed and it takes the hard work of volunteers to keep the projects and events moving forward.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
The Groton Select Board

Town of Groton Warrant 2013 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2013 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 12th 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 16th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 12, 2013

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 16, 2013

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred nineteen thousand, four hundred eleven dollars (\$619,411)** 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 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000)** for repair/reconstruction of a portion of North Groton Road. (submitted by Road Committee)

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 repair/reconstruction of a portion of North Groton Road. (submitted by 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 **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** 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 **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** for construction of the access way to the Jenny Decoste Smith Annex to the River Road Cemetery.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fourteen thousand, nine hundred fifty dollars (\$14,950)** to construct a fire escape for the second floor of the Town House.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eleven thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$11,700)** for painting of the Town House.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand, one hundred ten dollars (\$1,110)** for repairs to the Transfer Station Roof.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand, five hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$2,577)** for repairs to the salt shed.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500)** to complete the repairs/reconstruction of the access way to the Municipal Conservation/Recreation Area.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 13: 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, 2012 balance: \$6,501.10)

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 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$11,028.09)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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 Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$37,008.22)

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, 2012 balance: \$32,459.02)

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, 2012 balance: \$53,010.30)

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, 2012 balance: \$35,993.07)

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, 2012 balance: \$10,016.76)

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, 2012 balance: \$13,068.03)

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, 2012 balance: \$50,780.00)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 22: To see if 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, 2012. This sum represents the balance of the 2012 appropriation for conservation.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand dollars (\$2,000)** for a fire proof file cabinet.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 24: 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 25: 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 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred dollars (\$500)** for the purchase of surveillance equipment for the Town House.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to designate the historic 1771 Dartmouth College Road, known as Province Road, located in Groton, as a scenic road according to RSA 231:157. This article will take effect immediately upon passage. (submitted by petition)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen and/or Planning Board to suspend all negotiations and/or planning relative to commercial wind turbines until the State of New Hampshire updates its Energy Master Plan as put by the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, November 2002, pursuant NH Chapter 121 (2001). (submitted by petition)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to require all wind energy facilities that may come to be located in the Town to post security in the form of cash or bond, prior to initiating construction, in order to cover the costs of removing all of the facility upon ceasing operations for a period of more than 12 months, said amount to be determined by an independent engineer. (submitted by petition)

ARTICLE 30: 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 12th day of February 2013.

GROTON SELECT BOARD

Christina Goodwin, Chairwoman

Miles Sinclair

Kyle Andrews

TOWN OF GROTON - 2013 Proposed Budget & 2012 Expenditures					Approved 2012 Budget	
		Proposed 2013 Budget	2012 Actual			
III - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)						
OPERATING BUDGET		865,248	668,335.61		751,617	
SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		619,411	484,938.22		545,619	
		245,837	183,397.39		205,998	
1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130	EXECUTIVE	48,625	46,857.95		47,674	
4130.1	Administrative Assistant Wages	34,120	31,844.00		32,000	53 pay periods in 2013
4130.2	Selectmen Stipend	9,000	9,000.00		9,000	
4130.3	Moderator/Assistant Salary	105	240.00		623	
4130.4	Other Town Meeting Expense	50	89.92		1	
4130.5	Contracted Services(Web hosting)	150	112.45		150	
4130.6	Workshops & Seminars	150	80.00		150	
4130.7	Telephone/Internet	1,250	1,177.50		1,250	
4130.8	Mileage	350	281.13		350	
4130.9	Supplies	1,000	1,213.82		1,000	
4130.10	Postage	800	735.36		800	
4130.11	Furniture / Fixtures	50	0.00		50	
4130.12	Office Equipment Maintenance	600	493.00		600	
4130.13	Hiring Expenses	200	150.00		200	
4130.14	Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.)	200	269.14		100	
4130.15	Computer software maintenance	200	31.68		200	
4130.16	Computer/Software	400	1,139.95		1,200	
4140	ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS	43,828	43,354.13		44,440	
4140.1	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary	26,624	25,459.20		25,460	
4140.2	Deputy Wages	4,000	3,185.00		4,000	
4140.3	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues	65	65.00		40	
4140.4	Town Clerk Expenses	1,250	982.38		1,000	
4140.5	Tax Collector Expenses	2,000	1,830.74		1,500	
4140.6	Workshops & Seminars	1,000	772.00		1,000	
4140.7	Telephone/Internet	750	708.07		750	
4140.8	Computer Maintenance/Software	2,200	2,742.31		2,200	

4140.9	Advertising				74	0.00	74	
4140.10	Supplies/Advertising Election				315	279.35	350	
4140.11	Supplies-General				1,250	1,055.02	1,000	
4040.12	Postage				1,650	1,318.25	1,500	
4140.15	Ballot Clerks				510	1,625.00	1,836	
4140.16	Checklist Supervisors				540	1,940.00	2,270	
4140.17	Mileage				1,600	1,391.81	1,460	
4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				18,350	17,926.33	18,135	
4150.1	Financial Reporting (Town Report)				900	815.55	900	2012 expenditure includes
4150.2	Auditing				4,000	3,836.00	3,900	\$150 for market analysis
4150.3	Assessing				10,500	10,450.00	10,500	
4150.4	Treasurer Salary				2,700	2,700.00	2,700	
4150.5	Deputy Treasurer Salary				50	0.00	50	
4150.6	Mileage				180	124.78	65	
4150.7	Supplies				20	0.00	20	
4153	LEGAL EXPENSES				13,000	6,346.58	13,500	
4153.1	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements				1,000	0.00	1,000	
4153.2	Attorney Fees - General Advice				5,000	2,142.11	3,500	
4153.3	Attorney Fees-Junkyard Compliance				4,000	221.00	6,000	
4153.4	Junkyard Compliance				3,000	3,983.47	3,000	
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				77,824	49,412.08	59,501	
4155.1	NH Retirement System				10,500	2,928.68	6,801	
4155.2	Life & Disability Insurance				1,200			
4155.3	Health Insurance				55,124	33,628.78	41,700	
4155.4	FICA				11,000	12,854.62	11,000	
4191	PLANNING AND ZONING				11,026	1,719.42	9,526	
4191.1	Planning Board Postage				300	420.68	100	
4191.2	Planning Board Advertisement				250	342.50	250	
4191.3	Planning Board Mileage				100	58.38	100	
4191.4	Recording Fees				250	238.95	50	
4191.5	Planning Board Dues				1	0.00	1	
4191.6	Planning Board Supplies				150	43.15	50	
4191.7	Planning Board Seminars/Training				200	75.00	200	
4191.8	Planning Board Legal				6,000	280.20	6,500	
4191.9	Zoning Appeals (Legal)				3,000	34.00	1,500	
4191.10	Zoning Board Seminars				200	50.00	200	
4191.1	Zoning Postage				175	114.62	175	
4191.1	Zoning Mileage				100	6.44	100	
4191.1	Advertising/notices				200	55.50	200	
4191.1	Zoning Supplies				100	0.00	100	

4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				14,475	11,145.21	14,975	
4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:			1,500	1,162.15		1,500	2012 expenditure includes
4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages			1,800	973.50		1,800	\$495 for elevation certificate
4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance			750	161.70		750	
4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance			500	315.17		500	
4194.5	Cleaning Supplies			125	120.03		125	
4194.6	General Supplies			300	296.95		300	
4194.7	Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevato			1,700	1,602.77		1,600	
4194.8	Town House Electric			2,300	2,056.35		2,400	
4194.9	Town House Heat			5,500	4,456.59		6,000	
4195	CEMETERIES			3,810	2,547.42		2,510	
4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance			1,900	688.70		700	
4195.2	Salaries			1500	1,816.90		1500	
4195.3	Supplies			200	26.82		100	
4195.4	Mileage			125	0.00		125	
4195.5	Fuel			50	15.00		50	
4195.6	Advertising			35	0.00		35	
4196	GENERAL INSURANCE			16,100	14,126.11		13,000	
4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance			9,600	8,757.69		7,000	
4196.2	Workers' Compensation			6,500	5,368.42		6,000	
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC			1,990	1,833.04		1,790	
4197.1	Advertising			600	445.00		400	
4197.2	Dues			1,390	1,388.04		1,390	
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT			5,802	900.00		5,802	
4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances			1	0.00		1	
4199.2	Forestry			1	0.00		1	
4199.3	Tax Mapping			900	900.00		900	
4199.4	Grants			4,900	0.00		4,900	off set by revenues

	2 - PUBLIC SAFETY				156,779	137,591.19	143,052	
4210	POLICE				96,251	90,443.41	90,450	
4210.1	Police Chief Wages				16,000	16,920.00	15,000	
4210.2	Police Officer Part Time Wages				10,400	29,356.00	9,000	
4210.3	Full Time Wages				36,000	0.00	36,000	
4210.4	Telephone/Communications				1,900	1,543.55	1,900	
4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions				500	450.00	500	
4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint				350	1,931.93	350	
4210.7	Office Supplies				850	3,609.35	850	
4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit			1		5,200.00	2,600	
4210.9	Dispatch Service			8,000		6,359.50	5,000	
4210.10	Prosecutor			6,500		3,500.00	3,500	
4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance			1,000		2,762.31	1,000	
4210.12	Cruiser Equipment			600		6,051.68	600	
4210.13	Uniforms			2,000		1,602.49	2,000	
4210.14	Books/Periodicals			150		0.00	150	
4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammo/taser etc.)			1,200		2,882.21	1,200	
4210.16	Mileage			750		539.36	750	
4210.17	Postage			100		19.45	100	
4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser			6,000		5,000.79	6,000	
4210.19	Advertising			250		134.50	250	
4210.20	Training			1,200		786.50	1,200	
4210.21	Animal Control			1,500		656.29	1,500	
4210.22	Special Detail			500		637.50	500	offset by revenues
4210.23	SOU Stipend			500		500.00	500	
4220	FIRE/AMBULANCE			58,678	47,147.78	50,752		
4220.1	Administration			100		0.00	100	
4220.2	Communications/Training			300		0.00	300	
4220.3	Equipment			500		100.00	500	
4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron			35000		28,210.59	31500	
4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney			15000		11,635.45	11000	
4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid			7528		7,101.74	7102	
4220.7	Dues			100		100.00	100	
4220.8	Mileage			150		0.00	150	
4290	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			1,850	0.00	1,850		
4290.1	Supplies			100		0.00	100	
4290.2	Workshops/training			300		0.00	300	
4290.3	Equipment			550		0.00	550	
4290.4	Equipment Maintenance			300		0.00	300	
4290.5	Mileage			100		0.00	100	
4290.6	Wages (emergency)			500		0.00	500	

	3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
4311	ADMINISTRATION		132,459	93,710.65	96,401	offset by Highway Block Grant
4311.1	Road Agent Wages		80,133	44,318.50	46,775	
4311.2	Assistants Wages		28,500	22,513.95	25,000	
4311.3	Telephone		18,000	16,764.64	16,500	
4311.4	Training & CDL Testing		800	522.95	900	
4311.5	Electricity		350	0.00	350	
4311.6	Heating Fuel		700	551.49	700	
4311.7	Mileage		3,200	3,446.86	3,200	
4311.8	Membership/Dues		100	294.27	50	
4311.9	Supplies		25	25.00	25	
4311.9	Truck Payment		200	199.34	50	
			28,258			
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		51,226	48,461.32	48,526	
4312.1	Vehicle Cleaning & Maintenance		900	1,133.13	900	
4312.2	Highway Vehicles-Equipment Repairs		9000	9,073.96	9000	
4312.3	Equipment Rentals		3000	2,476.82	3000	
4312.4	Material		3000	3,001.37	2000	
4312.5	Signs		400	286.44	400	
4312.6	Uniforms		25	11.99	25	
4312.7	Tools & Equipment Purchases		1500	2,453.37	1500	
4312.8	Gas		700	730.97	600	
4312.9	Diesel		15000	15,991.64	13500	
4312.10	Salt, Sand, Deicer		14000	10,589.35	15000	
4312.11	Hydrants		1	0.00	1	
4312.12	Culverts		2500	1,946.80	1500	
4312.13	Safety		700	765.48	600	
4312.14	Tree Maintenance		500	0.00	500	
4316	STREET LIGHTING		1,100	930.83	1,100	
4316.1	Utility Charges		1,100	930.83	1,100	

	4 - SANITATION			53,081	41,976.67	53,231	
4321	MONITORING			6,306	2,515.31	5,106	\$2,350 Andover Geologic expenses encumbered to 2013
4321.1	Landfill Monitoring			6,306	2,515.31	5,106	
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL			46,775	39,461.36	48,125	
4324.1	Wages			11,700	10,861.78	11,500	
4324.2	Stipend			3,000	3,000.00	3,000	
4324.3	Telephone			400	368.13	400	
4324.4	Training & Certification			250	200.00	250	
4324.5	Electricity			1,400	1,168.07	1,400	
4324.6	Propane			800	360.86	800	
4324.7	Supplies			175	124.66	175	
4324.8	Compactor Related Expenses			2,000	0.00	2,000	
4324.9	Mileage			200	142.64	200	
4324.1	Dues			675	606.21	675	
4324.11	Portable Toilet			1,400	1,320.00	1,400	
4324.12	Transportation Costs/Solid Waste			22,000	19,941.16	23,000	
4324.13	Recycle Costs			1,800	1,262.57	2,300	offset by revenues
4324.14	Uniforms			25	7.50	25	
4324.15	Safety			600	12.78	600	
4324.16	Tire disposal			150	85.00	200	offset by revenues
4324.17	Other (brush hog rental, etc.)			200	0	200	
	6 - HEALTH			6,225	4,662.68	6,225	
4411	ADMINISTRATION			2,930	1,367.68	2,930	
4411.1	Stipend			1,250	1,250.00	1,250	
4411.2	Supplies/Postage			100	22.68	100	
4411.3	Mileage			200	0.00	200	
4411.4	Training			100	70.00	100	
4411.5	Dues			100	25.00	100	
4411.6	Water Testing			180	0.00	180	
4411.7	Legal			1,000	0.00	1,000	
4415	HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS			3,295	3,295.00	3,295	
4415.1	Plymouth Regional Clinic			100	100.00	100	
4415.2	Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency			2,295	2,295.00	2,295	
4415.3	Task Force / Domestic Violence			500	500.00	500	
4415.4	Genesis Behavioral Health			400	400.00	400	

		7 - WELFARE			8,373	4,514.77	8,293	
4441		Administration			30			
4441.1		Dues		30				
4442		DIRECT ASSISTANCE		600	0.00	600		
4442.1		Direct Assistance		600	0.00	600		
4444		INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAY		1743	1,693.00	1693		
4444.1		Tri-County Community Action		1543	1,543.00	1543		
4444.2		Grafton County Senior Citizens		200	150.00	150		
4445		VENDOR PAYMENTS		6000	2,821.77	6000		
4445.1		Other Vendor Payments		6000	2,821.77	6000		
		8 - CULTURE AND RECREATION		7,664	6,313.99	7,564		
4520		PARKS & RECREATION		4414	3,731.02	4314		
4520.1		Maintenance of Parks		800	408.50	800		
4520.2		Maintenance of Recreational Facilities		50	24.27	50		
4520.3		Porta Potty		950	814.25	900		
4520.4		Advertising		80	0.00	80		
4520.5		Tapley Thompson Community Center		2,534	2,484.00	2,484		
4550		LIBRARY		2,500	2,500.00	2,500		
4550.1		Wages		2,000	0.00	2,000		
4550.2		Library Other		500	2,500.00	500		
4583		PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		100	82.97	100		
4583.1		Town Events		100	82.97	100		
4611		CONSERVATION		650	0.00	650		
4611.1		Conservation		650	0.00	550		
4611.2		Workshops/seminars/dues			0.00	100		
		13 - CAPITAL OUTLAY		199,337	146,897.39	169,498		
4902		MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT		0	91,732.96	102,648		
4903		BUILDINGS		30,337	12,428.38	13,000		
4909		IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDING		169,000	42,736.05	53,850		
		14 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT		46,500	36,500	36,500		
4915		TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE		46,500	36,500	36,500		

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: Groton

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 13, 2013

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

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

Christina Goodwin _____

Miles Sinclair _____

Kyle Andrews _____

Christina Goodwin
[Signature]
[Signature]

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
4130-4139	Executive	2	47,674.00	46,857.95	48,625.00	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	2	44,440.00	43,354.13	43,828.00	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	18,135.00	17,926.33	18,350.00	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense	2	13,500.00	6,346.58	13,000.00	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	59,501.00	49,412.08	77,824.00	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	2	9,526.00	1,719.42	11,026.00	
4194	General Government Buildings	2	14,975.00	11,145.21	14,475.00	
4195	Cemeteries	2	2,510.00	2,547.42	3,810.00	
4196	Insurance	2	13,000.00	14,126.11	16,100.00	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2	1,790.00	1,833.04	1,990.00	
4199	Other General Government	2	5,802.00	900.00	5,802.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
4210-4214	Police	2	90,450.00	90,443.41	96,251.00	
4215-4219	Ambulance					
4220-4229	Fire	2	50,752.00	47,147.78	58,678.00	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4311	Administration	2	46,775.00	44,318.50	80,133.00	
4312	Highways & Streets	2	48,526.00	48,461.32	51,226.00	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	2	1,100.00	930.83	1,100.00	
4319	Other					
SANITATION						
4321	Administration	2	5,106.00	2,515.31	6,306.00	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	48,125.00	39,461.36	46,775.00	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
ELECTRIC						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH						
4411	Administration	2	2,930.00	1,367.68	2,930.00	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	2	3,295.00	3,295.00	3,295.00	
WELFARE						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	2	600.00	0.00	630.00	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts	2	1,693.00	1,693.00	1,743.00	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	2	6,000.00	2,821.77	6,000.00	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	4,314.00	3,731.02	4,414.00	
4550-4559	Library	2	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	100.00	82.97	100.00	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION						
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation	2	650.00	0.00	650.00	
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing					
4651-4659	Economic Development					
DEBT SERVICE						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes					
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY						
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		102,648.00	91,732.96		
4903	Buildings	8,9,10,11	13,000.00	12,428.38	30,337	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	3,4,5,6,7,12,22, 23,24,25,26	53,850.00	42,736.05	169,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			545,619.00	484,938.22	619,411.00	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13,14,15,16, 17,18,19,20,21	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$46,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4915	Assessing Revaluation CR		\$6,500	\$6,500		
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			\$36,500		46,500	

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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4903	Town House Fire Escape	8			\$14,950	
4903	Town House Painting	9			\$11,700	
4903	Transfer Station Roof	10			\$1,110	
4903	Salt Shed Repairs	11			\$2,577	
4909	Road Work	3			\$96,000	
4909	Road Work	4			\$40,000	
4909	Repair Paved Roads	5	\$25,000	\$24,973.36	\$10,000	
4909	Access Way to Conservation Area	12			\$3,500	
4909	Cemetery Access Road	7			\$10,000	
4903	Town House Repairs		\$10,000	\$9,428.38		
4903	Metal Doors		\$3,000	\$3,000.00		
4909	Cemetery Land		\$5,200	\$4,872.58		
4909	Province Road	6	\$5,000	\$4,437.00	\$5,000	
4909	NLRA	25	\$500	\$500.00	\$500	
4909	Conservation Commission	22	\$650	\$650.00	\$650	
4909	Comparable Wage Increase		\$8,500	\$7,303.11		
4909	Radios		\$9,000	encumbered to 2013		
4909	Town House Surveillance Equip	26			\$500	
4902	Truck for Highway Department		\$28,408	\$28,407.78		
4902	New Backhoe		\$74,240	\$63,325.18		
4909	Groton Historical Society	24			\$850	
4909	Filing Cabinet	23			\$2,000	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			\$169,498		\$199,337	

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		243,667	243,667	3,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		4,000	6,003.88	4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				500000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		24,000	22,675.48	20,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		0	0	0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		105	140	140
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		78,000	82,050.50	78,000
3230	Building Permits		200	235	250
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,500	5,574.83	4,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		2,792	2791.70	0
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		26,547	26,542.80	26,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		22,792	22,792.10	23,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		557	556.73	550
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (North Groton Road Reimbursement, Grants, etc)		20,500	17,621.72	20,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		2,286	4,163.59	4,000
3409	Other Charges		650	525.25	500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments				
3503-3509	Other		54,759.0	56,131.91	6,000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		29,240	18,325.18	0
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance	22	50,650	50,650	650
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			72,687	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS				633,134.67	690,090

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	545,619	619,411
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	36,500	46,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	169,498	199,337
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	751,617	865,248
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	633,135	690,090
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	118,482	175,158

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 12/31/2012**DEBITS**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2012	2011	2010	2009+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 112,714.57	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**		(\$ 173.95)			
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 242.00)			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 791,113.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 243,667.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 3,372.95	\$ 2,958.41
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

FOR DRA USE ONLY**OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS**

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 242.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 1,331.47	\$ 11,300.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,039,310.47	\$ 126,973.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 12/31/2012**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2012	2011	2010	2009+
Property Taxes	\$ 694,726.46	\$ 62,296.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 243,667.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 3,372.95	\$ 2,958.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 1,331.47	\$ 11,300.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,109.49	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	(\$ 173.95)			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 46.00	\$ 308.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 96,315.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	\$ 0.00	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,039,310.47	\$ 126,973.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTFor the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 12/31/2012**DEBITS**

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2012	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2011	2010	2009+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 43,769.47	\$ 37,878.14
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 56,737.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 506.92	\$ 3,491.74	\$ 13,133.99
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 57,244.25	\$ 47,261.21	\$ 51,012.13

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2012	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2011	2010	2009+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 10,746.92	\$ 18,157.63	\$ 33,867.16
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 506.92	\$ 3,491.74	\$ 13,133.99
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 91.88	\$ 116.50	\$ 480.63
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,898.53	\$ 25,495.34	\$ 3,530.35
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 57,244.25	\$ 47,261.21	\$ 51,012.13

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____

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.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Laura J Hauser

Town Clerk Report

JANUARY 1, 2012 – DECEMBER 31, 2012

Account	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits	82,888.50
Title Fees	238.00
Municipal Agent Fees	2082.50
Building Permit Fees	255.00
Candidate Fees	6.00
Copy Fees – Select Board	415.00
Copy Fees – Town Clerk	31.95
Current Use Recording Fees	69.79
Dog Licenses	1129.50
Dog Fines/Civil Forfeiture	225.00
Driveway Permits	45.00
E-Reg. Fees	76.00
Junkyard Permits	140.00
NSF Check Fees	35.00
Planning Board Fees	587.59
Police Revenue/Pistol Permits	80.00
Refunds	36.44
NSF Reimbursement	634.50
Transfer Station Fees	577.00
Recycle Income	1985.73
Vital Records Search	335.00
Welfare Reimbursement	459.90
Zoning Board Fees	280.00
Total	\$92,613.40

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2012	\$ 60,282.89
Total Deposits	\$ 1,374,381.13
Total Orders Paid	\$ (1,340,490.27)
Total Bank Interest	\$ 6.62

Deposits:

Tax Collector	\$ 1,082,409.54
Town Clerk	\$ 91,680.90

Treasurer:

Construction Period Payment-Wind Farm	\$ 50,000.00
Fema	\$ 76,365.43
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 556.73
Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$ 2,400.00
Highway Block Grants	\$ 22,792.10
LGC Insurance Claims	\$ 422.71
LGC Refund - Workers Comp.	\$ 27.63
Legal Settlements	\$ 2,009.74
N. Groton Rd. Reimbursement	\$ 17,621.72
Old Home Day	\$ 687.52
Police Dept. Credit Refund	\$ 5.71
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$ 26,542.80
Rumney Fire Dept. Refund	\$ 103.60
Statewide Checklist 2012	\$ 625.00
Town Clerk Refund	\$ 100.00
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$ 30.00

Total Treasurer Deposits	\$ 200,290.69
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TREASURER'S REPORT *continued*

Adjustments:

ACH Transfer-Town House	\$	5,000.00
ACH Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$	(36,500.00)
Capital Reserve Transfer (see MS-9)	\$	13,325.18
NSF Checks	\$	(599.50)
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$	(347.20)
Old Home Day Awards	\$	(72.53)
Pdip Contributions	\$	(604,000.00)
Pdip Transfers	\$	669,510.64
Post Office	\$	(639.76)
Voided Checks	\$	762.00
Total Adjustments	\$	46,438.83

Ending Balance on December 31, 2012

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	\$	140,619.20
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PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2012	\$	321,465.63
Total Contributions	\$	604,000.00
Total Withdrawals	\$	(669,500.00)
Interest Earned	\$	343.96
Ending Balance on December 31, 2012	\$	256,309.59

Groton Conservation Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2012	\$ 3,614.72
Total Deposits	\$ 8,282.01
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ -
 Ending Balance on December 31, 2012	 \$ 11,896.73
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2012	\$ 3,256.36
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.33
 Ending Balance on December 31, 2012	 \$ 3,256.69
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Police Department Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on June 13, 2012	\$ 133.94
Total Deposits	\$ 1,666.90
Total Checks	\$ (380.08)
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.05
 Ending Balance on December 31, 2012	 \$ 1,420.81
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

2012 Report of the Trust Funds for the Town Of Groton						Trustees: Michelle Escobar, Alison Bagley							
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested: Bank, deposits,	%	***PRINCIPAL***		***PRINCIPAL***	With- drawals	Balance End of Year	INCOME			Grand Total Principal & Income End of Year
					Beginning of Year	New Funds Created				Beginning of Year	Amount	During Year	
7/1963	Cemetery Fund	Maint.	NHDDIP	30.3	\$ 231.98				\$ 231.98	\$ 519.63	0.96	\$ 520.59	\$ 752.57
7/1978	Tercentennial	CRF	NHDDIP	23.5	\$ 180.00				\$ 180.00	\$ 403.02	0.74	\$ 403.76	\$ 583.76
1924	Cyrus Blood	PC	NHDDIP	10.5	\$ 80.00				\$ 80.00	\$ 180.08	0.34	\$ 180.42	\$ 260.42
4/1915	George Hall	PC	NHDDIP	13.1	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 225.03	0.41	\$ 225.44	\$ 325.44
11/1994	DiMichelle	PC	NHDDIP	6.3	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 104.42	0.20	\$ 104.62	\$ 154.62
1995	Gilchrist	PC	NHDDIP	6.5	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 111.46	0.20	\$ 111.66	\$ 161.66
1997	A.Campbell	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$ 25.00				\$ 25.00	\$ 56.52	0.10	\$ 56.62	\$ 81.62
1997	DiMichelle	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$ 25.00				\$ 25.00	\$ 56.52	0.10	\$ 56.62	\$ 81.62
1997	R.Bourque	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$ 25.00				\$ 25.00	\$ 56.52	0.10	\$ 56.62	\$ 81.62
6/1989	Truck Sander Fund	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 26,176.19	5,000.00			\$ 31,176.19	\$ 5,796.31	35.72	\$ 5,832.03	\$ 37,008.22
7/1989	Dump Site Fund	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 1,382.37				\$ 1,382.37	\$ 4,710.47	6.61	\$ 4,717.08	\$ 6,099.45
6/1995	Groton Rec. Fund	ETF	NHDDIP		\$ -				\$ -	\$ 790.41	0.00	\$ 790.41	\$ 790.41
1/1991	Policy Cruiser	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 5,000.00	5,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,020.57	7.52	\$ 1,028.09	\$ 11,028.09
12/1995	Town House	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 17,500.00		5,000		\$ 12,500.00	\$ 549.36	18.67	\$ 568.03	\$ 13,068.03
12/2011	Old Home Day	ETF	NHDDIP		\$ 561.90	291.49			\$ 853.39	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ 853.39
12/2004	Disaster Relief	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 44,400.29	5,000.00			\$ 49,400.29	\$ 3,556.85	53.16	\$ 3,610.01	\$ 53,010.30
3/2005	Fire Station & Equip	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 45,000.00				\$ 45,000.00	\$ 5,724.73	55.27	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 50,780.00
3/2006	Heavy Equip	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 31,000.00	5,000.00	13325.18		\$ 22,674.82	\$ 1,459.02	24.61	\$ 1,483.63	\$ 24,158.45
3/2006	Atwell Bridge	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 30,000.00	5,000.00			\$ 35,000.00	\$ 958.37	34.70	\$ 993.07	\$ 35,993.07
7/2007	Conservation	CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 4.00	0.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 104.00
1/2009	Preambulation	Non CRF	NHDDIP		\$ 5,000.00	5,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20.87	6.53	\$ 16.76	\$ 10,016.76
10/2011	Cemetery Gen. Maint.	ETF	NHDDIP		\$ 950.00				\$ 950.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ 950.00
10/2012	Revaluation	CRF	NHDDIP			6,500.00			\$ 6,500.00		1.10	\$ 1.10	\$ 6,501.10

Groton Tax Totals

Tax Warrant: 2012P02 of 2

Number of Parcels: 742

Valuations

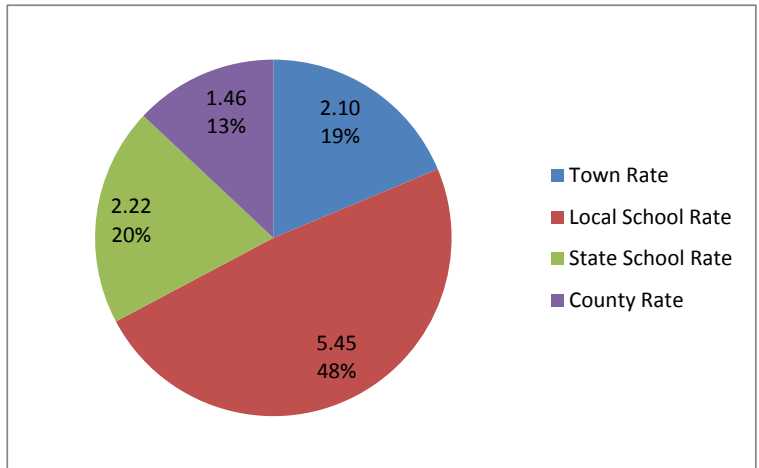
Non-Utility Land Value:	41,563,800
Current Use Credits:	(13,231,109)
Non-Utility Improvements Value:	37,947,100
Utility Value:	10,774,800
Exempt Property Value:	(2,847,900)
Valuation Before Exemptions:	74,206,691
Exemptions Applied:	(40,000)
Net Valuation:	74,176,691
Net Non-Utility Valuation:	63,401,891
Net Utility Valuation:	10,774,800

Taxes

Total Property Tax:	811,464.00
Veterans Credits Applied:	(20,468.00)
Total Tax:	788,609.00
Penalties:	2,387.00
First Bills Minus Abatements:	429,959.00
First Bills Exceeding Total Tax Needing Refund:	(117.00)
Adjusted First Bills:	(429,842.00)
<u>Total Tax Bills:</u>	361,154.00

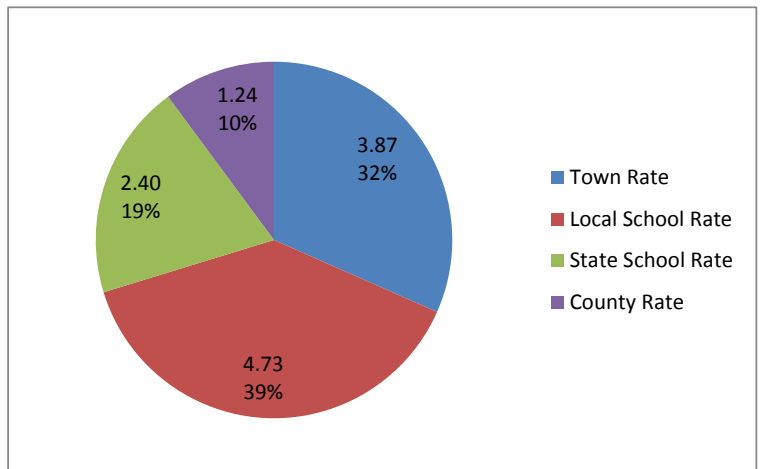
2012 Taxes

Town Rate	2.10
Local School Rate	5.45
State School Rate	2.22
County Rate	1.46
Total	11.23



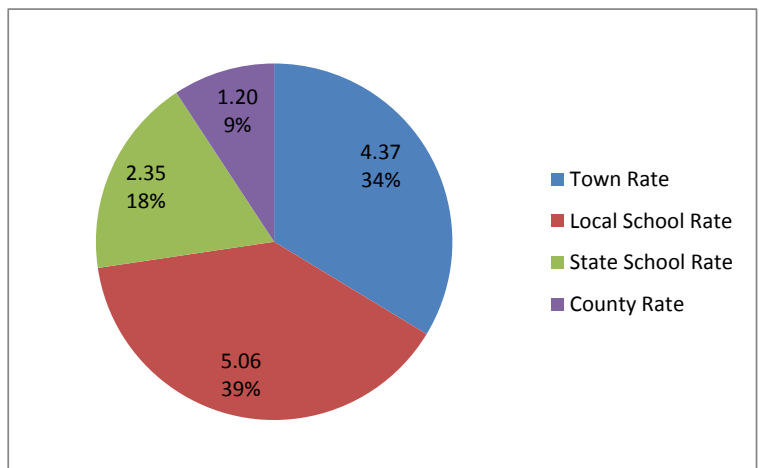
2011 Taxes

Town Rate	3.87
Local School Rate	4.73
State School Rate	2.40
County Rate	1.24
Total	12.24



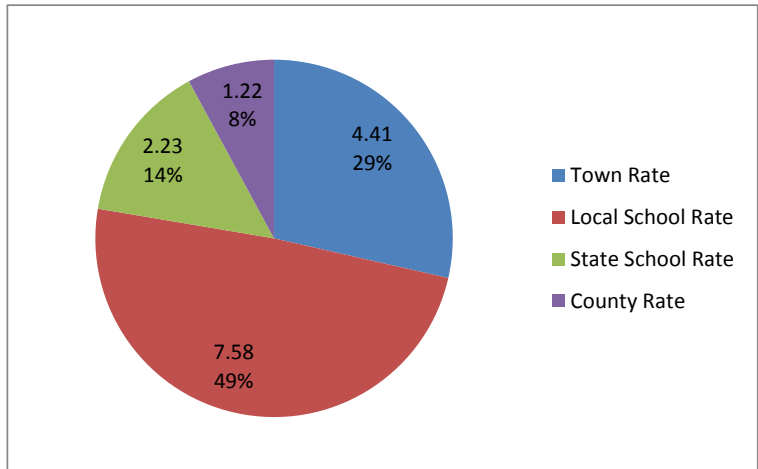
2010 Taxes

Town Rate	4.37
Local School Rate	5.06
State School Rate	2.35
County Rate	1.20
Total	12.98



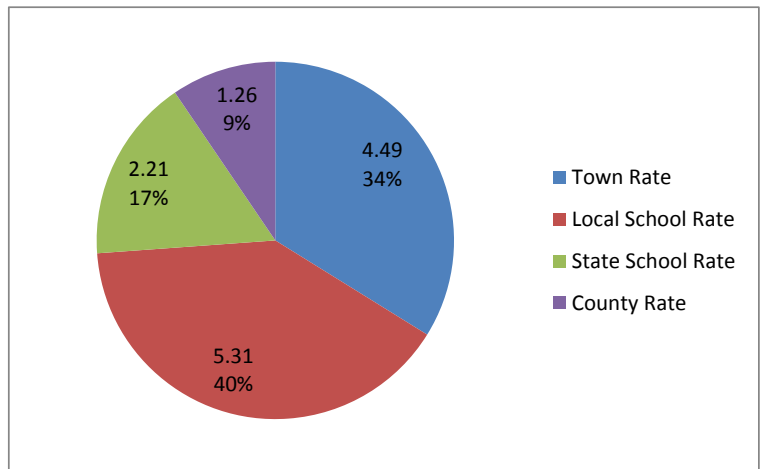
2009 Tax Rate

Town Rate	4.41
Local School Rate	7.58
State School Rate	2.23
County Rate	1.22
Total	15.44



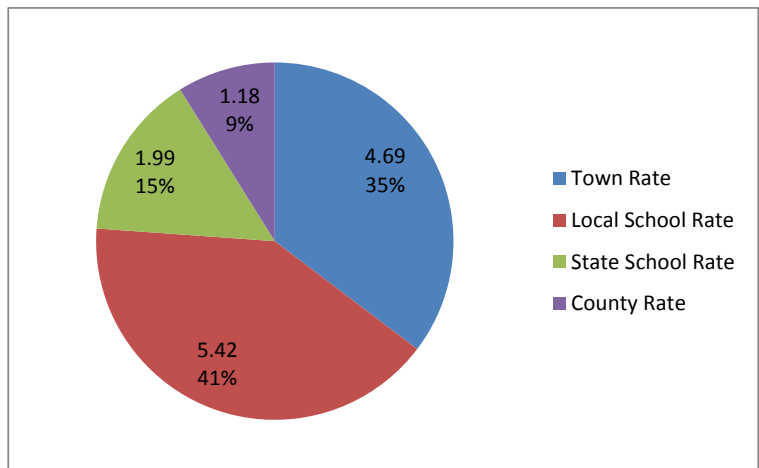
2008 Tax Rate

Town Rate	4.49
Local School Rate	5.31
State School Rate	2.21
County Rate	1.26
Total	13.27



2007 Tax Rate

Town Rate	4.69
Local School Rate	5.42
State School Rate	1.99
County Rate	1.18
Total	13.28



DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2012 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: GROTON

Gross Appropriations	751,617	
Less: Revenue	635,996	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Add: Overlay	19,841	
War Service Credits	20,500	
Net Town Appropriation	155,962	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	155,962	TOWN RATE
		2.10

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0	
Regional School Apportionment	851,290	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(306,711)	
State Education Taxes	(140,617)	LOCAL
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	403,962	SCHOOL RATE
		5.45

STATE EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390		STATE
58,835,623	140,617	SCHOOL RATE
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		2.22
63,401,891		

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	108,543	
Approved County Tax Effort	108,543	COUNTY RATE
		1.46
		TOTAL RATE
		11.23

PROOF OF RATE

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	63,401,891	2.22	140,617
All Other Taxes	74,176,691	9.01	668,467
			809,084

Welfare Assistance Report

On November 13, the Board adopted updated Welfare Guidelines, which included monthly maximum allotment amounts. This process took several months of work and research which culminated in the approval of comprehensive guidelines and allotment levels that reflect the current cost of living expenses for heating fuel, electricity, food, mortgage/rental, etc.

2012 Expenditures

Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$150.00
Tri-county Community Action	\$1,543.00
Electric Assistance	\$500.00
Rental Assistance	\$2,200.00
Prescription Drug Assistance	\$67.69
Voucher Purchase	\$54.08
Total	\$4,514.77

		Schedule of Town Properties			
Map/Lot	Land/ Building	Acres	Location	Valuation	Year Aquired
1-88	L	7.94	Katherine Lane	\$ 30,000	2010 tax deed
1-92	L/B	1.5	67 River Road	\$ 78,100	2006 tax deed
1-96	L/B	7.7	139 River Road	\$ 82,100	2009 tax deed
2-26	L	8.5	Old Rumney Road	\$ 26,700	2011 tax deed
2-123	L	47	North Groton Road	\$ 38,600	2006 tax deed
6-87	L	2	Dodge Road	\$ 26,300	2002 tax deed (listed for sale 2012)
6-88	L	1.7	Dodge Road	\$ 25,400	2002 tax deed (listed for sale 2012)
7-34	L/B	10	856 & 858 North Groton Road	\$ 160,200	2010 tax deed
7-36	L	3.25	North Groton Road	\$ 32,000	2006 tax deed
10-12	L	0.55	Halls Brook Road	\$ 400	2006 tax deed
10-22	L	50	Old Rumney Road	\$ 57,800	1985 tax deed
10-29	L	5	Halls Brook Road	\$ 11,800	2006 tax deed
10-40	L	1	Halls Brook Road	\$ 4,100	2012 tax deed
1-50-CEM	Bailey Hill Cemetery	0.1	Bailey Hill Road	\$ 15,200	
2-57-CEM	North Groton Cemetery	0.69	North Groton Road	\$ 39,900	
2-114-CEM	River Road Cemetery	0.232	River Road	\$ 25,000	
2-114-CEMA	Jenny Decoste Smith Annex	0.464	River Road	\$ 20,200	2012
4-1-CEM	Kimball Hill Cemetery	0.1	Kimball Hill	\$ 12,600	
5-61	L	0.5	North Groton Road, adjacent to Garage	\$ 21,000	1992
5-62	Town Garage & Former Offices	5	63 North Groton Road	\$ 108,500	
5-62-1	Conservation/ Pond Area	1.6	North Groton Road	\$ 1,600	Entrusted to Cons. Comm. 2008
5-136	Park	6.67	Sculptured Rocks Road	\$ 70,500	
6-55	Transfer Station	11.4	677 North Groton Road	\$ 86,600	
7-54	Town Hall	1	754 North Groton Road	\$ 224,100	
7-54-CEM	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	0.51	North Groton Road	\$ 70,500	

Groton Police Department

I would like to take this time to express my thanks to the residents and taxpayers of Groton for your support over this past year. Again we have had a very busy year as you can see from the following crime report.

Your Police Department has gone through several major changes this year. Officer Tim Vincent has left the Department and is now working in the Town of Danbury NH. This brings him much closer to his home and commuting is a lot easier on Tim. I would like to thank Tim for his service to the Town of Groton and wish him the best in his future.

In May, the Groton Police Department hired a new part-time officer, Andrew Newcomb. Officer Newcomb comes to the Department with several years of experience and training. He is currently employed as a Special Investigator for the New Hampshire State Prison system and has extensive training in criminal law procedure, interrogation and criminal investigation, not to mention training in Special Weapons and Techniques (SWAT). He has been working for Groton since June 2012, and many of you may have had the opportunity to converse with him. Officer Newcomb will be a valuable asset to the Groton Police Department assisting in criminal investigations and community policing bringing professionalism to your Department.

I would like to also recognize and thank our other part-time Officers, EJ Thompson and Jack Foley, and our Animal Control Officer, Miles Sinclair, for their dedication and contribution to our community throughout the year. Following I have listed the Police Department activity for the year 2012. Please take a few moments to review.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Pivrotto
Chief of Police

Crimes Against Persons

neighbor disputes: 7	suicide: 1	landlord/tenant disputes: 3
credit card fraud: 1	reckless conduct: 3	assist DCYF/child abuse: 2
domestic disputes: 17	identity theft: 1	passing fraudulent checks: 1
juvenile complaint: 1	elder abuse: 1	

Crimes Against Property

recovered stolen property: 2	theft: 21	criminal trespassing: 11
stolen motor vehicles: 2	burglaries: 13	criminal mischief: 9
stolen boat: 1	littering: 3	

Crimes Against Public Peace

disorderly person: 3	public drinking/intoxicated person: 4
neighborhood disturbance: 3	loud party: 5
disturbance at transfer station: 2	noise complaint: 3

Motor Vehicle Violations and Complaints

speeding: 39	conduct after accident: 2	operating after suspension: 2
parking violation: 7	motor vehicle search: 1	fail to stay in marked lanes: 1
ATV trespassing: 3	stop sign violation: 2	transporting unsecured load: 1
illegal towing: 2	operating w/o license: 3	motor vehicle complaint: 5
reckless operation: 1	defective equipment: 6	expired inspection sticker: 14
traffic accident: 3	industrial accident: 1	unregistered motor vehicle: 5

Court Documents Served

domestic order to vacate: 2	subpoenas: 3
arrest warrant: 3	summons: 3

Community Care Taking/Assisting

vacant home open door check: 1	vacant home checks: 22	pistol permits: 25
assist disable motor vehicle: 1	vehicle repossessions: 3	suspicious person: 8
assist highway department: 3	assist fire department: 3	found property: 2
assist other police agencies: 11	register sex offenders: 5	sudden death: 2
request to assist citizens: 14	VIN verification: 9	road hazard: 9
suspicious motor vehicle: 3	resident finger prints: 2	civil standby: 3
medical assistance: 4	burglary alarm: 1	fire permits: 9
motor vehicle lockout: 1	welfare check: 6	

Arrests

violation of bail conditions: 1	criminal mischief: 1	domestic violence: 2
improper class of license: 1	disorderly person: 1	reckless operation: 1
operating after suspension: 1	conduct after accident: 1	

Animal Control

stray animal: 5	livestock complaints: 5	lost animal: 1	animal bite: 2
animal nuisance: 14	animal cruelty: 2	loose horses: 2	

Chief of Police: Joseph Pivrotto

Patrol Officers: Ernest Thompson, John Foley and Andrew Newcomb

Animal Control Officer: Miles Sinclair

Business Phone: (603) 744-3703

Grafton County Dispatch: (603) 787-2552

“CALL 911 FOR YOUR EMERGENCY”

Groton Fire Chief's Report

The year 2012 was a relatively quiet year for the Town for fire activity. Emergency responses in Groton predominantly consisted of medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and wires down caused by weather conditions which we have experienced a lot of this last year.

What is exciting for the town of Groton is the Groton Wind Farm has been constructed. The Wind Farm is not only good for the community but will provide financial benefit and give us access to those parts of Groton from a forestry aspect.

Please continue to be fire safe and remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you have not done this please do so soon.

Remember **Fire Permits** are required for any outside open burning when the ground is **NOT** completely cover by snow. In addition, the **burning of demolition material is illegal at anytime** during the year. This type of material must be trucked away to a company that deals with demolition materials. If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

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.
Joe Pivirotto	Deputy Warden	786-2381	99 River Rd.
Bill Oakley	Deputy Warden		22 Crosby Lane
Edward Smith	Deputy Warden	744-5768	Smith Rd.
Pattie Oakley	Agent	520-4712	22 Crosby Lane
Debra Thompson	Agent	786-2138	72 River Rd.

Wishing everyone a prosperous and safe 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Thompson
Fire Chief and Warden
786-2138

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4 with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to burn, we only have a few weeks until "green up". This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal levels.

As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2012 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees.

Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2012 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of October 2012)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.6	7
Carroll	5.5	25
Cheshire	8.3	43
Coos	11.8	35
Grafton	96.5	59
Hillsborough	34.2	64
Merrimack	20.8	31
Rockingham	6.4	21
Strafford	12.9	19
Sullivan	6	14

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	14	2012	318	206
Debris	105	2011	125	42
Campfire	14	2010	360	145
Children	15	2009	334	173
Smoking	17	2008	455	175
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	140	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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Highway Department

The Groton Highway Department had a busy year for 2012. The rapid onset of frost in early spring caused several sections of our gravel roads to fail miserably. Many locations required extensive attention, which included removing some areas and replacing those areas with stone and gravel in order to stabilize the driving surfaces and make them passable. Quite a bit of money was spent on material to make this happen. Thankfully the new backhoe was purchased and delivered just prior to that event. Thank you to all who supported the purchase of our new JCB backhoe.

Next we undertook the repair and restoration work from Tropical Storm (Hurricane) Irene. Sculptured Rocks, North Groton and Province Roads all received repair work as directed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Also, in 2012, the Highway Department replaced failing culverts. One large culvert on Sculptured Rocks Road by Patterson Lane was replaced due to improper installation practices done some time ago. Due to the size of the excavation required, the project was done at night so as not to interfere with traffic by closing the road during the construction. Replacing the pipe eliminated the re-occurring sinkhole that re-appeared in the middle of the road each year. Another culvert was replaced on North Groton Road due to damage caused by rocks being placed on top of the pipe during the backfill operation when previously installed.

And throughout the year, more ditching and shoulder profiling was done on Edgar Albert, Bailey Hill and River Roads.

Our new International 6 wheel dump truck was delivered in October. Again, thank you to all who supported the lease purchase of this much needed vehicle.

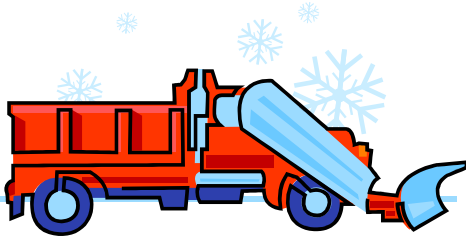
The Road Committee was formed in 2012 and reviewed the work needed to be done on our roads. They recommended that the Highway Department repair/reconstruct 300 feet of North Groton Road above Nedeau Lane. Initially the Committee felt that excavating a 2 foot depth of road surface would be sufficient to achieve a solid road bed. However, once the project began the Highway Department found it necessary to excavate as much as 4 feet in several areas.

Large boulders and tree stumps were removed as well as unsuitable sub-base material. The ditches were re-cut and lined with erosion stone. Then stabilizing fabric, ledgepak and an asphalt binder course were installed. This year the Committee recommended that a warrant article be submitted to request funds to finish this section with top coat and continue repair/reconstruction of North Groton Road.

The Highway Department saw some personnel changes this year as well. Kevin Wilbur moved on to pursue a career change. I thank him for his years of loyal service and wish him well in his endeavors. New hires, Erik Ljunggren and Dalton Warner, joined the staff.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve all of the Townspeople and hope the opportunity to continue to serve is allowed to me.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Hansen
Road Agent



Assistants:
Erik Ljunggren
Ron Madan
Dalton Warner

Road Committee Report

At the 2012 Town Meeting, members of the public suggested that the Select Board form a committee to work on a written long range plan for the maintenance and upkeep of Town roads. After soliciting volunteers, the Road Committee was established. This Committee met over the summer a number of times to complete site visits, determine priorities for repair/reconstruction and develop a plan for moving forward.

In a preliminary meeting with the Select Board, the Committee explained there are a number of items to be taken into consideration when reviewing Groton's paved roads. Most of the paved roads do not have a sufficient base and the Town cannot continue to overlay these roads. Estimates from recent projects in the area gave the Committee a cost of \$110 per foot based upon road sections 300 feet or less. A longer stretch of road means less expense dropping to about \$85 per foot. The Committee also recommended on some sections of the roads that it would be beneficial to conduct a professional study which would reveal what is underneath the current road structure, such as ledge, water, etc., and determine the critical areas. In addition to the estimates and survey recommendations, the Committee is also working on a long range plan; for example, 10 years broken down into 5 critical and 5 non critical years. All of these recommendations will be developed into a plan and submitted to the Select Board and the Town for review.

Also in this preliminary meeting, the Committee recommended that the 2012 repair/reconstruction project under Warrant Article #6 for the section of North Groton Road, just above Nadeau Lane and going northeast up North Groton Road approximately 300 feet. The Select Board approved this recommendation and Road Agent Glen Hanson completed as much as possible of the project in August and September. This section of road was believed to be a critical repair area as the potholes and boulders that were pushing up caused issues with winter maintenance and summer passage safety. Setbacks such as trees buried in the road, broken culverts, wet and marshy locations, and extremely large boulders slowed down Glen and his crew, but this section was completed with the exception of a top coat in September of 2012. The Committee has also recommended that the top coating of this section be completed in 2013.

The Road Committee meets as needed. The meetings are posted at the Town Offices and often on the website. These meetings are public meetings and you are welcome to attend. The minutes are also available at the Town Offices. It is well known that Groton Town roads need some assistance; therefore, two recommended Warrant Articles have been submitted for the 2013 budget in an attempt to give the people some options with regard to the projects. Without your approval and support moving forward, the repair/reconstruction of roads are very limited. The Road Committee believes it is time to make a plan and move forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Road Committee

Jiri Hajek
Chuck Stata
Christina Goodwin
Barrie Sawyer
Glen Hansen
Roger Thompson



Transfer Station

This year the Transfer Station saw an increase in revenue from our scrap metal, including the disposal of refrigerators and microwaves. We currently have a system in place that will provide the Town with a consistent source of revenue for these items. All the propane and butane tanks, tires and batteries were also properly disposed of, and we are continuing to work toward some other items being properly collected and subsequently disposed of. Revenue for the year exceeded \$2,000.

As we move forward recycling continues to be the main goal. The more we recycle the less we pay in disposal costs. We are currently trying to resolve the issue of glass bottles without having to incur the cost of a glass crusher since the Town does not have the funds or space for such an operation. Any suggestions from Town residents would be welcome.

The Household Hazardous Waste disposal was a huge success this year and as a result the Transfer Station is clean and we are able to keep up with the Department of Environmental Services regulations more effectively. Continued cooperation from Town residents with recycling is appreciated.

Thank you to Ken Gould and George Evirs for helping to keep the Transfer Station clean and operating as smoothly as possible.

Transfer Station Supervisor
Joe Koslow

Attendants
Ken Gould
George Evirs
Dalton Warner, Alternate





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

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Town of Groton, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your 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 2012	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Paper	30.83 tons	Saved 524 trees!



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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 32-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide**;
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, website, and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits**;
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

The membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested into programs to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 78,890 tons in fiscal year 2011-2012!



In Fiscal Year 2011/2012 NRRA assisted its Members in recycling over 78,890 Tons!

Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Milton Ouellette, Jr., Chairman
Jeff Trojano, Vice-Chairman
Josh Trought, Treasurer
Dan Woods, Coordinator

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This past year the 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 wastes (HHW). The District held two (2) one-day collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 230 vehicles came to the two sites – one of our highest turnouts in the last six years. Some of this can be attributed to the low turnout last year in Littleton due to weather conditions. We also disposed of significant volumes of waste from two member communities that had material stored at their recycling facilities. As a result, a lot of material was collected. At both sites our contractor remained for over four hours after the close of the collection to pour off and consolidate the material. The total disposal costs were \$32,460. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,305. The net expenditure for the program was \$27,155 (a cost of \$.90 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2007. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 38,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing and 850 compact fluorescents were recycled at a cost of just over \$2,900.

In 2013, the District will hold collections in Littleton and Plymouth. The actual dates have not been set at this time. Watch for them in early spring. The District takes great effort to provide these collection programs in a cost effective means, but the reality is that they are very expensive to hold. Individual residents can help keep the District's disposal costs down and reduce the toxicity of the environment by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint maybe disposed of in your household trash.

2012 also saw the District sign a waste disposal agreement/extension with North Country Environmental Services (NCES) giving the District members a long-term waste disposal option with very competitive pricing. The agreement which will take effect May 1, 2013 is for ten (10) years. The base tipping fees will be \$59.75/ton for MSW (currently \$65.65/ton) and \$61.75 for C & D (currently \$69.13/ton). Rates will be adjusted annually on May 1st thereafter by a percentage equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region. NCES also agreed to contribute \$5,000 annually to the District to help off-set expenditures associated with its one-day HHW collection program. This will help to lower District Dues for everyone.

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 all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District at 838-6822 or by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com

Respectively Submitted,
Dan Woods, District Coordinator

2007 – 2012 HHW Collection Data

Year	# of Collections	# of vehicles	HHW Disposal Costs	NHDES HHW Grant	Revenue from non-District Participants	Net Expenditures	Cost/Capita
2007	2	180	\$22,460	\$8,927	\$0	\$13,533	\$.45
2008	2	204	\$28,680	\$7,300	\$2,870	\$18,510	\$.62
2009	2	189	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$15,428	\$.51
2010	2	250	\$26,756	\$5,230	\$768	\$20,758	\$.67
2011	2	136	17,028	\$6,223	\$80	\$10,725	\$.35
2012	2	230	\$32,460	\$5,305	\$0	\$27,155	\$.90

* Note in 2009, the District took part in North Country Council's HHW program and was assessed \$15,428 based on our participation numbers.

Ashland - Campton - Danbury - Dorchester - Easton - Ellsworth - Franconia - Groton - Landaff - Lisbon - Littleton - Lyman Plymouth - Rumney - Sugar Hill - Thornton - Warren - Waterville Valley - Wentworth

Groton Planning Board

Regulations for the Site Plan Review and Subdivision begun in 2011 were completed in 2012.

Our Master Plan is currently being revised. Fortunately Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) grant money is covering the time and expertise of our consultants. One of their recommendations was to seek volunteers to help the board at mid-month work sessions. Five people volunteered for the task: Tammy Drolet, Ray Blake, Sandra Hutchins, Matt Burnett and Paula Stata. If you have any thoughts on how you want Groton to look in the future, let the Board and/or volunteers know. We are working on a survey for input as well.

The Board dealt with two sub-divisions, two lot line adjustments, two site plan approvals and one voluntary lot merger.

The current site plan review hearings are ongoing with appeals possible concerning the meteorological tower (MET) requested by the Spruce Ridge Wind Tower project under EDP Renewables located on the Maxam property. Therefore, the Board regrets that it cannot reduce its budget for 2013.

The Planning Board has also been investigating an excavation pit in the Cockermouth Floodway and Flood Plain that is operating without the necessary permits. The Board has sent a written request to the owner for an inspection of the site. No response has been forthcoming to date.

Steve (Slim) Spafford, Chair
Russ Carruth
Dave Labar
Sharon Nelson, alternate/clerk
Miles Sinclair, Select Board liaison

Jenny Burnett
Deb Johnson
Celine Richer

Groton Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is often thought of as the Board which oversees the Town's Zoning Ordinances. This is not the case. The ZBA neither creates the Ordinance nor enforces it. The ZBA's role is to make exceptions to the land use Ordinances based on specific legal conditions. It also reviews requests for Special Exceptions as required by the Ordinance. Additionally, it acts as a quasi-legal organization that takes steps as a board of appeal for the other boards of the Town in land use issues.

In the Town of Groton, our Zoning Ordinance permits all residential uses. Commercial operations are required to apply for special exceptions. The Board reviews these requests for special exception on meeting four points of law as specified in the Zoning Ordinance. If the four points are met the Board must vote to approve the request.

Members of the ZBA are elected and serve for 3 years. The ZBA is made up of five members and three alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Zoning Board of Adjustment,
Ken Gould, Chair
Patti Bailey
Frank Grelle
Jiri Hajek
Glen Hansen
Chuck Stata (Alternate)

Health Officer's Report

The Health Officer and the Town's Health regulations are established for the public benefit. They address the public health of the citizens of the Town of Groton, to reduce environmental threats, and to enable the removal of nuisances. We have regulations which in the judgment of the Health Officer and Select Board of the Town of Groton are required to assure the health and safety of the people. It is understood that such regulations are adopted to protect the public and their health and environmental resources as a public value and benefit.

In 2012, there were a wide variety of issues that were dealt with. The majority of all issues have been resolved very favorably for all concerned without any formal actions. Unfortunately, when corrective action is not undertaken in a reasonable time the Town has the responsibility to proceed to Court and to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for resolution. This year there were no violations that required a more formal response.

The role of Health Officer is changing in New Hampshire. With health threats such as SARS, H1N1 Flu, EEE, West Nile and Bioterrorist issues there is an increased need for training and planning. We are fortunate in Groton that we are highly isolated from the most at-risk population centers. Keeping our citizens informed and educated so they can take appropriate actions if needed is a Groton priority. The Health Officer has taken several courses this year to assure that we as a community are involved in State-wide planning and able to respond appropriately if ever needed.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the residents of Groton for being understanding and supportive in recognizing the importance of environmental health and safety. Everyone has been pleasant to work with, even when the issues have been difficult. This is a great reflection on the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Stata
Groton Health Officer

Old Home Day

This year's Old Home Day celebration was split into two segments: daytime events from 11:00am to 3:00pm and evening events from 6:00pm on. The daytime events were kicked off with our annual parade. Due to the upcoming elections a large group of candidates participated including Marilyn Lieto, Jeanie Forrester, Carol Elliot and Carol Friedrich.

There were several crafters with booths set up at the park. Our own Pam Yinger was on hand with some of the wonderful children's books she has written. The Groton Library also had a book sale.

The children's games were led by Brooke Sinclair. The biggest hit of the day was the jumping house which Ron Madan donated for the Committee to use. He also provided his popcorn machine and the supplies for popcorn for free. Robert Cote and Miles Sinclair kept the grill fired up and ready and fried dough and cotton candy were also available.

At 6:00pm guest singer Mary Robertson entertained the crowd with some great old country songs. After the concert was the fireworks display. Glen Hansen and his assistant Erik Ljunggren did a wonderful job.

The Old Home Day Committee would like to thank Groton Wind, LLC for their \$500 donation to this event. The Committee would also like to thank those who volunteered and everyone who participated. We could not do this without you. We are always looking for more volunteers and suggestions for the event. Stay tuned for 2013 as there may be additional scheduling changes. We look forward to more fun in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Old Home Day Committee For 2012

Vickie Kimball
Miles Sinclair
Stephanie Giordani

Pam Yinger
Christina Goodwin

Groton Recreation Committee

The Groton Recreation Committee has been without members for over a year. The Select Board would like to encourage those with interest and passion to contact the Board so that a new team of committee members can be formed to ensure that future recreational events and opportunities continue.

Our community and the lives of its residents are enriched when we come together to socialize, recreate and enjoy the pleasures that life in Groton has to offer.



Groton Public Library

With the elections of 2012, the Library Trustees welcomed a new addition, Marilyn Lieto. Marilyn brings a record of hard work and enthusiasm to the Trustees and we are happy to have her part to the group.

With that said, the Trustees report that they are sad to see Joyce Tolman's term as a Trustee end. Joyce has been a staple in the community for many years; a member of the Trustees and a former Town Clerk/Tax Collector. As a Trustee, Joyce served 10+ years. She spearheaded numerous events at the Library and many children grew up with her being a part of the different events, whether Halloween or Christmas or something else. Most of us, adults and children alike, have an ornament from one of Joyce's contributions to the Christmas party. Joyce's fine touches and ideas will be missed and the Trustees wish her and her family well.

For 2012, the Trustees focused on gathering information in preparation for the Town's submission for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Grant would assist in a new Library building with a location to be determined. Ultimately, the location would be best at the Town House property but factors which could affect this decision include the ability to tie into the existing septic or the ability of the addition of a new septic. Can this location feasibly provide either option? Also under consideration is to locate the building at the proposed location of the Highway Department. When considering all the factors, such as space for the multiple buildings, addition of a septic etc., this might be the better option. In addition, the Library Trustees must make a determination about the former building. A large number of the records were damaged, destroyed or misplaced during the multiple flood events thus leaving us with incomplete information regarding the Library building. The task of research for the Library will become a priority issue in 2013.

As you are well aware, the Trustees were not able to hire for 2012. After fine-tuning the job description and job advertisement, the position will be advertised in 2013. In addition, it was determined that this position would be as a Library Assistant. Currently, the Library is not able to be opened

for a long period of time, nor does the budget allow for any additional hours. Therefore, a Librarian and the necessary qualifications that are required of a Librarian, make the position not cost effective for the Trustees.

In a perfect year, the Trustees are hoping to have determined more definitive plans to propose for a new Library building, finalized the status of the former Library building, and hired a part-time Library Assistant to keep the Library open more consistently. In addition, the Trustees will be supplying a binder to the Town, which references minutes, pictures of events, and anything else of use. Minutes will also be available online at the Library's website, which will be under construction for the beginning of 2013.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a productive year.

Respectfully submitted,
Groton Library Trustees

Christina Goodwin, Annie Tobine, Marilyn Lieto



Groton Historical Society

The Groton Historical Society had another interesting year in 2012. The Society was able to close an old issue that may have caused many of you to avoid any association with us. We have received a letter from the Charitable Trust Unit of the NH Department of Justice that states that there “is no known inquiry” into the Society’s operation.

The Society was able to complete the memorial to Groton’s veterans and to finalize the presentation to the Town. A framed photograph of the memorial describing the symbolism behind the memorial’s design hangs inside the Town House.

The Society received a grant from the NH Humanities Council which allowed us to present a program at the Town House last October. Over fifty people attended the presentation, “NH One-room Rural Schools,” by Steve Taylor. Many of them shared their memories of attending rural schools. We are working to provide similar programs in the future.

During the summer the Society had to respond to a complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Justice stating that the Society’s 1840 schoolhouse museum failed to comply with Title III of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Following a mediation process, which was funded by the Federal Government, the Society has placed a sign at the schoolhouse stating that the building does not meet the ADA accessibility requirements and that it is available for visits by appointment only during the months of May to October. The Society will proceed with a study, begun before the complaint was received, for installing a ramp and a second entrance to the schoolhouse. The objective is to provide better and safer access to the building without destroying the historical appearance of the schoolhouse. The installation of such a ramp will be contingent on the structural feasibility, the Society’s Board and membership approval at its annual meeting, and the ability to raise the necessary funds.

Another important issue, especially for the future existence of the schoolhouse, is some needed maintenance overlooked in the past few years. Since the

schoolhouse was saved from neglect and decay in 2000 to 2003, paint, putty, and boards have deteriorated. Again, these are expenses for which there are not sufficient funds.

The Society membership has approximately 95 families. About one-third live out of state, and only 44 families live locally. Revenue generated from membership renewal is small as only twelve families have annual memberships. All the others are life members many of whom are aging or ill and cannot actively participate in the Society. The annual cost of operating the Society is approximately \$1400. This is for electricity, insurance, state fees, printings, and mailings. Expenses are met many times through the generosity of donations made by a few people. No Board member receives any payments for their services.

The sum of all the above indicates that the society cannot survive very long in its present condition. It needs the support of this community. The Society appreciates your financial support, but it also needs your physical participation. A few people cannot do everything. We need your help to serve on the Board and various committees, assist with maintenance and repairs, and aid with researching programs and fund raising efforts.

The Groton Historical Society is an IRS registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are fully deductible.

To join the Groton Historical Society or contact us with any questions please drop a note to GHS, PO Box 50, Rumney, NH 03266, or email to grotonhistorical@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors
Groton Historical Society

Roger Daniels
Kathy Sobetzer
Deb Lindsey
Louise Traunstein

Sherry Nelson
Bob Whitmore
Tony Tavares
Pam Hamel



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Dear Friends,

The first thing I would like to do is thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year. Once again, I would like to reaffirm the Council's commitment to serve the community and regional needs.

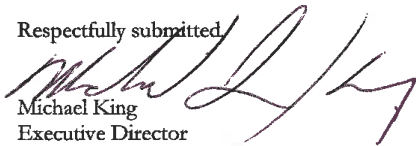
We continue to be very active in transportation planning. We are the recipient of a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation that enables us provide assistance to communities and staff the Transportation Advisory Committee for the region. I urge all of you if you have not been involved with the advisory committee to give us a call and arrange to attend one of our meetings.

In economic development we continue our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. Two projects that we are very involved with is the reuse of the Groveton Mill and the Dartmouth Regional Technology Center (DRTC) incubator in Grafton County. These along with other economic opportunities will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

The planning department has also been busy and as you look through this report you will see a variety of technical assistance activities that were provided to a number of communities in our region. We also began a major program to update and expand our regional plan thanks to a grant received by the nine planning commissions from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This project, called the Granite State Futures (GSF) project will be continuing this year. There will be many opportunities for participation by residents and member community representatives to the Council. Community input is at the core of the GSF project and we need your input. Go to or use the QR code on this page to help us develop a vision for the future of the region. granitestatefuture.org/get-involved/add- and I urge you to attend some of the meetings that we will be having throughout the region. Community input is at the core of the GSF project and we need your input.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael King
Executive Director





TapPLY-Thompson Community Center

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We want to begin with our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of so many during the past year. We are truly blessed to live in an area that is so supportive of our mission and participants. 2012 was successful year and below are just a few of the highlights:

- ❖ Raised the Roof - Donations towards the SOAR campaign raised over \$72,000 and with the addition of almost \$10,000 in material donations we were able to complete the roof project prior to our summer season. As always there were some surprises - we found that our chimney was ready to crumble and the decision was made to install a stainless steel flue in its place. Work has been completed and the building is now warm & dry.
- ❖ Building Ownership - The Council for the TTCC was offered the opportunity to take ownership of our building. The building has always been owned by the Methodist Council and they generously allowed us to take over ownership as of January 2012. We have always felt that this was 'our home' but now it is official. This will allow us the opportunity to pursue grant funding that was otherwise unavailable to us.
- ❖ We continue to offer scholarships for all programs so that no child is ever turned away due to a lack of funds. In 2012 to date we provided over \$24,000 in scholarships to our local youth. We feel very fortunate to be able to ensure that all children receive a quality recreation experience in these difficult financial times - and we are grateful to our many donors for helping to make this possible.
- ❖ With record breaking numbers (over 600 runners) this year the NH Marathon was able to give out \$7,500 in donations to the TTCC Youth Programs, The Mayhew Program & the Circle Program.

This donation gave each organization an additional \$2,500 over the 2011 amount. Dan MacLean, TTCC Assistant Director is taking over the reins as Marathon Director, Everett Begor, steps back (not down - as we are not letting him go far).

- ❖ Our Baseball & Softball Commission, a very dedicated group of volunteers, completed the water project at our Wells Field baseball field in Bristol. They also were able to refurbish the field; build a new storage shed and make practice mounds at the batting cage. This group raise's close to \$40,000 per year to run this program that serves close to 300 youth during the baseball & softball season.
- ❖ We completed our 6th Annual Westward Bound Teen Expedition. This year the youth were able to explore South Dakota & Colorado. Highlights of the trip included Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Monument, a mine tour in Deadwood, a tour of the Historic Stanley Hotel and many buffalo, elk & wild burro sightings. All costs are paid through fundraisers, sponsorships, donations and grants.

The Council & Staff at the TTCC have the benefit of seeing the difference that our programs make in the lives of our local families. We see it in the eyes of the child that makes their first basket, the teen that completes a high ropes course; becomes a summer camp counselor, or just comes in as an adult to say 'thank you for being there'. We see it in the gratitude of a mother or father that would not be able to send their child to camp or to an afterschool program without the benefit of scholarship funds. And we see it in our volunteers who are willing to give their precious time to a cause where they feel they are 'making the difference'.

We want to thank the Groton community for your support and wish all of you a Happy & Healthy 2013!



Respect Advocacy Integrity Stewardship Excellence

To the Residents of Groton:

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health and contributing to the health and wellness of our community! The appropriation we received from the Town of Groton's 2012 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), we served **9 Groton residents and provided emergency services to 3 residents**. We provided \$1,428.85 in charity care to these residents.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	2
Ages 18 – 59	6
Age 60 and over	1

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide essential services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. Consider the following statistics:

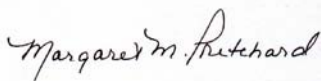
- 1 in 4 adults and 1 in 10 young children will experience a mental health disorder in a given year.
- Adults with serious mental illness die, on average, 25 years younger than other Americans.
- Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in North American adults, costing approximately \$63 billion in lost productivity.
- Older adults have the highest rate of suicide in the country (by 2030, 36% of Belknap County residents will be over 65, 31% in Grafton County).

Genesis Behavioral Health provides the medically necessary services that help people with mental illness live healthier lives. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable

employment and contribute to their community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to **any resident of Groton** experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your investment is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the emergency services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,330 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director



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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

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 and the 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 2011-2012, 29 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:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 155 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 443 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- They benefited from 32 visits with a trained outreach worker.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents was \$5,709.76. 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.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Groton
October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 29 Groton residents (out of 140 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	598	x	\$8.13		\$4,861.74
Transportation	Trips	2	x	\$12.33		24.66
Social Services	Half-hours	32	x	\$25.73		\$823.36
Activities		9		N/A		

Number of Groton volunteers: 0. Number of Volunteer Hours: 0

GCSCC cost to provide services for Groton residents only	<u>\$5,709.76</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2012	\$400.00
Received from Town of Groton for 2012	\$150.00
Request for Senior Services for 2013	<u>\$300.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 58%; municipalities, county and United Way 11.5%; Client donations for services 11%; Charitable contributions 15.5%; Other 4%.

Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH)

Annual reports are an opportunity to offer our donor towns an insight into some of our 2012 accomplishments. We all know that healthcare is a changing landscape and our reimbursement continues to decrease while at the same time we are seeing more medically complex patients, requiring highly skilled staff. We love a challenge and have used these changes to creatively look for ways to survive so our community can continue to have PBCH their healthcare provider of choice for the programs we offer. We have focused on building the relationships with our other local healthcare organizations and community partners.

Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home, and have been able to realize this possibility through our home care or our hospice programs. Our facility programs include Rehab Therapies for those who need physical or occupational therapy as they recover from surgery or injury. What sets us apart is our indoor therapy pool and, as a nonprofit, we offer an individualized approach for each person at a lower cost.

We have much to celebrate this year including the opportunity to merge with Plymouth Regional Clinic allowing us the chance to assess and serve the needs of those who are uninsured. The clinic is held at Whole Village Tuesdays between 6-8pm. This is just one of the ways we give back to our towns who support our organization.

PBCH is excited to work with the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative to reduce our energy costs with two solar installations for domestic hot water to heat our therapy pool. Rebates and grants were matched by our community as it rallied behind us to raise money through donations and fundraising. Thank you to all who helped make this long term sustainability initiative possible!

Our new website is a work in progress and we would love you to check it out at www.pbhha.org. We are in the testing phase and we welcome your feedback.

Our success is thanks to our skilled, passionate, customer oriented, fun loving staff (they do tend to give above and beyond!) and to a community who has supported us in so many ways. We are known to be friendly and we are in the helping business. We are pleased to be a part of the community and touching lives: yours your family's, your neighbor's with a customer oriented, client centered approach in a partnership to improve health and lives.

Respectfully,
Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA
Executive Director

Voices Against Violence

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From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 **Voices Against Violence** worked with **773** adult and child victims / survivors who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. We have provided free services to all male and female victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations in your town.

Direct services included crisis counseling through our 24-hour hotline; one-on-one crisis and ongoing advocacy; providing emergency shelter to women and children; support groups; hospital, police and court accompaniment; restraining orders and other legal assistance; providing food, clothing, and transportation; advocating for families' medical/mental health, housing, and financial needs; assisting with educational and employment opportunities; and much more.

Voices reached an additional 2,160 individuals through our education and outreach programs. Among those programs were workshops for students and faculty at area schools on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships and boundaries, how to help a friend in an abusive situation, and teen dating violence. We are also working with law enforcement and community agencies in your area to create a unified community response to domestic and sexual violence, and will be placing a great deal of effort in our prevention activities that will hopefully alleviate long-term burdens on the town that result from family violence.

With this in mind, I submit this annual budget request in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2013 fiscal year, which is this year's base request for the smallest towns we serve. We greatly appreciate all of your past support and your consideration of this year's request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 536-5999 with any questions, or if I can provide additional information to the Committee.

Sincerely,
Meg Kennedy Dugan
Executive Director

Tri-County Community Action Program Inc.

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Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency which provides necessary services to the less fortunate citizens in our communities. During the fiscal year of 2011-2012, through our Community Contact Division located in Ashland, we provided the following services to Groton Residents:

<u>Services Provided</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Fuel Assistance: Includes 8 emergencies	37	\$28,815
State-Wide Electric Assistance Program	28	\$14,117
Total		\$42,932

Through the efforts of the Tri-County Community Action, the citizens of Groton have received a total of \$42,932 between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others county-wide to enable us to continue our services.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Groton's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Very truly yours,

Carly Rhodes
Ashland Community Contact Coordinator

CAP Community Contact Office
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Fax: (603)968-7381



Newfound Lake Region Association

In 2012, the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) continued our work with watershed towns, businesses, summer camps, and permanent and seasonal residents to steward Newfound's priceless resources. We are making progress toward our common goals of preserving our clean water, healthy forests and rural character.

Highlights for 2012 include:

- Winning additional funding to continue implementing *Every Acre Counts: The Newfound Watershed Management Plan* through 2014. Federal funding for this project allows the NLRA to bring professional planners to local Planning Boards; to provide customized land-use maps; and to act as a technical reference for Towns to protect their natural and economic resources.
- Working with summer camps and homeowner associations to design and implement practical storm water management programs. Camps Berea, Mayhew, Onaway and Pasquaney helped us identify potential projects to improve drainage and give campers hands-on educational experience in the why and how of storm water mitigation.
- Performing our 27th consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake, and extending our network of sub-watershed tributary sampling to 40 locations in the surrounding uplands. Our extensive, healthy forests are the source of our clean water.
- Coordinating the Lake Host program to prevent exotic milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake via the Wellington boat ramp. In 2012 paid and volunteer personnel inspected nearly 4,000 and covered fifteen sanctioned fishing tournaments. Newfound remains invasive-free, preserving property values and tourism revenue for the region.

- Protecting over 1,000 acres of critical lands through public education and conservation easements. Strategic land conservation protects water resources, wildlife habitat, rural character and the economic stability of the Newfound watershed.

For 2013 we will continue to seek the best means to achieve our mission of preserving the Newfound watershed's priceless resources. Please contact us at info@NewfoundLake.org or 744-8689 if you have any questions or want to help out.

Thanks to all our supporters – see you around the Watershed!

The Newfound Lake Region Association

Annual Report 2012

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Four Extension Field Specialists are based out of our North Haverhill office: Deborah Maes, Food Safety and Community Economic Development; Kathleen Jablonski, Youth and Family; Heather Bryant, Food & Agriculture; Dave Falkenham, Natural Resources; and State Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak. Donna Lee is in the newly created position of 4-H and Master Gardener Coordinator. Lisa Ford, Nutrition Connections, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth. Our staff is supported in the office by Kristina Vaughan and Teresa Locke.

Volunteers serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and provide local support for our programs. Membership for 2011-2012 included Martha McLeod, Franconia; Frank Hagan, Bethlehem; Cheryl Taber, Littleton; Luther Kinney, Sugar Hill; Mary Ames, Bath; Pauline Corzilius, Pike; Joan Pushee of Plymouth, Jon Martin of Bristol; Emilie Shipman, Enfield; Joan Osgood, Piermont; and Catherine Flynn of North Haverhill. They are joined by State Representative Kathleen Taylor and County Commissioners, Ray Burton, Michael Cryans and Omer Ahern, Jr.

During the 2012 year, UNH Cooperative Extension reorganized to work more effectively to meet the needs of NH Citizens. This new approach looks at regional programming and focuses on using individual staff expertise.

Here are some of our noteworthy accomplishments during the past year.

Maes and Bryant worked with UVM Extension and USDA Rural Development of NH/VT to provide training in the Stronger Economies Together curriculum to "Keep Growing" a four county initiative. The goal is to strengthen the local economy through support of local agriculture.

Maes also worked with a volunteer panel in Franconia to explore the town's need for police coverage, staffing and office space.

Falkenham conducted a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 10,000 acres of forestland to help landowners manage their private woodlots.

Bryant is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial, testing 8 varieties of sweet potatoes for yield and quality.

Grafton County Master Gardener volunteers work on a number of educational projects around the County. One example, the Memorial Gardens at the County Complex is in its 7th season. This year volunteers added new plants and began work to update the interpretive signs.

Jablonski worked with Lakeway Elementary School to teach a healthy living and nutrition curriculum as part of a grant funded by the WalMart Foundation.

Jablonski and Colpitts continued to work with local after school organizations to use inquiry science and technologies curriculums.

Ford is part of the ECO Learning Garden located at Whole Village where she and other volunteers worked with youth and parents in planting, harvesting and cooking the garden yields.

Three participants in a nutrition/cooking class taught by Ford volunteered to assist with the next series.

Lunak helped coordinate a state wide workshop on Understanding Animal Handling featuring noted expert Temple Grandin that attracted over 200 participants.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah B Maes

Extension Field Specialist & County Office Administrator



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Executive Councilor District One

Report to the People of District One by Ray Burton Executive Councilor, District One

As one of five members of the Executive Council, I will again take the Oath of office on January 3, 2013. I am now representing 108 Towns, four cities- Berlin, Laconia, Claremont and Lebanon spread across all or parts of seven of NH's ten Counties, - Carroll, Grafton, Belknap, Coos, Sullivan, Strafford and Merrimack. I was sorry to lose, through the redistricting process, the towns of Belmont and Charlestown.

Governor Hassan will be the tenth Governor I have served with in the last 35-36 years of public service to the 263,000 people of this large Northern Rural District. The Governor is required to nominate citizens to serve on the dozens of volunteer Boards and Commissions which the Council will vote on. I urge anyone who is interested in serving to send a letter of interest and resume to the Governors Office, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For a list of the Boards and Commissions go to <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm> contact my office or utilize your local town or city library.

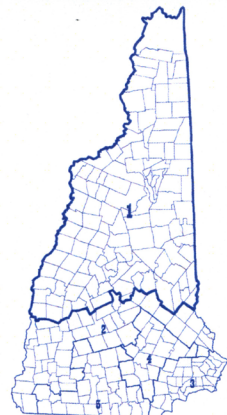
With the support of the NH Health and Human Services Department, I have three District Health Councils which meet about every 4 months with Commissioner Nick Toumpas and his staff for about 2 hours. We receive updates and respond to local health concerns, consumers, providers and elected officials - local, county and state. These 2 hour sessions are open and frank discussions about the health of all NH citizens. The notification is all by email. Please send me your email to add to the list if you are interested at ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

2013-2014 is the year of the 10 year NH Transportation Plan. The Five Member Council will work closely with the local Regional Planning Commissions; hold required hearings on the recommendations for the next ten years for all modes of transportation- highways, rail, air and public transportation. We then submit our recommendations to the Governor by December 15, 2013. The Governor reviews and submits her recommendations of the plan to the NH House and Senate by February 15, 2014 which will become a legislative bill concluding with a new 10 year transportation plan by July 1, 2014. Keep in touch with my office or the NH Dept. of Transportation Planning Office at 271-1484 on this. There will be some interesting and in depth discussions and votes.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance. I enjoy participating and speaking at local events and consider it an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,


Ray Burton, Executive Councilor



Towns in Council District #1

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Center Harbor, Gifford, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro

COOS COUNTY:

Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stark, Stewartstown, Strafford, Whitefield

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

MERRIMACK COUNTY:

Andover, Danbury, Hill, New London, Wilmet

STRAFFORD COUNTY:

Middleton, Milton, New Durham

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee

Minutes for 2012 Annual Meeting Groton, N.H.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 13, 2012

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

The Results are as follows:

Selectman: 3 year term	Miles I. Sinclair
Selectman: 1 year term	Christina M. McClay
Moderator: 2 year term	Louis R. Lieto
Town Clerk/Taxcollector: 3 year term	Laura J. Hauser
Library Trustee: 3 year term	Marilyn M. Lieto
Planning Board: 3 year term	Stephen Spafford
Planning Board: 3 year term	David A. Labar
Supervisor of the Checklist: 6 year term	Ann M. Joyce
Cemetery Trustee: 3 year term	Pamela D. Hamel
Cemetery Trustee: 1 year term	Christina M. McClay
Trustee of the Trust Funds: 3 year term	Alison R. Bagley
Trustee of the Trust Funds: 1 year term	To be appointed
Zoning Board: 3 year term	To be appointed
Town Auditor: 1 year term	William J. Jolly

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 17, 2012

Attendees were:

Board of Selectmen: Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Ronald Madan

Administrative Assistant: Pamela Hamel
Town Clerk /Tax Collector: Laura Hauser
Town Moderator: Louis Lieto

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Louis Lieto, Town Moderator.

Louis Lieto asked everyone to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance. After welcoming everyone he discussed the conduct and rules of the meeting. Only registered voters of the town can vote and should have a green card, only town residents may speak unless there is no objection from the town to let a nonresident speak and all discussion must go through the moderator. He discussed the process of calling a question, a point of order, motions to amend which must be submitted in writing and speaking only to the article on the floor.

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.*

ARTICLE 2 **PASSES** as written

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.

ARTICLE 3 **PASSES** as written

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.

ARTICLE 4 NULL AND VOID

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.

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 5: Move to amend total to \$537,619, encouraging the Select Board to lower police appropriation by \$8,000. By Sharon Nelson

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 5 FAILS

ARTICLE 5 PASSES as written

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.

ARTICLE 6 PASSES as written

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.

ARTICLE 7 PASSES as written

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.

ARTICLE 8 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 9 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 10 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 11 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 12 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 13 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 14 **FAILS**

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)

ARTICLE 15 **PASSES** as written

A break is taken. Louis Lieto, Town Moderator called meeting back to order.

Miles Sinclair calls a point of order. A motion is made and seconded to restrict the reconsideration of Article 2 through Article 15.

Restricting Reconsideration **PASSES**

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.

ARTICLE 16 **PASSES** as written

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).

ARTICLE 17 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 18: To see if 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.

ARTICLE 18 **PASSES** as written

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.

ARTICLE 19 PASSES as written

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)

ARTICLE 20 PASSES as written

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.

ARTICLE 21 PASSES as written

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.

ARTICLE 22 PASSES as written

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.

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 23: To amend Article 23 to the amount of \$15,000 with \$7,500 coming from tax base and an equal amount of \$7,500 coming from grant money to cover the anticipated cost of the installation portion. By Gary Easson

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 23 **FAILS**

ARTICLE 23 **PASSES** as written

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.

ARTICLE 24 **PASSES** as written

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

Stephen Spafford brings to the residents attention page 82 of the Town Report, which notifies residents of the process for the restoration of involuntarily merged lots. Also he would like to inform people that the Planning Board has approved for US Cellular to raise the cell tower on Tenney Mt. by 10 feet. This will hopefully give residents more cell coverage in the area.

Charles Stata discusses planning ahead for growth regulation because the potential in the future that Groton's tax rate may be very low. He suggests that over the next 12 months we should meet to talk about growth regulation and if we want to restrict it.

Miles Sinclair speaks about needing to strike a balance with the income expected from Groton Wind. It is the decision of the residents of the Town as to how the wind farm money is spent. This may be an opportunity to invest in the Town's infrastructure and a portion of the money may be used to lower the tax rate if that is what the Townspeople decide to do. Miles cautions that lowering the tax rate too much can have adverse effects.

Miles Sinclair asks Ron Madan to stand to thank him for his service to the Town as Selectman. He is applauded for his time spent on the board.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting.
Motion **PASSES** and the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

This is a true attest of warrant and the Groton Town Meeting on the 17th day of
March 2012.

Laura J. Hauser,
Groton Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF STATE					
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION					
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE					
Resident Death Report					
01/01/2012 - 12/31/2012					
Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Baron, John	02/25/2012	Groton, NH	Baron, Arthur	Edwards, Joan	N
Shaw, Frank	04/10/2012	Laconia, NH	Shaw, Robert	Fifield, Alice	Y
Frisch, Nelda	05/07/2012	Groton, NH	Haskell, Robert	Warner, Joyce	N
Gould, Gay	12/09/2012	Groton, NH	Holford, Thomas	Levine, Elizabeth	N
Blake, Mae	12/27/2012	Franklin, NH	Adams, George	Hachey, Elizabeth	N
Resident Marriage Report					
01/01/2012 - 12/31/2012					
Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage
Dipietro, Jeffrey W	Groton	Spaulding, Rebecca L	Groton	Groton	Groton
Reese, Jonathan T	Groton	Braley, Mary E	Groton	Groton	Alexandria
					09/01/2012
Resident Birth Record					
01/01/2012-12/31/2012					
Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name	
Whitworth, Orson Rye	03/30/2012	Plymouth, NH	Whitworth IV, Foster	Whitworth, Amanda	
Oakley, Daniel Kenworth	11/28/2012	Plymouth, NH	Oakley, Benjamin	Corniea, Ashley	
Shinn, Trinity Mya	12/07/2012	Lebanon, NH	Shinn, Travis	Alicea, Heather	



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.

Laura J. Hauser
Town Clerk
Groton, New Hampshire



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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Tuesday

9:00am – 4:00pm
5:30pm – 7:30pm

The Fulling Mill at Sculptured Rocks Road

Although there is very little in the way of physical remains to show it at the present time, the area around the Sculptured Rocks was once a bustling industrial site which included saw, grist and fulling mills. In spite of what Child's 1886 Gazetteer says, it appears that the first mills built in Groton were located at the spot on the Cockermouth River. A saw and grist mill was built at this site by the Cockermouth Proprietors in the Fall of 1771, "on the river at the great falls so called". After completion, the mills were sold by the Proprietors to Jonathan Taylor of Hollis, at public auction in May of 1772.

The Town records indicate that the mills were damaged in some manner soon after Taylor bought them and that as late as September 1778, the Town was still without operating mills. It is probable that the mills were put into operating condition during the next year since they were bought in April of 1779 by an experienced miller: Enoch Noyes of Hollis. Noyes moved to Groton within a couple of months and at this time or soon after, he was joined by his grown sons: Enoch Jr. and Elijah.

Enoch Noyes Sr. had been a clothier in Hollis, so it's likely that he also built the first fulling mill at this location (a clothier was a person who further processed homespun woolen cloth).

The dam and its mill pond were located to the left of the present bridge. The fulling mill was probably located in the area to the left of the bridge, between the road and the river, while the saw and grist mills were probably located in the area to the right of the bridge between the road and the river. This area was on the extreme eastern end of Lot 3, 3rd Range and 1st Division of lots in Groton.

After woolen cloth was woven in the farmer's home on a hand loom, the cloth was taken to the mill to be full'd. When woolen cloth comes off the hand loom it has a coarse, loose weave, lacking compactness or body and still contains excess oils and grease. The filling process cleaned the cloth; and the heat, moisture and pressure of the operation shrunk the cloth materially, tightening the weave and setting the width and length of the piece so that it wouldn't shrink under ordinary use. The process also interlocked the woolen fibers so that the cloth couldn't unravel, revisited wear better and provided better insulation from the cold.

In a fulling mill, the equipment consisted of the “fulling stocks” which was essentially a wooden tub in which was placed the woolen cloth, warm water and detergent. Wooden hammers, raised and allowed to fall by a waterwheel, pounded and constantly turned the cloth. The cloth was then removed, rinsed and stretched out to dry on a tentering frame. Once the cloth had dried it could be further processed or dressed. The processes of napping and shearing raised the nap of the cloth and cut it to a uniform height, giving the surface of the cloth a softer and nicer looking finish, and then the cloth was pressed. The clothier could also dye the cloth.

These fulling mills almost never operated year-round; the bulk of their business was in the fall, after the wool, sheared and washed in the spring had been carded, spun and woven during the summer.

In 1796 Enoch Noyes Sr. sold the fulling mill site to his son: Elijah Noyes. In 1804, Richard Greenleaf purchased the fulling mill and clothier shop from Elijah Noyes. Richard Greenleaf used this land for his home and in the ell was the location of the clothier shop. The cellar holes are the only signs of this business.

Greenleaf ran his fulling mill for about 40 years and in September of 1842 he sold his farm to his son. By April 1842, Greenleaf mortgaged his fulling mill and water privilege along with his cloth press - that’s the last deed recorded for the mill and most likely that’s when it stopped running.

The power for pressing was a large iron screw, which was turned down upon the folds of cloth that were laid upon the press. After Greenleaf ceased to use the screw, it was for some years in the possession of Captain Henry Phelps, Jr. and used for raising buildings. In 1895 it was supposed to have been owned by Artemus B. Crosby.

Written by Volunteer Archivist Jon Sanborn, article taken from Groton Historical Society Fall Newsletter

Vol. IV, Issue No. 3, 2006.

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:


- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.

TOWN OF GROTON

<p style="text-align: center;">SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:00 Friday: 8:00-12:00</p> <p>744-9190 744-3382 fax</p> <p>selectmen@grotonnh.org www.grotonnh.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SELECT BOARD MEETINGS</p> <p>Tuesday Evenings: 7:00pm</p> <p>Please call 744-9190 by noon on Fridays to get on the following week's agenda.</p> <p>Administrative Assistant: Pamela Hamel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-4:00 Tuesday evenings: 5:30-7:30 All other times by appointment</p> <p>Laura Hauser Ann Joyce – Deputy</p> <p>744-8849 (phone & fax) townclerk@grotonnh.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRANSFER STATION HOURS</p> <p>Wednesday: 1:00-7:00 Saturday: 9:00-5:00 Sunday: 12:00-6:00</p> <p>744-3623</p> <p>Transfer Station Superintendent: Joe Koslow 744-9190</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Chief Joseph Pivrotto</p> <p>744-3703 744-7894 (fax)</p> <p>police@grotonnh.org</p> <p>Animal Control Officer: 744-3831</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMERGENCY: 911</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Road Agent: Glen Hansen</p> <p>744-3758</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>



Groton Wind Farm photos courtesy of Iberdrola Renewables'