

# Annual Report Town of Groton

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For the Year Ending December 31, 2014



TOWN HOUSE  
GROTON, N.H.

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## **Dedication of the Town Report**

The Select Board has chosen to dedicate the 2014 Town Report to Edward N. Smith. Edward was born in Plymouth, the son of Norris and Beatrice (Matthews) Smith. He was a lifelong resident of Groton and was very proud of that. The things he loved most about Groton was how peaceful it is, that it is a small town, working or playing in Hardy Country and being in the outdoors. He used the nature of Groton for many things, such as snowmobiling, fishing, archery, carpentry, and four wheeling, but most of all hunting. He was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman. He was active with the Pemi-Valley Fish and Game Club.

Ed was a founding member of the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club, to spread his love of snowmobiling to others in the area. He also helped with maintenance of the area snowmobile trails.

Ed was a hard worker and could not sit still. If he wasn't at work he would always find someone who needed help with something or a project to work on around the house. For many years, he was involved in race cars, which included driving them and supporting his son Daryl while he raced.

Ed was a friend to many and quietly worked on many projects for his friends and the Hebron and Groton communities. In addition to working for friends and family, he spent 25 years working for Andrews Construction. Ed has also worked for the Town of Groton in a number of different areas since he was 14 years old. He worked for the Highway Department and the Groton Police Department. He was also the Deputy Fire Warden for many years. He was a member of the Union Congregational Church of Hebron and was a former member of the Hebron Fire Department.

Ed was a true family man. Ed adored his sons Daryl and Treva, both of whom he raised in Groton. He was not only their father but their best friend. He instilled his love for Groton in both of them. This is shown by his son Daryl being a resident of Groton for his entire life. Daryl even purchased his Dad's old house, which he grew up in, when Ed built a new log cabin right next door. Ed also lived next to

his mother Bea Fligg his entire life. Ed lost the love of his life, his wife Vikki (Matthews) Smith, in 2002 after being married to her for 25 years. He was able to find love a second time when he met Rita (White) Smith whom he was married to for 10 years. However, Ed didn't just consider these people family, he considered the residents of Groton his family as well.

Ed's caring spirit, positive attitude and his always smiling face will be missed by many. His hard working but calm spirit touched so many. His laughter and smiling face was contagious. He may be gone but will never be forgotten and will always hold a special place in the heart of Groton. Next time you take a walk, hike, snowmobile ride or hunt in Hardy Country say hello to Ed, as we know that is where he loved to be and his spirit will always remain there.



Edward N. Smith  
August 10, 1950 – January 4, 2015

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# Annual Report

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*(Incorporated December 7, 1796)*

*New Hampshire*  
*Year Ending December 31, 2014*

## *Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2014*

<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Health Officer</b>
Sara Smith	Chuck Stata
<b>Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>
Ann Joyce	Paula Stata
<b>Police Chief</b>	<b>Fire Chief/Fire Warden</b>
Joseph Pivrotto	Roger Thompson
<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>Deputy Wardens</b>
EJ Thompson Everett Knighton Andrew Newcomb	Bill Oakley Joe Pivrotto Norm Willey
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	<b>Deputy Emergency Management Director</b>
Roger Thompson	Glen Hansen
<b>Transfer Station Superintendent</b>	<b>Transfer Station Attendants</b>
Joe Koslow	George Evirs Jim Joyce
<b>Ballot Clerks</b>	<b>Road Agent Assistants</b>
Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Helen Santoro	Robert Ellis Ron Madan James Smolinsky Kevin Wilbur
<b>Janitorial</b>	
Cassandra Viger	



## ***Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2014***

<b>Select Board</b> Robert Ferriere 2017 Christina Goodwin 2016 Kyle Andrews 2015	<b>Moderator</b> Lou Lieto 2016
<b>Treasurer</b> Darlene Andrews 2017	<b>Trustees of the Trust Fund</b> Alison Bagley 2015 Michele Escobar 2017 Chuck Stata 2016
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b> Laura Hauser 2015	<b>Library Trustees</b> Marilyn Lieto 2015 Paula Stata 2016 Pamela Yinger 2017
<b>Planning Board</b> Jennifer Burnett 2016 Russell Carruth 2017 Deb Johnson 2017 Dave LaBar 2015 Celine Richer 2016 Stephen “Slim” Spafford 2015 Forest Blake (Alternate) Sharon Nelson (Alternate) Robert Ferriere (Select Board Liaison)	<b>Zoning Board</b> Helen Martyszyn 2015 Frank Grelle 2016 Glen Hansen 2016 Jiri Hajek 2017 Chuck Stata 2015
<b>Road Agent</b> Glen Hansen 2016	<b>Local Auditor</b> Tammy Drolet 2015
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> Pamela Hamel 2015 Christina Goodwin 2016 Sharon Nelson 2017	<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b> Pamela Hamel 2016 Paula Stata 2018 Pamela Ferriere 2020

## **Letter from the Groton Select Board**

As usual, 2014 brought many challenges for the Select Board and the Town of Groton, and as usual the Board weathered them and took each one in stride.

Changes in the Select Board were kicked off with the Town Meeting, when the Board wished good luck to Kyle Andrews as his term expired, and prepared for the next year. Kyle's experience and knowledge after 5 years were going to be missed. In the election, Robert Ferriere was welcomed to the Board. Bob brings a new perspective and has hit the ground running in his first year. Then, the Board sadly accepted the resignation of Miles Sinclair. Miles resigned in order to spend time with his family and tragically lost his wife, Cheryl, after her battle with cancer. Miles was a great asset to the Town in his position on the Select Board and various other committees. His love of Groton and the hard work that he did while serving left a huge position for someone to fill. Thankfully, Kyle Andrews returned to provide the experience and support needed until the next Town Meeting.

The Board also found some fluctuation in staff, with the first challenge coming when they reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Administrative Assistant Pamela Hamel. Pamela took a new position after 8 years with the Town of Groton. When Pamela joined the Town, she had to sink or swim and she did a great job, keeping the Board organized and educated. She will be missed and the Board wishes her good luck in her future endeavors. The Board interviewed applicants for the Administrative Assistant's position and found Sara Smith. Sara brings great benefits to the Town, including her pleasant and hard-working personality. Sara joined Groton in August and has been moving forward since. She is a great addition and the Board is very thankful to have her.

Toward the end of the year, the Board also accepted the resignation of Chuck Stata as the Health Officer. Chuck leaves with a large amount of experience that will make it hard to find a replacement. As of the close of the year, the Board is

just starting to consider applicants. We wish Chuck good luck with his future plans.

The Town Meeting continued the progress started the year before, with the road project, completing reconstruction of another approximately 1,300 foot section of North Groton Road. The bid was awarded to M.E. Latulippe, Inc. who was able to keep the costs under the approved warrant amount even with complications from drainage issues, etc. The Board was also very pleased with the work on this project. If you haven't had a chance to look at the sections that have been completed, take time in the spring and summer to drive over North Groton Road.

The fire escape for the second floor of the Town House was finally completed this year. Matt Fysh and his construction company were awarded the bid and the Board was very pleased with the completed project. The new exit keeps the character of the building, providing a safe emergency fire escape for staff and patrons. In addition, the Board was able to do some other repairs to the building which included the emergency exit signs on the second floor, and replacing outdated lighting with more efficient LED lighting in the parking lot.

The Kimball Hill Property Acquisition Committee continued its work exploring the possibility of the Town purchasing some, none or all of the approximately 2,730 acres owned by Timbervest for conservation, recreation, Town Forest or any other purposes deemed appropriate by the townspeople. Although negotiations stalled during the summer, toward the end of the year the negotiations have renewed and it is hoped that the Committee will have additional information in 2015. All of the negotiating moves toward a potential purchase and sales agreement subject to the ultimate approval of the registered voters of the Town.

The long sought out land swap for the property located across from the Town's Transfer Station ran into some delays in 2014. The Select Board continues to work on this project. It is no secret that the Town must look at suitable locations for moving the Highway Department out of the flood zone and this location is one

of the most feasible. The Board will continue working with the landowner to address the delays. It is hoped that this project will move forward in 2015.

The Board also moved forward with the purchase of signs for two locations, the Town Office buildings and the Everett Hobart Memorial Park. The signs are made of granite and are a much improved asset to the Town. The signs will be designating these locations for years to come. A donation from the construction and beginning operation phase was given to the Town from Groton Wind, LLC that made these purchases possible.

In October 2014, the Town experienced unexpected damage to both Sculptured Rocks Road and Edgar Albert Road. Repairs to these locations, especially Edgar Albert Road, were extremely costly as unplanned expenditures and the Select Board voted to pay for the expenses from the Disaster Relief Fund in the amount of \$7,719. In addition, acting upon a concern of the Road Agent Glen Hanson, the Board contacted an owner along Edgar Albert Road to make adjustments to their property to eliminate water runoff and the potential for future damage. As of the end of the year, the Town is waiting for a response. The Board also contacted a logging company who has made reparations to the Town to pay for loads of gravel to aide in Edgar Albert Road's repairs.

The Select Board, once again, would like to remind the townspeople that the Groton Recreational Committee has been vacant for far too long. If you are interested in volunteering, please submit your name to the Board.

In closing, we would like to extend our thanks to all Town Officials, employees and volunteers for their efforts and professionalism. It takes good employees and volunteers to keep the Town running smoothly and fortunately for Groton, we have some of both.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Groton Select Board

# **Town of Groton Warrant 2015 Annual Meeting**

## **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the county of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### **BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 10, 2015**

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

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

**The Planning Board approved this Amendment**

### **DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 14, 2015**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred eighty eight thousand, two hundred twenty six dollars (\$688,226)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred forty-five thousand (\$145,000)** for repair/reconstruction of a portion of North Groton Road. (submitted by the Road Committee)

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

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

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$21,035.48)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$34,172.80)

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

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$63,040.68)

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

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$46,013.50)

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



ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$19,769.61)

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

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

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

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$55,809.09)

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

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$28.58)

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

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

Dodge Road  
Dodge Road

Map 6 Lot 87  
Map 6 Lot 88

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred dollars (\$500)** for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA).

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

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

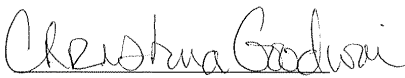
Whereas: The last nearly pristine rural section lies in Groton, NH known as Province Road.

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

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

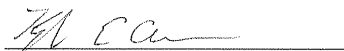
**GROTON SELECT BOARD**



Christina Goodywin, Chairwoman



Robert Ferriere



Kyle Andrews

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	4140.7	Telephone/Internet			1,400	973.42	750
	4140.8	Computer Maintenance/Software			3,000	1,912.69	3,000
	4140.9	Advertising			74	0.00	74
	4140.10	Supplies/Advertising Election			421	315.36	421
	4140.11	Supplies-General			1,250	1,373.44	1,250
	4140.12	Postage			1,350	1,321.46	1,650
	4140.15	Ballot Clerks			557	1,689.20	2,225
	4140.16	Checklist Supervisors			2,094	2,312.35	2,653
	4140.17	Mileage			1,500	1,219.90	1,660
4150		<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			<b>18,470</b>	<b>17,743.54</b>	<b>18,450</b>
	4150.1	Financial Reporting (Town Report)			900	870.00	900
	4150.2	Auditing			4,000	3,990.00	4,000
	4150.3	Assessing			10,600	9,925.50	10,600
	4150.4	Treasurer Salary			2,700	2,700.00	2,700
	4150.5	Deputy Treasurer Salary			50	0.00	50
	4150.6	Mileage			200	206.25	180
	4150.7	Supplies			20	51.79	20
4153		<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>15,000</b>	<b>5,738.03</b>	<b>15,000</b>
	4153.1	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements			1,000	0.00	1,000
	4153.2	Attorney Fees - General Advice			8,000	3,866.40	8,000
	4153.3	Attorney Fees-Junkyard Compliance			3,000	0.00	3,000
	4153.4	Junkyard Compliance			3,000	1,871.63	3,000
4155		<b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>			<b>78,400</b>	<b>68,902.62</b>	<b>73,707</b>
	4155.1	NH Retirement System			15,000	12,464.65	15,000
	4155.2	Life & Disability Insurance			1,700	1,513.17	1,707
	4155.3	Health Insurance			49,200	42,607.54	46,000
	4155.4	FICA/Medicare			12,500	12,317.26	11,000
4191		<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>			<b>11,001</b>	<b>972.33</b>	<b>11,001</b>
	4191.1	Planning Board Postage			550	573.09	550
	4191.2	Planning Board Advertisement			250	110.00	250
	4191.3	Planning Board Mileage			100	6.82	100
	4191.4	Recording Fees			250	121.49	250
	4191.5	Planning Board Dues			1	0.00	1
	4191.6	Planning Board Supplies			150	69.93	150

	4191.7	Planning Board Seminars/Training		200	0.00	200	
	4191.8	Planning Board Legal		6,000	91.00	6,000	
	4191.9	Zoning Board Legal		3,000	0.00	3,000	
	4191.10	Zoning Board Seminars		200	0.00	200	
	4191.11	Zoning Postage		100	0.00	100	
	4191.12	Zoning Mileage		50	0.00	50	
	4191.13	Advertising/notices		100	0.00	100	
	4191.14	Zoning Supplies		50	0.00	50	
4194		<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>		<b>23,630</b>	<b>15,649.21</b>	<b>16,030</b>	
	4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:		4,000	1,474.29	1,500	
	4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages		1,800	736.98	1,800	
	4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance		4,250	1,279.97	750	
	4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance		1,800	463.10	800	
	4194.5	Cleaning Supplies		125	37.34	125	
	4194.6	General Supplies		500	716.79	300	
	4194.7	Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevator)		2,355	2,140.03	2,355	
	4194.8	Town House Electric		2,800	2,685.23	2,400	
	4194.9	Town House Heat		6,000	6,115.48	6,000	
4195		<b>CEMETERIES</b>		<b>5,160</b>	<b>1,067.28</b>	<b>4,260</b>	
	4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance		1,500	0.00	1,500	
	4195.2	Salaries		2,500	965.50	2,500	
	4195.3	Supplies		1,000	43.70	100	
	4195.4	Mileage		75	0.00	75	
	4195.5	Fuel		50	58.08	50	
	4195.6	Advertising		35	0.00	35	
4196		<b>GENERAL INSURANCE</b>		<b>13,196</b>	<b>13,866.04</b>	<b>13,677</b>	
	4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance		8,264	8,149.00	8,149	
	4196.2	Workers' Compensation		4,432	5,189.04	5,000	
	4196.3	Unemployment Compensation		500	528.00	528	
4197		<b>ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL ASSOC</b>		<b>2,261</b>	<b>2,482.44</b>	<b>2,261</b>	
	4197.1	Advertising		500	722.00	500	
	4197.2	Dues		1,761	1,760.44	1,761	

4199		OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		3,402	915.00	3,402
	4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances		1	0.00	1
	4199.2	Forestry		1	0.00	1
	4199.3	Tax Mapping		900	915.00	900
	4199.4 *	Grants		2,500	0.00	2,500
						off set by revenues
		<b>2 - PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b>186,904</b>	<b>147,382.74</b>	<b>167,166</b>
4210		<b>POLICE</b>		<b>120,840</b>	<b>100,427.31</b>	<b>105,269</b>
	4210.1	Police Chief Wages		17,000	17,861.00	17,000
	4210.2	Police Officer Wages (FT)		43,000	44,167.17	48,400
	4210.3	Police Officer Wages (PT)		17,500	-	-
	4210.4	Telephone/Communications		1,500	1,484.65	1,500
	4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions		500	470.00	500
	4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint		1,400	622.63	1,400
	4210.7	Office Supplies		1,200	1,126.44	1,200
	4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit		3,000	3,000.00	3,000
	4210.9	Dispatch Service		7,000	4,317.00	7,000
	4210.10	Prosecutor		5,890	5,819.00	5,819
	4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance		1,500	1,118.89	1,500
	4210.12	Cruiser Equipment		600	1,213.83	600
	4210.13	Uniforms		2,000	1,993.04	2,000
	4210.14	Books/Periodicals		300	24.00	300
	4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammofaser etc.)		1,800	1,780.49	1,200
	4210.16	Mileage		1,500	1,720.40	2,500
	4210.17	Postage		100	31.70	100
	4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser		5,500	4,759.34	4,500
	4210.19	Advertising		250	158.40	250
	4210.20	Training		6,800	7,273.12	4,000
	4210.21	Animal Control		1,500	549.21	1,500
	4210.22	Special Detail		500	437.00	500
	4210.23	SOU Stipend		500	500.00	500
4220		<b>FIRE/AMBULANCE</b>		<b>64,214</b>	<b>46,955.43</b>	<b>60,047</b>
	4220.1	Stipend		500	0.00	100
	4220.2	Communications/Training		300	0.00	300
	4220.3	Equipment		300	0.00	500

	4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron	38,000	29,493.59	38,000	
	4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney	13,000	9,547.64	13,000	
	4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid	11,964	7,914.20	7,897	
	4220.7	Dues	100	0.00	100	
	4220.8	Mileage	50	0.00	150	
4290		<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,850</b>	
	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	
		<b>3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>	<b>148,534</b>	<b>133,958.25</b>	<b>141,059</b>	offset by Highway
4311		<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>85,983</b>	<b>85,596.02</b>	<b>82,533</b>	Block Grant
	4311.1	Road Agent Wages	28,500	30,846.50	28,500	
	4311.2	Assistants Wages	23,000	20,764.85	20,000	
	4311.3	Telephone	800	609.37	600	
	4311.4	Training & CDL Testing	400	260.00	350	
	4311.5	Electricity	900	764.91	800	
	4311.6	Heating Fuel	3,600	3,804.16	3,600	
	4311.7	Mileage	100	0.00	100	
	4311.8	Membership/Dues	25	50.00	25	
	4311.9	Supplies	400	238.45	300	
	4311.9	Truck Payment	28,258	28,257.78	28,258	
4312		<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>	<b>61,451</b>	<b>47,300.67</b>	<b>57,426</b>	
	4312.1	Vehicle Cleaning & Maintenance	-	1,212.41	900	
	4312.2	Vehicles-Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	9,000	5,046.06	9,000	
	4312.3	Equipment Rentals	5,000	3,540.00	5,000	
	4312.4	Material	4,000	4,734.83	4,000	
	4312.5	Signs	400	57.27	400	
	4312.6	Uniforms	350	0.00	25	
	4312.7	Tools & Equipment Purchases	1,500	1,233.75	1,500	
	4312.8	Gas	700	467.35	700	
	4312.9	Diesel	18,500	17,444.87	17,000	
	4312.10	Salt, Sand, Deicer	18,000	10,589.50	15,000	



	4312.11	Hydrants				1	0.00	1	
	4312.12	Culverts				2,500	2,579.13	2,500	
	4312.13	Safety				800	395.50	700	
	4312.14	Tree Maintenance				700	0.00	700	
4316		<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>				<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,061.56</b>	<b>1,100</b>	
	4316.1	Utility Charges				1,100	1,061.56	1,100	
		<b>4 - SANITATION</b>				<b>54,579</b>	<b>48,116.87</b>	<b>55,994</b>	
4321		<b>MONITORING</b>				<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,507.00</b>	<b>8,314</b>	
	4321.1	Landfill Monitoring				5,000	5,307.00	6,814	
	4321.2	Landfill Repairs				1,500	1,200.00	1,500	
4324		<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>				<b>48,079</b>	<b>41,609.87</b>	<b>47,680</b>	
	4324.1	Wages				12,000	11,010.62	12,000	
	4324.2	Stipend				3,000	3,026.81	3,000	
	4324.3	Telephone				400	425.45	400	
	4324.4	Training & Certification				250	200.00	250	
	4324.5	Electricity				1,400	1,275.71	1,400	
	4324.6	Propane				750	577.35	700	
	4324.7	Supplies				200	259.30	300	
	4324.8	Compactor Related Expenses				1,500	0.00	2,000	
	4324.9	Mileage				200	206.25	200	
	4324.10	Dues				608	554.58	555	
	4324.11	Portable Toilet				1,920	1,210.00	1,400	
	4324.12	Transportation Costs/Solid Waste				22,000	18,880.02	22,000	
	4324.13	Recycle Costs				3,000	3,293.50	2,500	
	4324.14	Uniforms				1	0.00	25	
	4324.15	Safety				500	170.37	600	
	4324.16	Tire disposal				150	71.25	150	
	4324.17	Other (brush hog rental, etc.)				200	448.66	200	
		<b>6 - HEALTH</b>				<b>6,535</b>	<b>4,055.00</b>	<b>5,996</b>	
4411		<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				<b>2,885</b>	<b>1,360.00</b>	<b>2,701</b>	
	4411.1	Stipend				1,250	1,250.00	1,250	
	4411.2	Supplies/Postage				100	0.00	100	
	4411.3	Mileage				200	0.00	200	
	4411.4	Training				150	0.00	100	

	4411.5	Dues				50	25.00	50	
	4411.6	Water Testing				135	85.00	1	
	4411.7	Legal				1,000	0.00	1,000	
4415		<b>HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS</b>				<b>3,650</b>	<b>2,695.00</b>	<b>3,295</b>	
	4415.1	Mid-State Health				100	0.00	100	
	4415.2	Perni-Baker Home Health Agency				2,400	2,295.00	2,295	
	4415.3	Task Force / Domestic Violence				500	0.00	500	
	4415.4	Genesis Behavioral Health				400	400.00	400	
	4415.5	CASA				250	-	-	
		<b>7 - WELFARE</b>				<b>11,644</b>	<b>9,049.24</b>	<b>10,344</b>	
4441		<b>Administration</b>				<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	
	4441.1	Dues				1	0.00	1	
4442		<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>				<b>600</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>600</b>	
	4442.1	Direct Assistance				600	0.00	600	
4444		<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENT</b>				<b>2043</b>	<b>1,743.00</b>	<b>1743</b>	
	4444.1	Tri-County Community Action				1543	1,543.00	1543	
	4444.2	Grafton County Senior Citizens				500	200.00	200	
4445		<b>VENDOR PAYMENTS</b>				<b>9000</b>	<b>7,306.24</b>	<b>8000</b>	
	4445.1	Other Vendor Payments				9000	7,306.24	8000	
		<b>8 - CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>				<b>10,210</b>	<b>8,591.13</b>	<b>8,975</b>	
4520		<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>				<b>4499</b>	<b>4,819.28</b>	<b>4499</b>	
	4520.1	Maintenance of Parks				900	1,422.66	900	
	4520.2	Maintenance of Recreational Facilities				50	18.87	50	
	4520.3	Porta Potty				935	843.75	935	
	4520.4	Advertising				80	0.00	80	
	4520.5	Tapley Thompson Community Center				2,534	2,534.00	2,534	
4550		<b>LIBRARY</b>				<b>3,076</b>	<b>3,076.00</b>	<b>3,076</b>	
	4550.1	Wages				2,000	1,172.50	2,000	
	4550.2	Library Other				1,076	1,903.50	1,076	
4583		<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>				<b>100</b>	<b>99.08</b>	<b>100</b>	
	4583.1	Patriotic				100	99.08	100	

4611		CONSERVATION				2,535	596.77	1,300	
	4611.1	Conservation				535	81.77	570	
	4611.2	Workshops/seminars/dues				100	110.00	90	
	4611.3	Postage/supplies				100	0.00	640	
	4611.4	Mileage				200	0.00	0	
	4611.5	Other/Fishing Derby				1,600	405.00	0	
		13 - CAPITAL OUTLAY				264,299	266,324.02	293,672	
4902	4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT				42,649	93,142.71	96,410	
4903	4903	BUILDINGS				0	23,080.56	29,650	
4909	4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS				221,650	150,100.75	167,612	
		14 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT				56,500	43,500	43,500	
4915	4915	TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND				56,500	43,500	43,500	
4916	4916	TRANSFERS TO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS				0	0.00	0	



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## Appropriations

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<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	3	\$48,901	\$49,053	\$49,050	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	3	\$50,392	\$47,374	\$50,250	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3	\$18,450	\$17,744	\$18,470	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	3	\$15,000	\$5,738	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	3	\$73,707	\$68,903	\$78,400	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	3	\$11,001	\$972	\$11,001	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	3	\$16,030	\$15,649	\$23,630	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	3	\$4,260	\$1,067	\$5,160	\$0
4196	Insurance	3	\$13,677	\$13,866	\$13,196	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	3	\$2,261	\$2,482	\$2,261	\$0
4199	Other General Government	3	\$3,402	\$915	\$3,402	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	3	\$105,269	\$100,427	\$120,840	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	3	\$60,047	\$46,955	\$64,214	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850	\$0



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4299	Other (Including Communications)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>							
4301-4309	Airport Operations			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>							
4311	Administration	3		\$82,533	\$85,596	\$85,983	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	3		\$57,426	\$47,301	\$61,451	\$0
4313	Bridges			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	3		\$1,100	\$1,062	\$1,100	\$0
4319	Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>							
4321	Administration	3		\$8,314	\$6,507	\$6,500	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3		\$47,680	\$41,610	\$48,079	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>							
4331	Administration			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>							



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4351-4352	Administration and Generation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration		3	\$2,701	\$1,360	\$2,885	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		3	\$3,295	\$2,695	\$3,650	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		3	\$601	\$0	\$601	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		3	\$1,743	\$1,743	\$2,043	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		3	\$8,000	\$7,306	\$9,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation		3	\$4,499	\$4,819	\$4,499	\$0	\$0
4550-4559	Library		3	\$3,076	\$3,076	\$3,076	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3	\$100	\$99	\$100	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		3	\$1,300	\$597	\$2,535	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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<b>Debt Service</b>					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$96,410	\$93,143	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$29,650	\$23,081	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$167,612	\$150,101	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$940,287</b>	<b>\$841,241</b>	<b>\$688,226</b>
					<b>\$0</b>





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**Special Warrant Articles**

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4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment <b>Purpose:</b> Purchase a new Police Cruiser	8	\$0	\$0	\$27,849	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Public Works Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$0	\$0	\$6,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund	18	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Res	19	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Town House Capital Reserve Fund	21	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund <b>Purpose:</b> Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund					



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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	22	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Purpose: Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	9	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Purpose: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund						
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$84,349	\$0

## Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$0	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
Purpose: New equipment and transferring radio system to new						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
Purpose: Lettering for new police cruiser						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$0	\$0	\$2,800	\$0
Purpose: Purchase Material Handling forks for Town Backhoe						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	4	\$0	\$0	\$145,000	\$0
Purpose: Repair/reconstruction of North Groton Road						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	5	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Purpose: Repair of Groton paved roads						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	6	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Purpose: Repair and Maintenance of Province Road						



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4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	7	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Purchase of Land/Land Swap						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	13	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Town's Cemetery maintenance						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	26	\$0	\$0	\$850	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Support of Groton Historical Society						
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	27	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> Support for Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA)						
<b>Individual Articles Recommended</b>				<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$236,450</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	3	\$6,726	\$6,726	\$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	3	\$9,293	\$15,289	\$8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3	\$537,900	\$537,900	\$412,664
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3	\$19,500	\$13,720	\$13,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	3	\$158	\$140	\$140
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3	\$87,000	\$108,915	\$100,000
3230	Building Permits	3	\$255	\$285	\$200
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	3	\$3,900	\$3,985	\$3,900
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	3	\$28,637	\$33,331	\$26,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	3	\$22,493	\$22,574	\$23,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	3	\$123	\$123	\$120
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	3	\$25,000	\$16,867	\$16,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	3	\$1,200	\$1,293	\$1,200
3409	Other Charges	3	\$100	\$53	\$100
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	3	\$200	\$125	\$200
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0



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3503-3509	Other		3	\$10,000	\$28,606	\$10,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>						
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)			\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)			\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)			\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)			\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)			\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		8	\$42,000	\$0	\$20,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds			\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds			\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>						
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes			\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		13	\$0	\$0	\$300
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>					<b>\$789,932</b>	<b>\$637,824</b>



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**Budget Summary**

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$646,615	\$688,226
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$56,500	\$84,349
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$293,671	\$236,450
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$996,786	\$1,009,025
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$770,702	\$637,824
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$226,084	\$371,201

## **Notes**



## Tax Collector's Report

Form Due Date: **March 1 (Calendar Year), September 1 (Fiscal Year)**

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

### PREPARERS INFORMATION ?

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)





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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011	
Property Taxes	3110		\$110,745.59			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use/Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,356.37			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$41.00)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$854,998.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use/Change Taxes	3120	\$6,726.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$13,932.85			
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
-					
Add Line					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	2012	2011
Property Taxes	3110	\$10.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use/Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
-					
Add Line					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,016.23	\$8,913.43		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$876,642.08</b>	<b>\$121,015.39</b>		



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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	2011
Property Taxes	\$634,821.41	\$75,338.04		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use/Change Taxes	\$6,726.00			
Yield Taxes	\$13,932.85	\$1,356.37		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$998.68	\$7,414.68		
Penalties	\$17.55	\$1,498.75		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$35,407.55		
-				
Add Line				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	2011
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use/Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
-				
Add Line				
Current Levy Deeded				

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	2011
Property Taxes	\$220,145.59			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use/Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$876,642.08	\$121,015.39		



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Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$28,442.59	\$29,504.67
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$40,468.24		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$352.18	\$1,474.97	\$9,083.04
- <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
<b>Total Debits</b>		\$40,820.42	\$29,917.56	\$38,587.71

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011
Redemptions		\$6,306.78	\$6,925.02	\$25,425.99
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<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$352.18	\$1,474.97	\$9,083.04
- <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$34,161.46	\$21,517.57	\$4,078.68
<b>Total Credits</b>		\$40,820.42	\$29,917.56	\$38,587.71



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**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

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.

Preparer's First Name

Laura

Preparer's Last Name

Hauser

Jan 9, 2015

Preparer's Signature and Title

Date

- ☒ **Check to Certify Electronic Signature:** You are required to check this box and provide your name above. By checking this box, you hereby declare and certify that the electronic signature above was actually signed by the Preparer and that the electronic signature is valid.

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Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Account Advisor:

- Michelle Clark: michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov
- Jamie Dow: jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov
- Shelley Gerlarneau: shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NH DRA at the following address:

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

## **Town Clerk Report**

**JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Permits</b>	106,433.67
<b>Title Fees</b>	276.00
<b>Municipal Agent Fees</b>	2,205.00
<b>Building Permit Fees</b>	285.00
<b>Candidate Fees</b>	6.00
<b>Cemetery Fees</b>	375.00
<b>Copy Fees – Select Board</b>	283.50
<b>Copy Fees – Town Clerk</b>	57.00
<b>Current Use Recording Fees</b>	65.91
<b>Dog Licenses</b>	1,062.50
<b>Dog Fines/Civil Forfeiture</b>	100.00
<b>E-Reg. Fees</b>	25.05
<b>Junkyard Permits</b>	140.00
<b>NSF Check Fees</b>	35.00
<b>NSF Reimbursement</b>	52.50
<b>Planning Board Fees</b>	506.19
<b>Refunds</b>	392.18
<b>Recycle Income</b>	1,223.37
<b>Sale Of Municipal Property</b>	125.00
<b>Sub Division Fees</b>	140.00
<b>Transfer Station Fees</b>	1,368.60
<b>Vital Records</b>	435.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,592.47</b>

# Treasurer's Report

## January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>298,364.96</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,524,148.77</b>
<b>Total Orders Paid</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,712,227.77)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8.31</b>

### Deposits:

<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>786,981.36</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>115,592.47</b>

### Treasurer:

Community Support-Iberdrola	\$	5,000.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$	122.56
Groton Wind Pilot	\$	537,900.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$	195.00
Highway Block Grants	\$	22,574.20
Highway Dept.Training	\$	100.00
LGC Health Trust Surplus	\$	3,861.96
N. Groton Rd. Reimbursement	\$	21,140.99
Old Home Day Sponsorship	\$	1,000.00
Road Damage Reimbursement	\$	918.00
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$	28,637.23
Voter Checklist Sales	\$	125.00
<b>Total Treasurer Deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>621,574.94</b>

### Adjustments:

Capital Reserve Transfer (see MS-9)	\$	(43,500.00)
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	200.00
Expendable Trust Fund	\$	1,061.56
NSF Checks	\$	(422.24)
PDIP Contributions	\$	(813,000.00)
PDIP Transfers	\$	895,000.00
Truck/Sander	\$	42,000.00
Preambulation Transfer	\$	54.00
Voided Checks	\$	8,744.78
USDA Grants	\$	23,793.71
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>113,931.81</b>

### Ending Balance on December 31,2014

On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank	<b>\$</b>	<b>224,226.08</b>
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## Public Deposit Investment Pool

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 230,411.72</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 685,000.00</b>
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$(895,000.00)</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>\$ 66.60</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2014</b>	 <b>\$ 20,478.32</b>

## Groton Conservation Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 12,725.83</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 16.50</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ (1,100.00)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.92</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2014</b>	 <b>\$ 11,643.25</b>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

## Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 3,257.01</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 16.50</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ (289.30)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.31</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2014</b>	 <b>\$ 2,984.52</b>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

## Police Department Revolving Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 152.97</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 1,315.35</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ (148.87)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.06</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2014</b>	 <b><u>\$ 1,319.51</u></b>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

## Groton Yield Tax Account

<b>Beginning Balance on July 14, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 111.75</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 554.13</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ (113.75)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2014</b>	<b><u>\$ 552.15</u></b>

## Old Home Day Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on May 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 1,635.00</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ (853.24)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2014</b>	<b><u>\$ 781.80</u></b>



## **Local Auditor's Report**

The Local Auditor's Report will be added to the website once completed.

## **2014 MS-5**

The 2014 MS-5 will be compiled on Friday, March 27, 2015. The Final Report should be ready for the public within three weeks of that date. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website, [www.grotonnh.org](http://www.grotonnh.org) and at the Town office.

2014 Report of the Trust Funds for the Town Of Groton										Trustees: Michelle Escobar, Alison Bagley, Charles Stata																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						

## **Groton Tax Totals**

Tax Warrant: 2014P02 of 2

Number of Parcels: 739

### **Valuations**

Non-Utility Land Value: 42,328,200

Current Use Credits: (13,566,952)

Non-Utility Improvements Value: 51,971,200

Utility Value:

Exempt Property Value: (3,189,900)

Valuation Before Exemptions: 77,542,548

Exemptions Applied: 265,000

**Net Valuation: 77,277,548**

Net Non-Utility Valuation:

Net Utility Valuation:

### **Taxes**

**Total Property Tax: 875,897.00**

Veterans Credits Applied: (20,899.00)

**Commitment Amount:**

Penalties: 2,383.00

First Bills Minus Abatements:

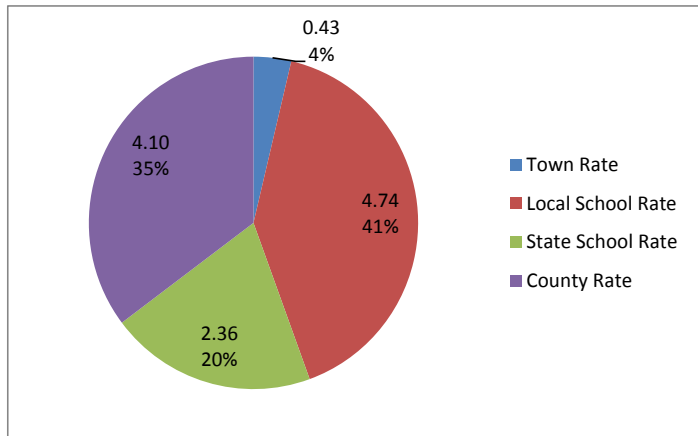
First Bills Exceeding Total Tax  
Needing Refund: 0.00

Adjusted First Bills: (400,161.00)

**Total Tax Bills: 454,837.00**

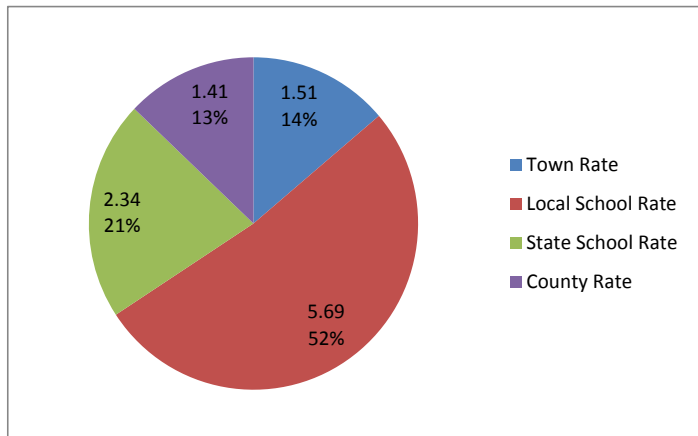
### 2014 Taxes

Town Rate	0.43
Local School Rate	4.74
State School Rate	2.36
County Rate	4.10
Total	11.63



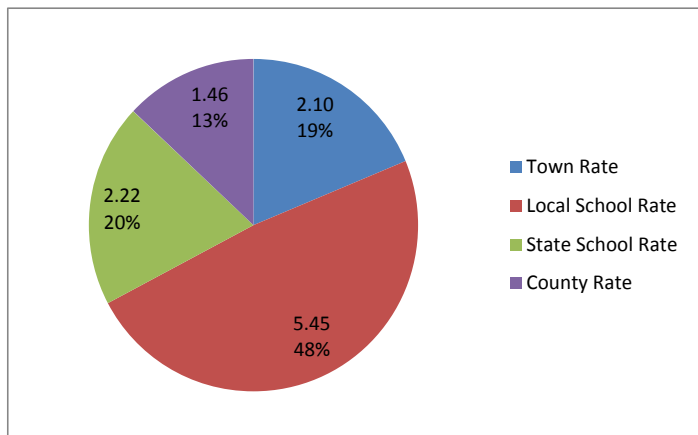
### 2013 Taxes

Town Rate	1.51
Local School Rate	5.69
State School Rate	2.34
County Rate	1.41
Total	10.95



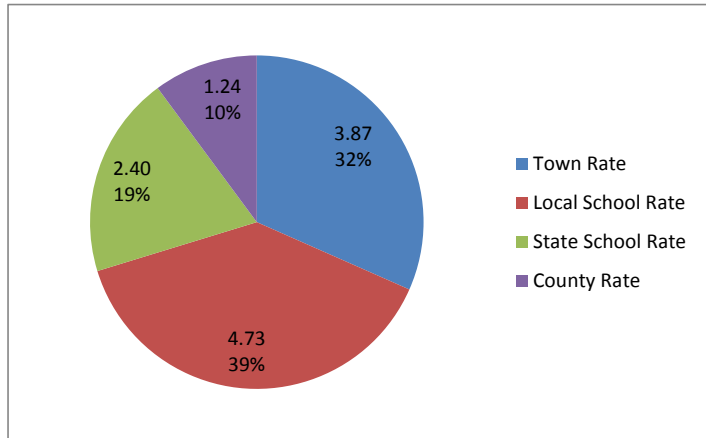
### 2012 Taxes

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



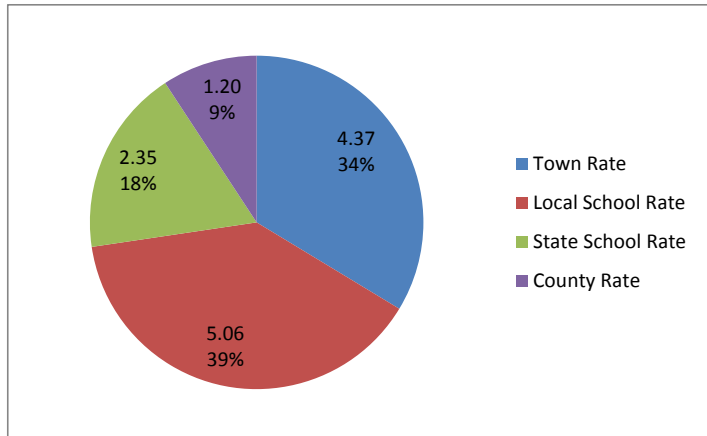
### 2011 Taxes

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



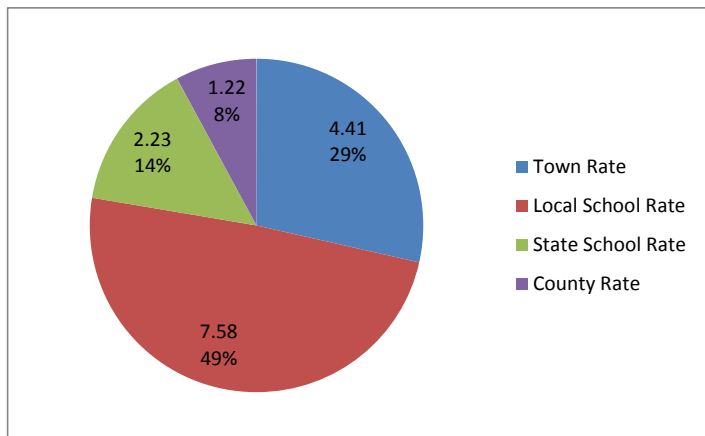
### 2010 Taxes

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



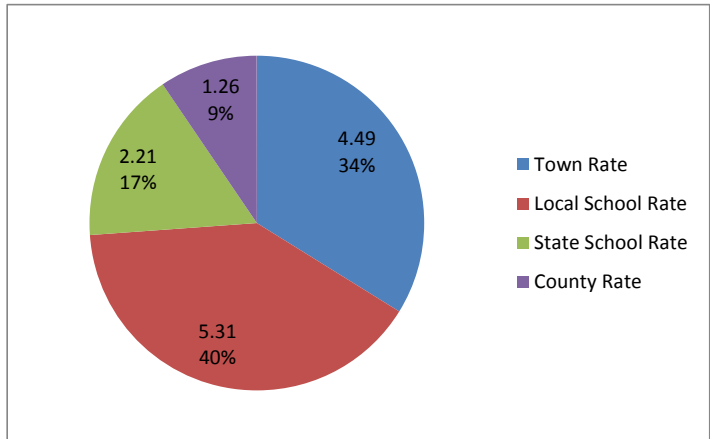
### 2009 Tax Rate

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



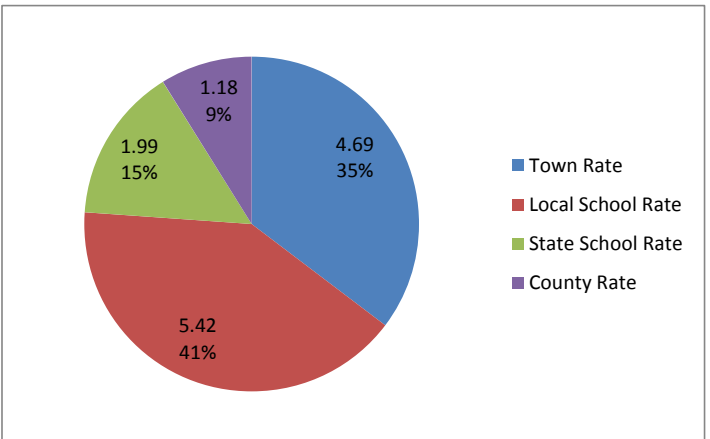
### 2008 Tax Rate

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  
2014 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: GROTON**

Gross Appropriations	983,787	
Less: Revenue	991,691	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Add: Overlay	20,051	
War Service Credits	21,250	
Net Town Appropriation	33,397	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	33,397	<b>TOWN RATE</b>
		<b>0.43</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0	
Regional School Apportionment	781,970	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(258,411)	
State Education Taxes	(157,375)	<b>LOCAL</b>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	366,184	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
		<b>4.74</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAX**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390		<b>STATE</b>
64,057,510	157,375	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<b>2.36</b>
66,685,766		

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	316,909	
Approved County Tax Effort	316,909	<b>COUNTY RATE</b>
		<b>4.10</b>
		<b>TOTAL RATE</b>
		<b>11.63</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	66,616,148	2.36	157,375
All Other Taxes	77,308,548	9.27	716,490
			<b>873,865</b>

## **Welfare Assistance Report**

In 2014, the Town saw an increase in general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$9,049.24 in Vendor Assistance payments.

### **2014 Expenditures**

Grafton County Senior Citizens		\$200.00
Tri-county Community Action		\$1,543.00
Electric Assistance		\$892.14
Rental Assistance		\$4,955.00
Fuel Assistance		\$1,319.10
Food		\$80.00
Gasoline		\$60.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$9,049.24</b>

Requests for assistance must be made through the Town's Welfare Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Welfare Officer



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
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
6-88	L	1.7	Dodge Road	\$ 25,400	2002 tax deed
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	Land	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 thank all the residents of Groton for their support for the Police Department. The Groton Police Department has made some significant changes throughout the year, including the hiring of a full time officer and the addition of a new part- time officer.

Today the Police Department is staffed with at least one officer on duty 7 days a week, allowing for the Groton Police Department to handle all business calls and service calls. I have listed the activity for the 2014 year below, so that the townspeople can view the activity the Police Department has been addressing.

At this time we have a full time officer: Sergeant EJ Thompson, who has 20 years' experience, 2 part- time patrol officers, Officer Andrew Newcomb and Officer Everett Knighton and a new Animal Control Officer Kyle Andrews, who will be taking the place of Miles Sinclair. Miles has served the town of Groton for many years, bringing his expertise and professionalism to the position of Animal Control Officer. Miles will be greatly missed by all, and we wish him well.

The Groton Police Department Phone Number for the Dispatcher has been change to 787-6911; please make a note of this as some on you may have printed materials from the Police Department displaying the old number. Again thank you for your support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Pivrotto  
Chief of Police

### Crimes Against Persons (25)

reckless conduct: 1	indecent exposure: 1	criminal harassment: 3
credit card fraud: 2	criminal assaults: 4	domestic disputes: 11
stalking: 2	child abuse: 1	

Crimes Against Property (28)

recover stolen property: 5	unwanted persons: 1	fraud: 2	burglary: 5
illegal sale of fire arms: 0	illegal dumping: 3	theft: 6	Arson:0
criminal mischief: 6	stolen motor vehicles: 0		

Crimes Against Public Peace (56)

suspicious person/motor vehicles: 17	drug possession: 7	disorderly conduct: 4
neighborhood disturbances: 2	illegal burning: 3	noise disturbance: 2
gunshot complaint: 7	town ordinances: 3	criminal trespass: 11

Motor Vehicle Violations and Complaints (113)

speeding: 57	stop sign violation: 2	driving under influence: 1
reckless driving: 2	motor vehicle accident: 6	open container violation: 3
parking violation: 6	road rage complaints: 2	driving after suspension: 3
OHRV violation: 7	unlawful passing of school bus: 2	
illegal drug activity: 11	miscellaneous unregistered, inspection violation ECT: 11	

Court Documents Served (38)

domestic order violation: 6	subpoenas: 2	Stalking orders: 2
contempt of court: 4	summons: 17	Bail violations: 2
OHRV summons: 5		

Citizen Assistance (100)

vehicle identification check: 13	Police information: 32	civil standby: 9
message delivery: 3	road hazards: 15	welfare check: 5
Assist residents/lock outs: 23		

### Miscellaneous (250)

assist other agencies: 37	suicide attempts: 1	burning permits issued: 29
sex offender registration: 4	election violation: 0	minor illegal possession: 2
juvenile complaints: 1	house checks: 96	medical assistance: 15
pistol permits: 28	house alarm: 17	directed patrol: 20

### Arrests (31 persons total)

driving after suspension: 3	harassment: 3	warrant arrest/fugitive: 8
illegal possession of alcohol: 2	drug offenses: 7	breach of the peace: 1
illegal possession of tobacco: 1	open container: 2	disorderly persons: 6
driving without giving proof: 2	simple assault: 2	protective custody: 2
false report to police officer: 1	burglary: 2	criminal mischief: 1
unsworn falsification: 2	theft: 1	reckless conduct: 1
hindering apprehension/pros: 1	bail jumping: 2	disobeying officer: 1
allowing improper person: 1	misuse of plates: 1	criminal threatening: 2

### Animal Control (35)

stray animal: 3	livestock complaints: 8	lost animal: 1
animal nuisance: 11	animal cruelty: 4	unlicensed: 8

### **Police Department**

Chief of Police: Joseph Pivirotto  
Patrol Officers: Sergeant Ernest Thompson  
Officers Andrew Newcomb and Everett Knighton  
Animal Control Officer: Kyle Andrews  
Business Phone: (603) 744-3703  
Grafton County Dispatch: (603) 787-6911

“CALL 911 FOR YOUR EMERGENCY”

## **Groton Fire Chief's Report**

Fire related calls in the Town of Groton were up slightly in 2014 compared to 2013. This year we experienced a building fire that destroyed a residence and a few chimney fires. With more people burning wood remember there is a certain amount of maintenance that is required to do so safely. Please remember to clean your chimneys regularly and to dispose of ashes properly. During 2014, we also had a carbon monoxide call as a result of an improperly installed furnace. In the state of New Hampshire, to install a furnace the installer must be licensed to do so. Please remember to ask to see their license before they install. Also in 2014, there were calls related to electric wires that were down, motor vehicle crashes and medical emergencies.

Remember **fire permits** are required for any open outside burning when the ground is NOT completely covered by snow. Permits are issued for the burning of clean materials **ONLY**. If you have questions related to what can and cannot be burned this information is located on the back of your fire permit and can be found on the Town's website.

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	236-2269	22 Crosby Lane
Pattie Oakley	Agent	520-4712	22 Crosby Lane
Debra Thompson	Agent	786-2138	72 River Rd
EJ Thompson	Agent	744-3703	Groton Police

In 2014, the activity in Groton accounted for 35.4% of all Hebron's calls and 12% of all Rumney's calls, most of these being related to medical emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Thompson  
Fire Chief Groton

## **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](http://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.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

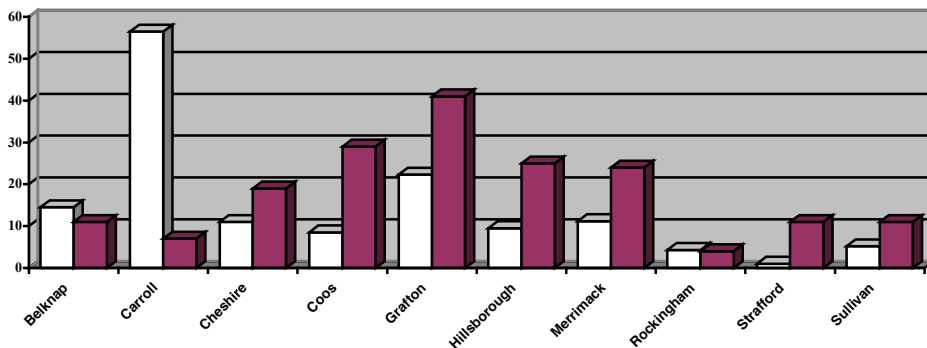
This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. 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 capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your

home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## 2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2014 - **figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest**)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2



<b>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</b>		<b>Total Fires</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
Arson	2	<b>2014: 112</b>	<b>72</b>
Debris	52	<b>2013: 182</b>	<b>144</b>
Campfire	10	<b>2012: 318</b>	<b>206</b>
Children	2	<b>2011: 125</b>	<b>42</b>
Smoking	5	<b>2010: 360</b>	<b>145</b>
Railroad	0		
Equipment	5		
Lightning	1		
Misc.*	35 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

### **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**



## **Highway Department**

In 2014, Groton Highway Department underwent some personnel changes and were without Ron Madan for a period of time due to an injury at home. He has since healed and is back to work. We have also welcomed James Smolinsky to the Highway Department team.

There were many projects that took place in 2014:

- Railings were installed on the Conservation area bridge and the approaches were completed in time for the fishing derby.
- More of North Groton Road was re-constructed by M.E. Latulippe Construction Inc, who did a great job.
- We were able to get M.E. Latulippe's road hammer for Sculptured Rocks Road to remove ledge so that two culvert pipes could be lowered allowing proper coverage. Also, some ledge was removed along the roadside to allow for a better ditch line.
- R & D Paving reclaimed areas of failing pavement on Sculptured Rocks Road and the Highway Department graded and paved one area with the use of rented equipment.
- Several areas of Province Road had brush cutting operations performed with a rented boom mower and the use of the Town of Bristol's chipper. We hauled winter sand for Bristol for the use of the chipper.
- We received our new Dodge 5500 truck that was approved at the Town Meeting. At the recommendation of Slim Spafford, we received a grant to help offset the cost of the truck which was a substantial savings. Thank you also to our voters for approving the purchase of the new truck.
- October brought heavy rains and more flooding occurred. Damage to Edgar Albert Road, Blanchette Lane and Sculptured Rocks Road was experienced. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) did not declare this event a disaster so we needed to use money from the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Funds to cover these damages.

In closing, I stress the importance of continuing to move forward with our road reconstruction projects. The areas that have already been done prove this point.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glen Hansen  
Highway Department



Assistants:  
Robert "Bubba" Ellis  
Ron Madan  
James Smolinsky  
Kevin Wilbur

## **Road Committee**

In 2014, the Road Committee continued to review and modify the original maintenance plan that started from recommendations made at the March 2013 Town Meeting to develop a road repair and maintenance strategy. Each year the Committee reviews the plan, makes adjustments as needed and moves forward. For 2014, a Warrant Article was submitted for the Town's approval in the amount of \$145,000, which passed unanimously and the road project moved forward with another section of North Groton Road.

The Road Committee continued to provide feedback on the bid specifications to the Select Board and the Board moved forward in the bidding process, beginning with another site meeting. The site meeting was held, with prospective contractors interested in bidding the project and the project specifications were reviewed and questions answered. After the site meeting, bids were submitted and reviewed and M.E. Latulippe Construction, Inc. of Ashland, New Hampshire was awarded the project.

In the weeks that followed the awarding of the bid, the road surface, shoulders and ditch lines were completely reconstructed and new asphalt pavement was put in place. M.E. Latulippe did an excellent job and completed the project with little complications. The bid and contract were signed for \$126,000 with three (3) change orders completed for crushed stone underdrains and the removal of ledge with a hydraulic hammer. In addition, the Highway Department seeded and added further protection to the shoulders to stabilize erosion. The total for the completed project was \$133,124.47.

The Committee would like to thank Jiri Hajek for the time he served. Unfortunately, Jiri and his family have moved from Groton and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. We would also like to thank the Town and the Select Board for their continued support and we look forward to seeing what the future brings for our Town's roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Road Committee: Glen Hansen, Roger Thompson, Barrie Sawyer, Chuck Stata,  
Christina Goodwin  
62 Town of Groton

## **Transfer Station**

2014 was a relatively smooth year for the Transfer Station. People have adapted to the single stream recycling system. The C&D bin has been a success from a use perspective but not necessarily a cost perspective. The Town has to transport all scrap metal so we are making some revenue from this or at least are breaking even.

If more people would take the time to separate plastic bottles, beer bottles and cans then we would cut costs since the Town pays a transport and a dump fee every time the compactor bin is handled. Recycling being done by more people would help cut out bin costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Koslow, Transfer Station Supervisor

Transfer Station Attendants:

George Evirs

Jim Joyce

Transfer Station Alternate:

James Smolinsky



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

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234  
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 E-mail: [info@nrna.net](mailto:info@nrna.net) Web Site: [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)

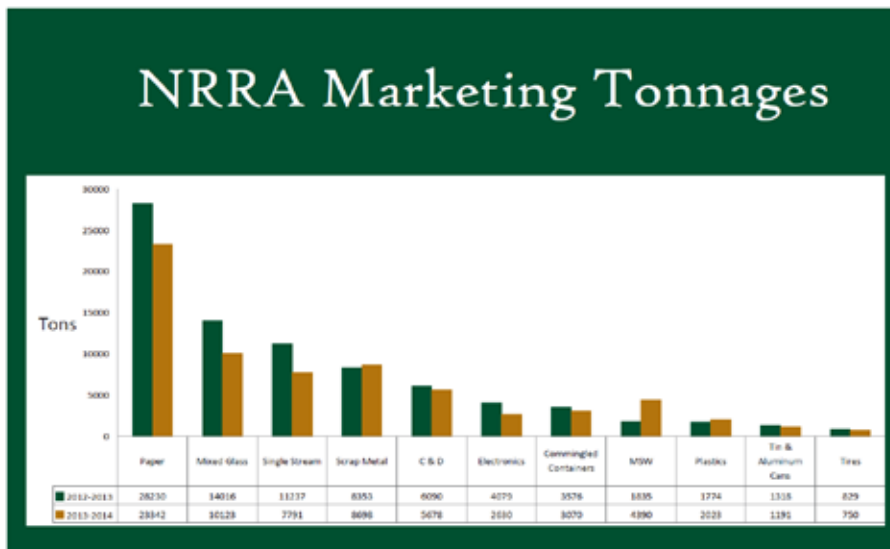
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 33-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **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, **members' only website**, workshops 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**.

NRRA 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 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 69,686 tons in fiscal year 2013-2014!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)



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## **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.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2014</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Electronics	1,727 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 0.29 houses for one year!
Tires	0.71 tons	Conserved 0.7 barrels of oil!

## **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District**

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 251 vehicles came to the collections - an increase of 31 vehicles from 2013 and our highest participation total since 2006. Total disposal costs were \$24,815. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,611 and received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The District's net expenditures were \$14,204 (a cost of \$.46 per resident). The table below highlights the District's HHW collection data since 2010. The District also coordinated the pickup of fluorescent light bulbs that had been collected at member towns' recycling facilities. Over 41,000 feet of straight fluorescent tubing was recycled.

In 2014, the District will hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs 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 may be disposed of in your household trash.

This past year, the District supported legislation that would have placed a fee on oil and latex based paints sold in New Hampshire. The money generated by the fee would have been used to create an infrastructure that would have expanded the opportunity for residents to properly dispose/recycle their unwanted paint and to cover the cost of managing the collected paint. Simply stated, the legislation would have shifted the cost of disposal/recycling from the taxpayer to the individual consumer. The proposed legislation passed the House of Representatives, but unfortunately failed in the Senate.

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Waterville Valley - Wentworth

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](mailto:pemibakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively Submitted,  
Dan Woods, District Coordinator

#### 2010 – 2014 Program Costs

Year	Population	Cars	HHW Expenditures	NHDES Grant	Other Revenue	Net Expenditures	Net Cost/Car	Net Cost/Capita
2010	30765	250	\$26,765	\$5,230	\$768	\$20,758	\$83	\$0.67
2011	30765	136	\$17,028	\$6,223	\$80	\$10,725	\$79	\$0.35
2012	30765	229	\$30,860	\$5,305	\$0	\$25,555	\$112	\$0.83
2013	31,018	220	\$21,492	\$5,490	\$8,500	\$7,502	\$34	\$0.24
<b>2014</b>	<b>31,177</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>\$24,815</b>	<b>\$5,611</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$14,204</b>	<b>\$57</b>	<b>\$0.46</b>

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## **Groton Planning Board**

This year, in addition to Planning Board Meetings on the last Wednesday of each month, we had mid-month Master Plan Revision Committee meetings. Paula Stata, Mark Burnett, Ray Blake and Sandra Hutchins volunteered to join the Board in this endeavor. Thankfully, Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) grant money is covering the time and expertise of consultants again this year. Two public meetings were held in 2012 to gather public input regarding Groton's future. At Town Meeting, we passed out surveys to gather even more information from community members to help us in revising our Master Plan. Surveys not picked up were mailed. Results of this survey can be found on the Town's website. All of the completed surveys can be viewed by contacting Slim Spafford, Planning Board Chair, 744 – 9744. We are now writing our Town Master Plan using the opinions shared at the public meetings and on the surveys. Contact any of the Board members listed below if you have more ideas for Groton's future.

2013 began as 2012 ended, with many meetings concerning EDP Renewables desired meteorological tower located on Maxam property. After several public meetings, the Board approved the Site Plan Review application for the Met tower with the following conditions:

1. The final plan submitted to the Board for signature shall include a signature block consisting of seven signature lines and a date line.
2. The final plan submitted to the Board for signature shall identify the access from Hardy Country Road to the tower location.
3. The tower shall be installed in conformance with all manufacturer specifications.
4. The meteorological tower shall be removed from the property within six months of the end of its useful life. A bond sufficient to secure this obligation shall be provided by the applicant.

Following a hearing on the application, EDP's plan was approved.

The Board also dealt with two lot line adjustments and one sub-division. By the end of December we should be finalizing a sub-division plan from Green Acre Woodlands that will benefit the town.

Steve (Slim) Spafford, Chair

Jenny Burnett, clerk

Russ Carruth

Deb Johnson

Dave Labar

Celine Richer

Robert Ferriere, Select Board liaison

Sharon Nelson and Ray Blake, Alternates

## **Conservation Commission Report**

Conservation Commissions are a resource for the Town that they serve. The Town and any of its committees may call upon the Commission for information, expertise or recommendations regarding any issue that could impact the quality of the environment in the Town. The Commission, itself, has no regulatory or enforcement authority.

The Groton Conservation Commission met regularly throughout the year and approved one application for a stream crossing. The bridge across Hardy Brook leading to the Town Pond was completed and dedicated during our resurrected fishing derby. The derby was a great success with youngsters from Groton and nearby towns enjoying the day and catching numerous trout. The bridge was completed by Glen Hansen Construction and the Commission expresses its thanks for a fine job completed on a short schedule.

Members of the Commission selected three parcels currently owned by the Town and toured these pieces. General descriptions of the parcels as well as comments and suggestions for their usage were conveyed to the Select Board. The Commission intends to continue this practice for other Town owned parcels.

The Commission is currently up to full enrollment with seven voting members and one alternate and anticipates a busy 2015. One important undertaking will be formulating a plan to obtain a Natural Resources Inventory of the Town environment. Details are currently being developed and interested residents are encouraged to attend Commission meetings and contribute their views.

Commission meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town House. All are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Louis R. Lieto, Chair  
Groton Conservation Commission

## **Old Home Day Committee**

In 2014, the Old Home Day Committee continued the evening schedule with another successful celebration. It is an awesome experience to see the participation of the townspeople and it is hoped that this event will continue for many years to come.

The annual parade kicked off the Old Home Day Event, as normal, with winners chosen and given a small cash prize in each of the following categories:

- Kids – 1<sup>st</sup> place: Hula hoop girl – Madison Crowley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hawaiian girl – Kasandra McClay, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Bicycle girl – June Hagan
- Floats – 1<sup>st</sup> place: Hardy County Groomer towed by G.R. Hansen Company with an entry submitted by David Lloyd (Assistant Trail Master for Hardy Country Snowmobile Club), 2<sup>nd</sup> place: the disgruntled cannon shooting four-wheeler driven by Glen Hansen.
- Antique Vehicles - 1<sup>st</sup> place: the Jeep Willey driven by Rick Belanger owner of Ponderosa Disposal in Epsom, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fire Truck driven by Gary Easson for owner Glen Hansen.

Complications with the weather projections of the day, delayed the start of the entertainment, but once the band was moved under the pavilion – what a great show. Studio II Tribute is a Beatles Tribute Band who got the audience feeling nostalgic. A very energetic band who really made you feel like you were watching the Beatles.

The Committee continued to offer a free cookout to the public with hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks. In addition, Terri & Glen Hansen bought and prepared sausage and peppers for subs and also provided the sub buns. Thank you Terri & Glen for your continued support and for providing such yummy food.

Thank you also to Ron Madan who after driving in the parade cooked the food, until it was all gone. Thank you to Carol Poitras and Allison Bagley for helping to serve the food. Thank you also to Ron Madan for providing the popcorn machine and all the supplies, which was free to the public as well.

A small group of vendors participated in setting up for the evening. The Groton Police Department set up information and was available for child seat safety checks, the Groton Historical Society set up information tables on the history of Groton and some crafts and yard sale items were also set up.

Kids were able to participate in games which included: egg toss, water balloons, and other fun as provided by Vicki Kimball and her family. Kids were also able to look at the parade vehicles up close with the “Touch a Truck” event. The parade vehicles were parked along the outside of the field for anyone to get a closer look at. Kids and adults also got to jump to their hearts content in the jumping tent. Thank you to Ron Madan for providing the tent and taking the time to set it up for all to enjoy.

A new addition to the event this year was the installation of a PA system as provide by Gary’s Electric. Gary Easson donated the equipment and time to set it up and take it down. The PA system made it much easier to make announcements and direct people to things going on around the Park.

The Committee continued the raffles of gift cards, as provided by donation or purchase. The winners were:

- \$25 Walmart Card – Donna Simonds
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- \$25 Hannaford Card – L. Shinn
- \$25 Mobile Gas Card – Helen Martyszyn
- \$10 Dunkin Donuts Card – Jami-Lynn McClay
- \$10 Dunkin Donuts Card – Kasandra McClay
- \$10 Dunkin Donuts Card – Doreen O’Brien

- 50/50 Raffle – gave the winner \$49 – the winner donated \$9 back to the Old Home Day Committee but unfortunately will have to remain anonymous as we didn't have her name

The night was drawn to a close with another great display of fireworks. Tilton Fireworks always provides great product, helps with the line-up for shooting, and adds extra to the purchase. Glen Hansen solicits donations, purchases the fireworks, sets up and lights the display. He does a wonderful show and we are very thankful for his participation in the Committee.

Between donations, raffles, and unspent money from preparations, the Old Home Day Committee deposited \$573.00 back to the fund. Of course, the event would be on a much smaller scale if not for the donation of \$1,000 from Groton Wind, LLC. We would be remiss if we didn't thank them for their continued support.

Overall the event was a great night, with families and friends attending. Without the townspeople's continued support, Old Home Day wouldn't be the great event it was. Thank you for taking the time to come out and play.

Respectfully submitted,  
Old Home Day Committee

Vicki Kimball, Pamela Yinger, Miles Sinclair, Glen Hansen, Christina Goodwin

## **Groton Recreation Committee**

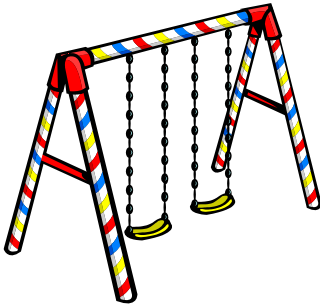
Over the years the Groton Recreation Committee has hosted a variety of events and realized its dream of creating what is now known as the Everett Hobart Memorial Park. For 2014, the Select Board was able to install a new sign for the Park and added some sand to the playground.

At present there are no members serving on the Committee. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Select Board



## **Groton Public Library**

This year the Library Trustees devoted a considerable amount of time to obtaining an accurate history of the Library. The history must include the distant past and more recent years. Library records were either destroyed in the flood of 2004 or misplaced if stored in resident's homes. We need to have accurate data about the Groton Library in order to pursue any grants or other funding for relocating the library in the future.

Some Trustees interviewed a number of older citizens in the community to try to get as much useful information as possible. The Trustees also visited the State Office of Charitable Trusts and the County Registry of Deeds Office. At this time, no definitive information is available. This is an ongoing project and we would greatly appreciate information that Town residents may have to help us reconstruct the past.

In the fall, the Library held a public meeting for the community to get resident's input on the future of the Library. Approximately fourteen people attend the meeting and provided numerous suggestions for the library's role in the community's future. The Trustees will be giving these suggestions serious consideration in 2015.

Cassandra Viger continues to serve as Librarian and our hours of operation are Tuesday 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM. The Library Trustees meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 PM and the public is always welcome. As in the past, any resident wishing to use the Library may do so anytime the Town Offices are open. One may check out books on the honor system by leaving a note for the Librarian stating your name and the date as well as title and author of the books to be checked out. Books may be returned through the drop box on the outside of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees: Marilyn Lieto, Paula Stata, Pam Yinger



# **GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*(Celebrating 25 years, 1989-2014)*

2014 saw the Groton Historical Society (GHS) busy “Preserving Groton’s Past for its Future”. Many hours were devoted to preserving the School House #4 Museum, research and display development, archiving, and document and artifact protection. GHS had set a number of goals for the year and was able to accomplish the following:

- to have the exterior of Schoolhouse #4 (which serves as the GHS Museum) and the bell housing painted, and all windows re-glazed
- improve the archiving of documents with 2 needed filing cabinets
- re-organization of the files with use of acid-free sleeves
- install room-darkening shades for protection from sunlight
- cover a library table with plexi-glass to exhibit documents safely under glass protection
- provide casters to safely and easily move our display cabinets as needed
- purchase office supplies recommended for proper use in archiving.

GHS continues to provide interesting programs for the community. This year we hosted/presented the following events:

- On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, GHS Board member Roger Daniels presented a superb program about Thomas Edison. He delighted the audience with a history of the development cylinder records and the gramophone. Mr. Daniels has been collecting cylinder records for over 50 years and he played several recordings for the audience.
- In May, GHS hosted a Memorial Day ceremony honoring our veterans. There were presentations on the biggest nautical battle of the Civil War which was waged between the Alabama and the Kearsage (the Kearsage was made from timbers harvested on New Hampshire’s Mt. Kearsage), Groton resident Hiram Hardy who fought in the Civil War, and Groton soldier Harold “Joe” Matthews, who served in Vietnam
- July 3<sup>rd</sup>, on the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg, gifted historian Mike McKinley of Bristol was invited by the Groton Historical Society to present the battle through the personal

accounts and human interest stories of the soldiers AND civilians – men, women and children – who participated in or witnessed the events of those three memorable days

- In October, GHS hosted the New Hampshire Humanities program *Harnessing History: On the trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook.*

In addition to these programs, GHS had a presence at the Hebron Fair, Groton Old Home Day and the Groton's Senior Thanksgiving Dinner.

We designed our first calendar (for 2015) entitled "Scholars and Schools of Groton New Hampshire." The calendar included a number of photos of Groton's one room school houses. It is our goal to continue to produce calendars with various themes and photos.

GHS would like to thank its members and friends for their continued support. In 2014 the donations received from the Town of Groton (\$850), the New Hampshire Electric Coop Foundation (\$4,000) and Groton Wind (\$1,000) funded the many necessary projects that enabled us to continue to move forward preserving and protecting Groton's history. Our 2015 goals include providing interesting and educational programs, improving access to the Museum and continuing archiving and research. To join us in our endeavors, consider a membership and participation in our programs, and in gathering more history about this special community.

Our mailing address is PO Box 50, Rumney, NH 03266. *The Groton Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

## **Groton Historical Society**

### **Board Members**

Roger Daniels

Debra Lindsey (Vice President)

Kathy Sobetzer (Curator)

Nancy Watson

Pamela Hamel (Treasurer)

Sharon Nelson (Secretary)

Louise Traunstein (President)

## **NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL, INC.**

There were many changes at North Country Council this past year. In March a new Executive Director was hired. Shortly thereafter an administrative assistant was hired in order to ensure the efficient use of public dollars by organizing the office. There have been numerous administrative changes to reduce costs including small contracts that produced an \$800 per month reduction for the photocopier lease, new strategy for health insurance which will save almost \$20,000 a year and investments in information technology that will enable staff to provide better service to the region. Four new part-time employees were hired in order to increase the organization's capacity to serve member communities and new foundation and private funding sources were obtained to provide match for federal dollars; this allows more of the member dues to be used for direct services back to communities.

Governance of North Country Council also has seen some changes. The Representatives, that your community appoints, met to discuss and approve the budget and work plan that is carried out over the year. They asked many great questions and appreciated the meeting separated from the traditional Annual Meeting. As we move forward the Representatives will play a key role in assisting with defining the methodology used for.

Beginning in February/March the staff of North Country Council will be holding remote office hours once a month in Plymouth, Colebrook, Albany and Berlin. Questions about Board roles, services of the NCC, land use issues, transportation process and other issues will be addressed by staff in more convenient locations.

The work plan can be viewed at [www.nccouncil.org](http://www.nccouncil.org). Additionally, at this site you can find numerous work products and a list of services and Board and Representative information.

The North Country Council Board meets regularly on the Second Wednesday of each month at 9:30. Please check the website or call 603-444-6303 for changes or weather related cancellations.

Respectfully submitted  
Christine Frost  
Executive Director



## Tapply-Thompson Community Center

[www.ttccec.org](http://www.ttccec.org) ~ 603-744-2713

### 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

It is hard to believe that our Community Center is entering its 70th year of serving the Newfound Community...but we are! We have so much to be thankful for in those years.

A.B. Thompson had the dream and vision to believe that our community would thrive with our own recreation center. Wink Tapply gave that dream the wings it needed to fly and look where we are today.

Stand the 'test of time' programs include:

- We just celebrated our 60th year of Santa's Village this December and had 1,418 visitors over this magical weekend! When "Wink" conceived of this program those many years ago he could not have imagined that it would continue to grow over the next 60 years and be replicated in all corners of the globe by some of the early participants.
- Awesome After School Adventures continues the tradition of offering a safe and active haven for children to enjoy their out of school hours. We have over 100 participants and provide scholarships to ensure that no child is denied this experience.
- Our Summer Camps provide 8 weeks of full-day camps for grades 1 - 8. The camps continue to be an amazing summer experience with high energy staff, exciting field trips and fun activities. We had 183 youth registered and provided \$23,850 in scholarships for these programs.

The Community Center is such an integral part of our communities and our history in the Newfound Region. As we reflect on our 70 years we are so proud to have sustained the dream that was conceived so long ago. Our success can be attributed to an understanding of the need to change with the times and to putting our youth and families first in all decision making. Examples of current program changes include:

- The addition of staffing to extend our hours for out of school time programming. We are now open on all vacation & early release days from 7 am - 5:30 pm to allow families a place that their children can recreate while they are working.

- We have begun new sport programs such as our ‘Lil Kicks Soccer’ and ‘Lil Hoops Basketball’ for 3 - 5 year olds. There are not a lot of opportunities for this age group and these additions have been so appreciated by the families.
- Our Teen Program is growing incredibly with up to 70 teens attending our Tuesday Teen Nights. They have dinner with the staff and get their own special time to have the building.

As staff working in this wonderful community organization we are so very grateful for all of the opportunities we have to make a difference. We have the unique opportunity to help mold the next generation through mentoring, physical activities, volunteer and employment opportunities as well as our daily contact.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors and volunteers. We thrive because of your support. And for that, the Board, Staff, and our families are eternally grateful! Thank you!

***The TTCC Staff & Council would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy 2015!***



Left to Right: 2014 Westward Bounders at the Continental Divide; Photo Bomber at the Father & Daughter Valentine Dance; 60<sup>th</sup> Year of Santa's Village; Great turn-out at our Annual Lobster & Chicken Dinner



Respect    Advocacy    Integrity    Stewardship    Excellence

December 22, 2014

To the Residents of Groton:

*“A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire’s future well-being.”~  
2014 Sentinel Event Review Report*

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health, your community mental health center.

The appropriation we received from the Town of Groton’s 2014 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town. Genesis Behavioral Health is available to provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Groton experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), we served **12 Groton residents and provided Emergency Services to 0 Groton residents.** We provided **\$240.00 in charity care.**

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	7
Ages 18 – 61	3
Age 62 and over	2

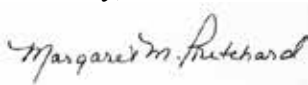
Access to mental health care has been identified as a priority community need for both Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. Reduced access to treatment leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities like yours. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than \$100 billion each year in the United States, causing unnecessary

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disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

Your investment is critical to the sustainability of the Emergency Services program. The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating for our communities. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and lead productive lives. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,642 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 background.

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director



Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.  
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Lebanon, NH  
03766-0433

Phone: 603-448-4897  
Fax: 603-448-3906  
Web site: [www.gcsc.org](http://www.gcsc.org)

## 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 2013-2014, 26 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; seventeen were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 241 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 366 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- The lift-equipped bus transported Groton residents to medical appointments, shopping, the senior center, or other destinations on 30 occasions.
- Groton residents benefited from 43 visits with a trained outreach worker and 44 contacts for assistance from ServiceLink.
- Groton citizens volunteered 404 hours of their time and talent to GCSCC during the past year.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents was \$7,993.60. 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, 2013 to September 30, 2014

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 26 Groton residents (out of 140 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census). ServiceLink served 17 Groton residents.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	Units of Service	x	Unit (1) Cost	=	Total Cost of <u>Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	607	x	\$9.31		\$5,651.17
Transportation	Trips	30	x	\$13.44		\$403.20
Social Services	Half-hours	43	x	\$22.29		\$958.47
ServiceLink Activities	Contacts	44	x	22.29		\$980.76
Activities		44		N/A		
Chore Assistance		1		N/A		

Number of Groton volunteers: 2. Number of Volunteer Hours: 404

GCSCC cost to provide services for Groton residents only	<u>\$7,993.60</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2014	\$200.00
Received from Town of Groton for 2014	\$200.00
Request for Senior Services for 2015	<u>\$500.00</u>

## NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 50.5%; municipalities; County and United Way 11.5%; Client donations for services 11%; Charitable contributions 18.5%; Grants and contracts 6.5%; Other 2%.

## **Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH)**

**Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH)** is a non-profit offering home health, hospice, outpatient rehab, aquatic & fitness memberships, and community services. Our mission is to *improve the health and well-being of the communities by providing excellence in health care services through outreach, in-home and facility based programming.*

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBCH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy through life and with Hospice we can make the end of life journey one of hope, and dignity while putting the patient/family in the driver's seat. Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and many have been able to realize this possibility.

Town funds are used to match grant funding, to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay and to augment (as in Hospice Care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. The agency is dependent upon charitable donations and town funds to continue to provide services. Our website [www.pbhha.org](http://www.pbhha.org) is a resource for the many programs offered at PBCH.

Pemi-Baker Community Health is interested in the complete health of the community.

Our primary services are:

- ∞ **Home Health** - nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, LNAs, and nutritional counseling - in the home setting
- ∞ **Hospice** - nursing, therapy, social work, hospice director, and LNAs - in the home setting
- ∞ **Outpatient Therapy** - Physical, Occupational and Aquatic Therapy - available on site

Supplemental programs offered:

- ∞ Drop In Bereavement Group
- ∞ Mindfulness & Meditation for Grief and Loss
- ∞ Evidence Based Chronic Illness Management
- ∞ Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance
- ∞ Health Fair
- ∞ Women's Day of Wellness
- ∞ Gym and Aquatics Memberships
- ∞ American Red Cross Swim Classes
- ∞ Foot Clinics
- ∞ Blood Pressure Clinics
- ∞ Flu Shot Clinics

- ∞ Nutrition Classes
- ∞ Health Presentations
- ∞ Aquatics Fitness Classes
- ∞ Water Babies Swim Classes
- ∞ Adult Learn to Swim Lessons

Our success is thanks to our skilled, passionate, client focused staff who provide professional care with a personal touch and to a community who has supported us in so many ways. 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.

Thank you for all your support!

Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA  
Executive Director

## *Voices Against Violence*

*Voices Against Violence*

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### **Board of Directors**

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**Heather Chabot**  
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College

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From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 **Voices Against Violence** worked with **683** adult and child victims/survivors who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. In **Groton** alone, Voices provided **17 service hours with 29 contacts** to Groton residents. 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.

Following are the services we provided to adults and children living in Groton in the 2013-2014 year (please note, individuals may receive multiple services):

<b>Accompaniment</b>	3
<b>Civil Court Support</b>	2
<b>Emergency Legal Support</b>	10
<b>Follow Up</b>	10
<b>Material Goods Assistance</b>	2
<b>Personal Advocacy</b>	9
<b>Safety Planning</b>	13

Voices reached an additional 2,134 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 2015 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.**

30 Exchange Street, Berlin, NH 03570 · (603)752-7001 · 1-800-552-4617 · Fax: (603)752-7607

Website: <http://www.tccap.org> · E-mail: [admin@tccap.org](mailto:admin@tccap.org)

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting at your 2015 Town Meeting \$1,543.00 in funding from the Town of Groton to help support its Community Contact Division located in Ashland.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2013-2014:

<b><u>Services Provided</u></b>	<b><u># of Households</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
Fuel Assistance: Includes 4 emergencies	42 (88ppl)	\$34,620.00
State-Wide Electric Assistance Program	37	\$22,410.90
USDA distribution to Bristol Food Pantries for your use via CAP		\$8,132.06
Referrals Provided for Project Care to Prevent Utility Disconnects	1	\$320.00

**Through the efforts of the Tri-County Community Action, the citizens of Groton have received a total of \$57,030.90 in direct funds for essential services for this fiscal year, not including indirect funds for food pantries and Project Care applications. This represents an increase of \$18,443.11 from the previous year.**

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**  
41 School Street, Ashland NH 03217  
(603)968-3560 Fax: (603)968-7381



## **Newfound Lake Region Association**

In 2014, the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) continued working with watershed towns, businesses, summer camps, permanent and seasonal residents to steward Newfound's clean water and healthy forests that support our local economy and quality of life.

Highlights for 2014 include:

- Completing our 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake. As noted in NLRA's October 2014 newsletter, *The Monitor* (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3ZgrJ7Tv9sZaEhpTmZVMDgwbUk/view>), water quality is declining at the southern ends of Newfound Lake. While still clean overall, Newfound Lake is feeling the pressures from increasing storm intensity and human development.
- Continuing to monitor tributaries and headwater streams at 35 locations. The extensive, healthy forests that form the upland drainages are the source of our clean water. Major storms and various changes in land use (buildings, roads and forestry) can accelerate erosion, reduce water clarity, and increase flooding.
- Completing the final phase of *Every Acre Counts: The Newfound Watershed Master Plan*. The final report contains valuable information on sources of stormwater pollution and practical means for its mitigation. Extensive land use/land cover and natural resources maps are included to assist towns with low-impact planning that will preserve our environment and the economy that clean water and healthy forests support. The NLRA will provide a complimentary copy of the report to each of the five watershed towns in early 2015.

- Coordinating the Lake Host program to prevent exotic milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake. In 2014 paid and volunteer personnel inspected over 3,000 boats at the Wellington boat ramp and covered all sanctioned fishing tournaments. Three samples of invasives were removed from incoming boats in late August. The risk of invasives blighting Newfound is real and growing. The presence of invasives in the Lake will significantly decrease property values and tourism revenue in the Newfound region.
- Protecting the fantastic 400-acre Goose Pond / Sugarloaf Ridge parcel, located adjacent to Wellington State Park and overlooking Newfound Lake and beyond to the majestic Franconia Range of the White Mountains. Strategic land conservation protects water resources, wildlife habitat, rural character and the economic stability of the Newfound watershed.

Because clean water and our local economy depend on a healthy watershed, we appeal to all property owners to include conservation and stormwater management in your land-use planning and actions, and to engage with your Town boards to adopt sustainable and low-impact land-use ordinances such as riparian buffers, steep slope / erodible soil protections, and policies that preserve local aesthetics such as visual screening of buildings and dark sky standards.

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

**The Newfound Lake Region Association**

**10 North Main St., Unit 1**

**Bristol, NH 03222**

**603-744-8689**

**[info@NewfoundLake.org](mailto:info@NewfoundLake.org)**

## **Minutes for 2014 Annual Meeting**

### **BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 11, 2014**

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

#### **Results for March 11, 2014 Town Election**

SELECTMAN	3 year term	Robert A. Ferriere
MODERATOR	2 year term	Louis Lieto
TREASURER	3 year term	Darlene J. Andrews
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND	3 year term	Michele D. Escobar
PLANNING BOARD	3 year term	Deborah B. Johnson
PLANNING BOARD	3 year term	Russell B. Carruth
TOWN AUDITOR	1 year term	Tammy Drolet
CEMETERY TRUSTEE	3 year term	Sharon E. Nelson
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	2 year term	Paula W. Stata
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 year term	Pamela K. Yinger
ZONING BOARD	2 year term	Frank V. Grelle
ZONING BOARD	3 year term	Jiri Hajek
ZONING BOARD	3 year term	Charles Stata
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	6 year term	Pamela E. Ferriere
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	4 year term	Paula W. Stata

#### **DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 15, 2014**

Attendees were:

Board of Selectmen: Christina Goodwin, Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews

Administrative Assistant: Pamela Hamel

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Laura Hauser

Town Moderator: Lou Lieto

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



ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred forty-six, six hundred fifteen dollars (\$646,615)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

ARTICLE 2 **PASSES** as written

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

ARTICLE 3 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue receiving FIRE and EMS services from the Town of Rumney.

An amendment to ARTICLE 4 is submitted.

AMENDED ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue receiving Fire service from Town of Rumney.

To amend ARTICLE 4 **FAILS**

A vote is called on Article 4 as written

ARTICLE 4 **FAILS** 25 NO 13 YES

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand, seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$80,791)** for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the highway department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of **forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000)** from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining balance to come from taxation, with any funds received from the trade in value from the 2006 FORD F350 to be used to offset the amount raised through taxation. Article 7 is contingent upon passage of this article.

An amendment to ARTICLE 5 is submitted.

AMENDED ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand, seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$80,791)** for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the highway department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of **forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000)** from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining balance to come from taxation.

To amend Article 5 **PASSES.**

A second amendment to ARTICLE 5 is submitted.

(2<sup>ND</sup>) AMENDED ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand, seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$80,791)** for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the highway department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of **forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000)** from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining balance to be funded from an anticipated grant and general taxation, and trade-in value of Ford F350. Article 7 is contingent upon passage of this article.

The second amendment to ARTICLE 5 **FAILS.**

A vote is called on amended Article 5

AMENDED ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand, seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$80,791)** for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the highway department, to be offset by authorizing the transfer of **forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000)** from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining balance to come from taxation.

AMENDED ARTICLE 5 **PASSES**

ARTICLE 6: 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. 31,2013 balance: 42,021.44).

ARTICLE 6 **FAILS**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven thousand, four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$7,475)** for the purpose of purchasing a new sand and salt spreader. This article is contingent of passage of article 5.

ARTICLE 7 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** for the repair of Groton paved roads.

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 the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road.

An amendment to Article 9 is submitted.

AMENDED ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road.

To amend ARTICLE 9 **FAILS**

A vote is called on ARTICLE 9 as written.

ARTICLE 9 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-nine thousand, six hundred fifty dollars (\$29,650)** to construct a fire escape for the second floor of the Town House.

ARTICLE 10 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500)** to purchase and equip a used vehicle to be used by the Police Department.

ARTICLE 11 **PASSES** as written

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ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four thousand, six hundred forty-four dollars (\$4,644)** to purchase an extended service protection plan for the backhoe.

ARTICLE 12 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred dollars (\$200)** to maintain the Town's cemeteries, and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing \$200 from cemetery trust funds.

ARTICLE 13 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Works Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of relocating the Town Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be placed in this fund, and to further appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the fund.

ARTICLE 14 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500)** for deposit into the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$13,003.67)

ARTICLE 15 **PASSES** as written

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 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$16,032.41)

An amendment to ARTICLE 16 is submitted:

AMENDED ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand dollars (\$2,000)** for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$16,032.41).

To amend ARTICLE 16 **FAILS**.

A vote is called on Article 16 as written

ARTICLE 16 **PASSES** as written

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 Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$29,167.07)

ARTICLE 17 **PASSES** as written

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 Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$58,029.22)

ARTICLE 18 **PASSES** as written

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 Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$41,006.00)

An amendment to ARTICLE 19 is submitted.

AMENDED ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$41,006.00)

To amend ARTICLE 19 **FAILS**.

A vote is called on Article 19 as written

ARTICLE 19 **PASSES** as written

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 Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$14,820.73)

ARTICLE 20 **PASSES** as written

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 Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$18,072.98)

An amendment to ARTICLE 21 is submitted.

AMENDED ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand dollars (\$2,000)** for deposit into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$18,072.98)

To amended ARTICLE 21 **PASSES**

A vote is called on amended Article 21

AMENED ARTICLE 21 **PASSES**

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$55,797.92)

An amendment to ARTICLE 22 is submitted.

AMENDED ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **zero dollars (\$0.00)** for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$55,797.92)

To amend ARTICLE 22 **PASSES**

A vote is called on amended Article 22

AMENDED ARTICLE 22 **PASSES**

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$15,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, then must have been married for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or if married, a

combined net income of not more than \$30,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 or if married, combined net assets not in excess of \$55,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE 23 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 24: Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the town of Groton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$35,000; for a person 80 years of age and older, \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 or, if married, combined net assets not in excess of \$55,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

ARTICLE 24 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 25: 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.

ARTICLE 25 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 26: 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 26 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the following tax deeded property using the services of a real estate broker to market such property rather than disposing of the property by public auction or sealed bid:

67 River Road	Map 1 Lot 92
Dodge Road	Map 6 Lot 87
Dodge Road	Map 6 Lot 88
856 & 858 North Groton Road	Map 7 Lot 34

ARTICLE 27 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund created in 2008. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$1,061.56)

ARTICLE 28 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Old Home Day Revolving Fund and to further raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand, sixty-two dollars (\$1,062)** to be placed in this account by authorizing the transfer of \$1,062 from the unreserved fund balance as of December 31, 2013, and to further appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from this fund. Said sum represents the balance of the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund as of December 31, 2013.

ARTICLE 29 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to ratify the action taken at the 2004 Town Meeting authorizing the change of purpose of the Playground Expendable Trust Fund to the Groton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 30 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 31: By petition, the undersigned eligible voters of the town of Groton, NH to see if the town will vote to urge:

That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.



And furthermore, that this Town Meeting vote be a record that We the People want Congress and the NH State legislature to:

- Institute full, effective and immediate electronic disclosure of all election-related spending by any individual, group, corporation, party or institution.
- Provide for fair, nonpartisan and vigorous enforcement of existing campaign laws and regulations by federal and state agencies.
- Enact an absolute ban on campaign contributions by foreign governments, foreign agencies, foreign corporations or their subsidiaries and employees in the US who are not US citizens.

ARTICLE 31 **PASSES** as written

ARTICLE 32: Whereas: A road of historic significance completed in August 1771, so the Governor of the Province of New Hampshire could travel from Wolfeboro to Dartmouth College for commencement exercises.

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

To be resolved: We the Petitioners of Groton NH Petition the board of Selectmen to include a Warrant Article to be presented to the town at the 2014 town meeting.

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

A vote is called on Article 32 as written

ARTICLE 32 **FAILS** 16 yes 21 no

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting.

Motion **PASSES** and the meeting adjourned 2:30PM.

This is a true attest of warrant and the Groton Town Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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Laura J. Hauser, Groton Town Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  


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DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  


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GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  


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# Resident Death Report

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Konitzer-Sinclair, Cheryl	07/08/2014	Concord, NH	Konitzer, James	Shaw, Patricia	N
Campbell, Elizabeth	09/22/2014	Plymouth, NH	Osterman, Herman	Unknown, Anne	N
Lavallee, Doris	09/24/2014	Meredith, NH	Horne, Tracy	Chartier, Irene	N
McLaughlin, Terry	10/12/2014	Groton, NH	McLaughlin, Robert	Smith, Dorothy	N

# Resident Marriage Report

Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Paladino, Alan D.	Groton	Woolsey, Nancy E.	Groton	Groton	Groton	07/12/2014
Smith, Daryl E.	Groton	Moore, Sara E.	Groton	Groton	Hebron	10/25/2014



## Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!

All dog licenses are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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	9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday	5:30pm – 7:30pm

## **Groton's First Old Home Day**

The following is a portion of an article that appeared in "The Ashland Citizen" on Saturday, September 12, 1925 regarding Groton's first Old Home Day:

"Old Home Day at North Groton was observed for the first time on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, in the little white meeting house on the hill. There was a gratifying attendance of nearly one hundred folks of all ages, from four octogenarians to a babe in arms. By eleven o'clock in the morning, a goodly number had assembled. There were greetings among the older people and lively games on the lawn for the children. Ice cream cones and soft drinks were greatly in demand throughout the day. Basket lunches were supplemented with hot baked beans and coffee which were provided by the generosity of Mrs. Kinne and one or two other ladies. Shortly after luncheon, Mr. Sewall Kinne called the people together for a short program, which began with the singing of America and one or two familiar old hymns. Mr. John Keniston of Plymouth spoke, in a very interesting way, about early grants of land in the town, which was then known as Cockermouth, and emphasized the importance of looking up and keeping early historical records. This was followed by a reading of a poem written by Mr. Horace E. Warner, a summer resident of Groton, which set forth in an amusing fashion the contrast between the simplicity of early days and the complexity of modern times. Mr. George J. Cummings, a native of North Groton, who is now in his eighty-eighth year, read extracts from several letters of greeting that had been received from former residents of the town who are now living in distant parts of the United States. Many incidents of their early life in the place created much amusement. Mr. Leon Bryar of West Rumney entertained everyone with his graphic description of his boyhood days in North Groton 35 years ago. Mr. Henry C. Sanborn of Cockermouth Camp, an adopted son of the town, expressed his interest in Groton, in her early history and traditions. Mr. Cummings reported that he had succeeded in raising the sum of \$325 toward the care of the cemetery and that he wished to increase this sum to \$500. Thereupon, Mr. John Craig of West Rumney came to the front in an energetic manner and offered to add to this sum as much as anyone present would pledge. Three five dollar gifts were

immediately handed over and Mr. Craig had soon increased this sum to \$32. The meeting was closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." After the exercises, a large number of the people adjourned to a nearby field where a baseball game furnished a lively finale to a most successful Old Home Day.

The article goes on to mention a number of out of town guests who had attended the festivities.



# 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

## SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:00**  
**Friday: 8:00-12:00**

**744-9190**  
**744-3382 fax**

[selectmen@grotonnh.org](mailto:selectmen@grotonnh.org)  
[www.grotonnh.org](http://www.grotonnh.org)

## SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday Evenings: 7:00 pm**

**Please call 744-9190 by noon on Fridays to get on the following week's agenda.**

**Administrative Assistant:**  
**Sara Smith**

## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00-4:00**  
**Tuesday evenings: 5:30-7:30**  
**All other times by appointment**

**Laura Hauser**  
**Ann Joyce – Deputy**

**744-8849**  
**744-8803 fax**

[townclerk@grotonnh.org](mailto:townclerk@grotonnh.org)

## TRANSFER STATION HOURS

**Wednesday: 1:00-7:00**  
**Saturday: 9:00-5:00**  
**Sunday: 12:00-6:00**

**744-3623**

**Transfer Station Superintendent:**  
**Joe Koslow**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Chief Joseph Pivirotto**

**744-3703**  
**744-7894 (fax)**

[police@grotonnh.org](mailto:police@grotonnh.org)

**Animal Control Officer: Kyle Andrews**

**EMERGENCY: 911**

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Road Agent: Glen Hansen**

**744-3758**

