



# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF GROTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

## **Dedication of the Town Report**

The Select Board has chosen to dedicate the 2015 Town Report to Pamela Yinger. Pamela was born in a Melrose Massachusetts hospital but her hometown was Bristol, New Hampshire. She was the daughter of Aileen & Clement Yinger and had one brother, Winthrop “Wimpy” Yinger. Her father served the church on the hill in Bristol for 5 years and then became the first minister of the Methodist Church, which was located where the Tapply-Thompson Community Center now exists. Her parents owned what is known as the Punch Brook Farm since 1942 and Pam spent many summers visiting Groton with her family. In 2003, Pam took the leap and became a permanent resident.

Pam was a teacher for 35 years in Rochester, New York in a bi-lingual program. When she moved to Groton, Pam became very involved in the community. She was the Town’s Librarian for 5 years, a Library Trustee for 6 years, a Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years and a Deacon in the Hebron Church since 2003. She loves Groton and her home and was often found volunteering at Old Home Days, Library events and any other events she could. She spent many a Select Board meeting in her “usual” seat becoming informed and asking questions. In recent years, Pam’s health has made it much harder for her to attend, but she still keeps informed and shares her love for Groton any chance she can get.

Pam has always been an avid storyteller, taking up writing and sharing stories from her teaching years. She has just finished her 8<sup>th</sup> children’s book, sharing stories such as “King Dandy Lion meets Monty Monkey”, “How Rudolph the Reindeer got his Red, Red Nose”, and “An American Indian Story”. As an author and storyteller, Pam has made appearances in England, London, and various parts of the northeastern United States. She has been invited to area schools, libraries and churches to share her stories and presentations. Her great love of storytelling is evident and if you have ever have a chance to sit and visit with Pam at the farm, it will be well worth your visit.

Pam’s family and friends mean the world to her and are often a big part of her stories. Her niece and nephews keep in touch with her every week and when you hear “Auntie Pam” talk about them, you can feel the love. Her other family of the

four-legged persuasion, are her pride and joy and she often talks about her most recent companions, Lucky and Libby and loves to show them off. Pam is jewel in Groton that we are truly blessed to have part of our community.



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# Annual Report

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*(Incorporated December 7, 1796)*

*New Hampshire*  
*Year Ending December 31, 2015*

## *Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2015*

<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Health Officer</b>
Sara Smith	Select Board
<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 Pivirotto	Roger Thompson
<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>Deputy Wardens</b>
EJ Thompson Andrew Newcomb	Bill Oakley Joe Pivirotto Norm Willey EJ Thompson Daryl Smith
<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	Richard Cross
<b>Ballot Clerks</b>	<b>Road Agent Assistants</b>
Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Helen Santoro	Ron Madan Kevin Wilbur
<b>Janitorial</b>	
Cassandra Viger	

## ***Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2015***

<b>Select Board</b> Robert Ferriere 2017 Christina Goodwin 2016 John Rescigno 2018	<b>Moderator</b> Lou Lieto 2016
<b>Treasurer</b> Darlene Andrews 2017	<b>Trustees of the Trust Fund</b> Celine Ritcher 2018 Michele Escobar 2017 Chuck Stata 2016
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b> Laura Hauser 2016	<b>Library Trustees</b> Elizabeth Jespersen 2018 Paula Stata 2016 Pamela Yinger 2017
<b>Planning Board</b> Jennifer Burnett 2016 Celine Richer 2016 Russell Carruth 2017 Deb Johnson 2017 Dave LaBar 2017 Forest Blake 2017 Sharon Nelson (Alternate) Robert Ferriere (Select Board Liaison)	<b>Zoning Board</b> Frank Grelle 2016 Glen Hansen 2016 Chuck Stata 2016 Mark Watson 2017 Nancy Watson 2018
<b>Road Agent</b> Glen Hansen 2016	<b>Local Auditor</b> Deb Lindsey 2016
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b> Elizabeth Jespersen 2018 Otto Jespersen 2016 Sharon Nelson 2017	<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b> Pamela Hamel 2016 Anne Tobine 2016 Pamela Ferriere 2020



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

2015 was a very busy year full of challenges and changes for the Select Board and the Town of Groton. The Board made decisions based upon the best interest of the Town and its employees.

Changes in the Select Board were kicked off with the Town Meeting, when the Board wished good luck to Kyle Andrews again after his return to assist the short-handed Board. In the elections, after a recount vote, John Rescigno was welcomed to the Board. John brings another new perspective and has brought energy to his first year.

The Board also found some continued fluctuation in staff, with the first challenge coming when they reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Police Chief Joe Pivrotto. The Board was reluctant but knew all along that it was Joe's long-term plan to resign in 2016. Joe served the Town of Groton well as Police Chief, bringing respect and consistency back to a Department that had struggled for a few years. He will be truly missed but the Board wishes him well in his retirement. Now the Board was faced with finding a new Chief. Joe was very involved in the process and after an extensive search, the Board unanimously appointed Ernest J. Thompson, Jr. (EJ) as the new Chief. EJ began his new duties as of the first of 2016. EJ brings experience and knowledge not to mention his familiarity with the Town of Groton.

The next challenge was when the Board regrettably accepted the resignation of Town Clerk/Tax Collector Laura Hauser. Laura served the Town well in her capacity for a number of years. She accumulated a wealth of knowledge and often went above and beyond when helping the townspeople. Laura will be missed and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Ann Joyce assumed the responsibilities of the Interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector in January. The Board is very thankful for Ann and has the utmost faith in her role. Ruth Millet submitted her name and was appointed by the Board to begin training as the new Town Clerk/Tax

Collector. She is on the ballot for 2016 and the Board wishes her well in the election.

Then at the Transfer Station, George Evirs and James Joyce submitted resignations. Both George and James made great suggestions and improvements at the Transfer Station and once again the Board was sad to see them go. With their departure and an extensive search, the Board was able to hire Richard Cross. Richard has continued improvements and making suggestions to streamline the process and provide better service for the townspeople.

Next the Board accepted resignations in the Police Department, Everett Knighton went on to a full-time position in another Town in July and Andrew Newcomb left in December. The Board wishes both of them good luck in their new positions. As the year started in 2016, the Police Department is soliciting for two part-time positions.

The 2015 Town Meeting continued the progress started the year before, with the road project, completing reconstruction of another approximately 1,400 linear foot section of North Groton Road. The bid was awarded to Dana White Construction and once again, even with the challenges of the location, was able to keep the costs under the approved warrant amount. The Board was 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 completed in 2014 and the Board solicited quotes to have it treated, opting for a white finish. Mr. Paul Cole worked on this project and will be finished in 2016. In addition, to the work on the egress, Mr. Cole quoted and was selected to replace the deck and ramp access for the front of the building. Mr. Cole did a great job on this project.

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. Negotiations stalled once again in 2015 and the purchase is no longer being considered. The Acquisition Committee was disbanded during the year.

The Board approved the purchase of the property located across from the Town's Transfer Station for \$50,000 in July of 2015. Although nothing has begun on the project, the Board will begin to develop plans for the clearing and construction in 2016. It is with the Board's recommendation that we continue to place money in the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund to aid in funding the project in the upcoming years. Also with the purchase of this property for the Highway Department, the Town Pound, a great historical site was returned to Town ownership. The Historical Society has begun research on the location and the Board plans to begin cleaning up the Pound in 2016.

With the departure of the Town's Health Officer in 2014, the Board solicited for most of 2015, for a suitable candidate. During the year and after a large search, the Board has extended a conditional offer to a candidate. He is expected to take over the duties, which the Board has been tasked with, after Town Meeting in April 2016. There have been a number of items/concerns reviewed in 2015 and the Board is working diligently to get them addressed by working with the property owners first and if necessary involving town counsel. We are looking forward to the new Health Officer being able to continue the steps started in 2015.

In 2015, the Board accepted a donation of \$5,000 from Groton Wind to be used for the purchase and installation of dry hydrants and cisterns. For years, the Town has voted to place money in a Capital Reserve Fund with the intent of establishing a Fire Department or purchasing equipment to be used in fire protection for the Town. After input at the 2015 Town Meeting, the Board is looking into a different direction to protect the Town and will be prioritizing plans in 2016.

Toward the end of the year, the Board made a decision to hire Municipal Resources, Inc, to perform an update of job descriptions for the Town employees and complete a comprehensive wage study at the cost of \$4,900. It has been a number of years since any Board was able to complete an official study or update

job descriptions and we felt that this was very important for this to be done. The Board accepted the final report in December and has made wage adjustments based off of the study for 2016. It was determined in the final report that three positions required immediate adjustment. Therefore, the Board chose to act upon the information given. The wage study and final report can be viewed on the Town's website on the Select Board page.

Other changes to mention in 2015 included but are not limited to: moved the copier from inside the Select Board office to allow better access for Departments, Committees and the Supervisors of the Checklist; continued steps to perambulate the town boundaries; collected fees to repair damage done to the roads in 2014 with the final payment to be made and the work to be done in 2016; named the large hall room after receiving submissions, the Groton Community Room; transitioned from Grafton County dispatch services to Plymouth Police Department dispatch services; provided letter of support for Newfound Lake Region Association with the intent to be included in a grant to replace culverts on Sculptured Rocks Road; and sale of four tax deeded properties to return the properties to the tax rolls.

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

## NOTES

# **Town of Groton Warrant 2016 Annual Meeting**

## **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2016 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 8<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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### **BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 08, 2016**

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

### **DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 12, 2016**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred forty four thousand, four hundred sixty five dollars (\$744,465.00)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4: 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. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 5: 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. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand, five hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$1,555)** for the purpose of landscaping around the Town signs and monument. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,350)** for the purpose of purchasing of an 8 foot York Rake to be mounted on the front of the Dodge. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$3,450)** for the purpose of purchasing of installing a new fence at the Transfer Station. (Majority vote required)

**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, 2015 balance: \$6,048.47) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** for deposit into the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$20,007.23) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 11: 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, 2015 balance: \$26,019.10) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$39,191.79) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$60,360.49) (Majority vote required)

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



ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$51,037.89) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$24,782.02) (Majority vote required)

**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 Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$25,088.95) (Majority vote required)

**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 Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2015 balance: \$5,029.94) (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 18: 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. (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA). (Majority vote required)

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

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** for the purpose of purchasing a storage container for use at the Groton Transfer Station. This sum to come from fund balance and no money will be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)


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

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand (\$6,000.00)** to the Highway and Streets material budget line to insure the adequate upkeep of ALL town maintained roads. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d. The governing body recommends this appropriation. (Submitted by Petition) (Majority vote required).


ARTICLE 22: 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 16 day of February 2016.

**GROTON SELECT BOARD**

  
Christina Goodwin, Chairwoman

  
Robert Ferriere

  
John Rescigno

## TOWN OF GROTON - 2016 Proposed Budget & 2015 Expenditures

		Proposed 2016 Budget	2015 Actual	Approved 2015 Budget
<b>II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)</b>		<b>996,170</b>	943,022.60	<b>1,059,025</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>		<b>744,465</b>	633,505.20	<b>738,226</b>
<b>SPECIAL &amp; INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		<b>251,705</b>	309,517.40	<b>320,799</b>
	<b>1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$292,679</b>	241,575.90	<b>\$319,820</b>
<b>4130</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>56,386</b>	<b>48,235.85</b>	<b>49,050</b>
	4130.1 Administrative Assistant Wages	40,300	33,643.99	33,700
	4130.2 Selectmen Stipend	9,000	9,000.00	9,000
	4130.3 Moderator/Assistant Salary	536	128.75	150
	4130.4 Other Town Meeting Expense	50	0.00	50
	4130.5 Contracted Services(Web hosting)	150	0.00	150
	4130.6 Workshops & Seminars	300	297.80	150
	4130.7 Telephone/Internet	1,200	1,159.02	1,200
	4130.8 Mileage	400	445.57	400
	4130.9 Supplies	1,000	916.64	1,000
	4130.10 Postage	900	841.54	900
	4130.11 Furniture / Fixtures	50	0.00	50
	4130.12 Office Equipment Maintenance	600	619.99	600
	4130.13 Hiring Expenses	400	50.00	200
	4130.14 Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.)	200	200.00	200
	4130.15 Computer/maintenance/software	1,300	932.55	1,300
<b>4140</b>	<b>ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS</b>	<b>53,889</b>	<b>45,461.05</b>	<b>50,250</b>
	4140.1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary	26,400	26,624.00	26,624
	4140.2 Deputy Wages	9,000	5,834.00	6,000
	4140.3 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues	60	60.00	80
	4140.4 Town Clerk Expenses	1,000	1,292.29	1,500
	4140.5 Tax Collector Expenses	3,000	2,876.02	3,200
	4140.6 Workshops & Seminars	1,200	910.00	1,200
	4140.7 Telephone/Internet	1,450	1,327.21	1,400
	4140.8 Computer Maintenance/Software	2,000	974.71	3,000
	4140.9 Advertising	150	0.00	74
	4140.10 Supplies/Advertising Election	421	396.00	421
	4140.11 Supplies-General	1,250	1,116.94	1,250
	4140.12 Postage	1,350	977.99	1,350
	4140.15 Ballot Clerks	1,916	499.55	557
	4140.16 Checklist Supervisors	2,992	1,424.05	2,094
	4140.17 Mileage	1,700	1,148.29	1,500
<b>4150</b>	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>18,720</b>	<b>19,343.41</b>	<b>18,470</b>
	4150.1 Financial Reporting (Town Report)	950	925.00	900
	4150.2 Auditing	4,200	4,171.00	4,000
	4150.3 Assessing	10,600	11,418.00	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	129.41	200
	4150.7 Supplies	20	0.00	20

## TOWN OF GROTON - 2016 Proposed Budget & 2015 Expenditures

		Proposed 2016 Budget	2015 Actual	Approved 2015 Budget
<b>4153</b>	<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>10,698.17</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	6,656.98	8,000
4153.3	Attorney Fees-Junkyard Compliance	3,000	1,500.00	3,000
4153.4	Junkyard Compliance	3,000	2,541.19	3,000
<b>4155</b>	<b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>90,994</b>	<b>80,750.80</b>	<b>78,400</b>
4155.1	NH Retirement System	19,843	16,021.42	15,000
4155.2	Life & Disability Insurance	1,600	1,491.96	1,700
4155.3	Health Insurance	55,051	51,547.12	49,200
4155.4	FICA/Medicare	14,500	11,690.30	12,500
<b>4191</b>	<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>	<b>8,001</b>	<b>283.00</b>	<b>11,001</b>
4191.1	Planning Board Postage	550	0.00	550
4191.2	Planning Board Advertisement	250	55.00	250
4191.3	Planning Board Mileage	100	0.00	100
4191.4	Recording Fees	250	0.00	250
4191.5	Planning Board Dues	1	0.00	1
4191.6	Planning Board Supplies	150	12.00	150
4191.7	Planning Board Seminars/Training	200	0.00	200
4191.8	Planning Board Legal	4,000	216.00	6,000
4191.9	Zoning Board Legal	2,000	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
<b>4194</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>	<b>23,655</b>	<b>18,197.79</b>	<b>23,630</b>
4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:	4,000	3,211.12	4,000
4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages	1,800	1,296.91	1,800
4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance	4,250	673.79	4,250
4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	2,144.55	1,800
4194.5	Cleaning Supplies	150	273.31	125
4194.6	General Supplies	500	273.60	500
4194.7	Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevator)	2,355	2,269.35	2,355
4194.8	Town House Electric	2,800	2,301.84	2,800
4194.9	Town House Heat	6,000	5,753.32	6,000
<b>4195</b>	<b>CEMETERIES</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>1,413.09</b>	<b>5,160</b>
4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	500.00	1,500
4195.2	Salaries	2,500	871.00	2,500
4195.3	Supplies	1,000	38.00	1,000
4195.4	Mileage	75	0.00	75
4195.5	Fuel	50	4.09	50
4195.6	Advertising	35	0.00	35

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		Proposed 2016 Budget	2015 Actual	Approved 2015 Budget
<b>4196</b>	<b>GENERAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>14,872</b>	<b>13,196.00</b>	<b>13,196</b>
4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance	8,842	8,264.00	8,264
4196.2	Workers' Compensation	5,530	4,432.00	4,432
4196.3	Unemployment Compensation	500	500.00	500
<b>4197</b>	<b>ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL ASSOC</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,496.74</b>	<b>2,261</b>
4197.1	Advertising	500	736.30	500
4197.2	Dues	1,700	1,760.44	1,761
<b>4199</b>	<b>OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>53,402</b>
4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances	1	0.00	1
4199.2	Forestry	1	0.00	1
4199.3	Tax Mapping	1,300	0.00	900
4199.4	*Grants	2,500	1,500.00	52,500
	<b>2 - PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>206,019</b>	<b>184,712.84</b>	<b>186,904</b>
<b>4210</b>	<b>POLICE</b>	<b>131,250</b>	<b>116,590.75</b>	<b>120,840</b>
4210.1	Police Chief Wages	55,000	17,875.00	17,000
4210.2	Police Officer Wages (FT)	0.00	40,456.64	43,000
4210.3	Police Officer Wages (PT)	28,000	16068.26	17,500
4210.4	Telephone/Communications	2,400	2,257.36	1,500
4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions	500	500.00	500
4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint	1,500	5,296.17	1,400
4210.7	Office Supplies	1,500	2,302.29	1,200
4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit	3,000	3,000.00	3,000
4210.9	Dispatch Service	6,000	4,938.00	7,000
4210.10	Prosecutor	6,800	5,836.61	5,890
4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance	1,800	3,042.49	1,500
4210.12	Cruiser Equipment	700	137.98	600
4210.13	Uniforms	4,500	1,962.32	2,000
4210.14	Books/Periodical	300	0.00	300
4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammo/taser etc.)	1,800	1,148.25	1,800
4210.16	Mileage	600	241.50	1,500
4210.17	Postage	100	19.60	100
4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser	5,500	4,207.02	5,500
4210.19	Advertising	250	243.00	250
4210.20	Training	8,000	5,158.26	6,800
4210.21	Animal Control	1,500	1,010.00	1,500
4210.22	Special Detail	1,000	390.00	500
4210.23	SOU Stipend	500	500.00	500
<b>4220</b>	<b>FIRE/AMBULANCE</b>	<b>72,919</b>	<b>68,122.09</b>	<b>64,214</b>
4220.1	Stipend	500	500.00	500
4220.2	Communications/Training	300	185.35	300
4220.3	Equipment	800	0.00	300
4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron	50,000	46,085.08	38,000

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		Proposed 2016 Budget	2015 Actual	Approved 2015 Budget
	4220.5 Contracted Services - Rumney	11,000	9,388.54	13,000
	4220.6 Lakes Region Mutual Aid	10,169	11,963.12	11,964
	4220.7 Dues	100	0.00	100
	4220.8 Mileage	50	0.00	50
<b>4290</b>	<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>160,634</b>	<b>136,592.56</b>	<b>148,534</b>
<b>4311</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>95,883</b>	<b>81,034.46</b>	<b>85,983</b>
	4311.1 Road Agent Wages	36,400	31,008.00	28,500
	4311.2 Assistants Wages	25,000	16,504.50	23,000
	4311.3 Telephone	800	774.69	800
	4311.4 Training & CDL Testing	400	175.00	400
	4311.5 Electricity	900	950.12	900
	4311.6 Heating Fuel	3,600	2,956.23	3,600
	4311.7 Mileage	100	90.85	100
	4311.8 Membership/Dues	25	25.00	25
	4311.9 Supplies	400	292.29	400
	4311.10 Truck Payment	28,258	28,257.78	28,258
<b>4312</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>	<b>63,651</b>	<b>54,450.90</b>	<b>61,451</b>
	4312.2 Vehicles-Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	10,000	9,207.22	9,000
	4312.3 Equipment Rentals	5,000	5,792.10	5,000
	4312.4 Material	5,000	2,942.41	4,000
	4312.5 Signs	400	121.61	400
	4312.6 Uniforms	350	0.00	350
	4312.7 Tools & Equipment Purchases	1,500	1,527.83	1,500
	4312.8 Gas	900	361.98	700
	4312.9 Diesel	18,500	13,935.22	18,500
	4312.10 Salt, Sand, Deicer	18,000	17,877.20	18,000
	4312.11 Hydrants	1	0.00	1
	4312.12 Culverts	2,500	2,198.53	2,500
	4312.13 Safety	800	486.80	800
	4312.14 Tree Maintenance	700	0.00	700
<b>4316</b>	<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,107.20</b>	<b>1,100</b>
	4316.1 Utility Charges	1,100	1,107.20	1,100
	<b>4 - SANITATION</b>	<b>60,821</b>	<b>54,712.29</b>	<b>54,579</b>
<b>4321</b>	<b>MONITORING</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>5,068.00</b>	<b>6,500</b>
	4321.1 Landfill Monitoring	5,100	5,068.00	5,000
	4321.2 Landfill Repairs	1,500	0.00	1,500

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<b>4324</b>	<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>54,221</b>	<b>49,644.29</b>	<b>48,079</b>
4324.1	Wages	15,000	13,574.41	12,000
4324.2	Stipend	3,000	3,000.00	3,000
4324.3	Telephone	400	433.46	400
4324.4	Training & Certification	250	150.00	250
4324.5	Electricity	1,400	1,080.95	1,400
4324.6	Propane	750	662.10	750
4324.7	Supplies	300	361.21	200
4324.8	Compactor Related Expenses	1,500	0.00	1,500
4324.9	Mileage	200	81.82	200
4324.10	Dues	625	607.01	608
4324.11	Portable Toilet	1,920	1,635.00	1,920
4324.12	Transportation Costs/Solid Waste	24,000	24,023.40	22,000
4324.13	Recycle Costs	4,000	3,716.45	3,000
4324.14	Uniforms	1	0.00	1
4324.15	Safety	500	28.80	500
4324.16	Tire disposal	175	147.50	150
4324.17	Other (brush hog rental, etc.)	200	142.18	200
<b>4411</b>	<b>6 - HEALTH ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>3,647.50</b>	<b>6,535</b>
4411.1	Stipend	1,250	0.00	1,250
4411.2	Supplies/Postage	100	0.00	100
4411.3	Mileage	200	0.00	200
4411.4	Training	150	0.00	150
4411.5	Dues	50	35.00	50
4411.6	Water Testing	135	0.00	135
4411.7	Legal	1,000	0.00	1,000
<b>4415</b>	<b>HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>3,612.50</b>	<b>3,650</b>
4415.1	Mid-State Health	15	62.50	100
4415.2	Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency	2,763	2,400.00	2,400
4415.3	Task Force / Domestic Violence	500	500.00	500
4415.4	Genesis Behavioral Health	400	400.00	400
4415.5	CASA	250	250.00	250
<b>4441</b>	<b>7 - WELFARE Administration</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>2,422.90</b>	<b>11,644</b>
4441.1	Dues	0	0.00	1
<b>4442</b>	<b>DIRECT ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>600</b>
4442.1	Direct Assistance	1	0.00	600
<b>4444</b>	<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2043</b>	<b>2,043.00</b>	<b>2043</b>
4444.1	Tri-County Community Action	1543	1,543.00	1543
4444.2	Grafton County Senior Citizens	500	500.00	500

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			<b>Proposed 2016 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>Approved 2015 Budget</b>
<b>4445</b>		<b>VENDOR PAYMENTS</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>379.90</b>	<b>9000</b>
	4445.1	Other Vendor Payments	000	379.90	9000
		<b>8 - CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>10,455</b>	<b>9,841.21</b>	<b>10,210</b>
<b>4520</b>		<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>5299</b>	<b>5,427.53</b>	<b>4499</b>
	4520.1	Maintenance of Parks	1500	2,122.28	900
	4520.2	Maintenance of Recreational Facilities	50	0.00	50
	4520.3	Porta Potty	935	771.25	935
	4520.4	Advertising	80	0.00	80
	4520.5	Tapply Thompson Community Center	2,734	2,534.00	2,534
<b>4550</b>		<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>3,076.00</b>	<b>3,076</b>
	4550.1	Wages	2,000	2,000.00	2,000
	4550.2	Library Other	1,076	1,076.00	1,076
<b>4583</b>		<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100</b>
	4583.1	Patriotic	100	0.00	100
<b>4611</b>		<b>CONSERVATION</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,337.68</b>	<b>2,535</b>
	4611.1	Conservation	500	225.78	535
	4611.2	Workshops/seminars/dues	670	390.00	100
	4611.3	Postage/supplies	0	0.00	100
	4611.4	Mileage	10	0.00	200
	4611.5	Other/Fishing Derby	800	721.90	1,600
		<b>13 - CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>190,205</b>	<b>253,017.40</b>	<b>264,299</b>
4902	4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	7,350	38,963.40	42,649
4903	4903	BUILDINGS	5,005	-	0
4909	4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	177,850	214,054.00	221,650
		<b>14 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>61,500</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>56,500</b>
4915	4915	TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	61,500	56,500	56,500
4916	4916	TRANSFERS TO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	0	0.00	0





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**GOVERNING BODY 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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Robert A. Ferris	Selectman	Robert A. Ferris
John S. Roscigno	Selectman	John S. Roscigno
Christina M. Goodwin	Select Board	Christina Goodwin

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## Appropriations

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)
<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$49,050	\$48,236	\$56,386	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	2	\$50,250	\$45,461	\$53,889	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$18,470	\$19,343	\$18,720	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$15,000	\$10,698	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	2	\$78,400	\$80,751	\$90,994	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	2	\$11,001	\$283	\$8,001	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$23,630	\$18,198	\$23,655	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$5,160	\$1,413	\$5,160	\$0
4196	Insurance	2	\$13,196	\$13,196	\$14,872	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	2	\$2,261	\$2,497	\$2,200	\$0
4199	Other General Government	2	\$53,402	\$1,500	\$3,802	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	2	\$120,840	\$116,591	\$131,250	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$64,214	\$68,122	\$72,919	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850	\$0
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	2	\$85,983	\$81,034	\$95,883	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	2	\$61,451	\$54,451	\$63,651	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$1,100	\$1,107	\$1,100	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration	2	\$6,500	\$5,068	\$6,600	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$48,079	\$49,644	\$54,221	\$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>						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	2	\$2,885	\$35	\$2,885	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	2	\$3,650	\$3,613	\$3,928	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	2	\$601	\$0	\$1	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2	\$2,043	\$2,043	\$2,043	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	2	\$9,000	\$380	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	2	\$4,499	\$5,428	\$5,299	\$0
4550-4559	Library	2	\$3,076	\$3,076	\$3,076	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	2	\$2,535	\$1,338	\$1,980	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$40,549	\$38,963	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$221,650	\$214,054	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$1,000,425</b>	<b>\$886,523</b>	<b>\$744,465</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Special 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)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	21	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Add \$6,000.00 to the Highways and Streets material					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Public Works Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$0	\$0	\$6,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Res					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Town House Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	9	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund					
<b>Special Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## 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	20	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Storage container for Transfer Station					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	7	\$0	\$0	\$4,350	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Purchase of 8 foot York Rage for the backhoe					
4903	Buildings	6	\$0	\$0	\$1,555	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Landscaping around Town signs and monument					
4903	Buildings	8	\$0	\$0	\$3,450	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Installing new fence at Transfer Station					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	3	\$0	\$0	\$145,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Repair/reconstruction of North Groton Road					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	5	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Repair and Maintenance of Province Road					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	4	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Repair of Groton paved roads					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	19	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Support for Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA)					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	18	\$0	\$0	\$850	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Support of Groton Historical Society					
<b>Individual Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$184,205</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	2	\$3,670	\$0	\$255
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	2	\$5,800	\$0	\$7,251
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2	\$537,900	\$0	\$551,348
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	2	\$2,041	\$0	\$2,041
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	2	\$140	\$0	\$158
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
3230	Building Permits	2	\$190	\$0	\$173
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,580
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$9,700	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	2	\$28,372	\$0	\$26,542
3353	Highway Block Grant	2	\$24,115	\$0	\$25,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	2	\$240	\$0	\$359
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	2	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	2	\$80,000	\$0	\$22,350
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other	2	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,000
<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		\$20,000	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$841,168</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$760,057</b>

Budget Summary		
Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$688,226	\$744,465
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$84,349	\$67,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$236,450	\$184,205
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$1,009,025	\$996,170
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$637,824	\$760,057
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$371,201	\$236,113

## NOTES



## Tax Collector's Report

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

### Instructions

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- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
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#### ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: GROTON

County: GRAFTON

Report Year: 2015

#### PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

Laura

Last Name

Hauser

Street No.

754

Street Name

North Groton Rd

Phone Number

(603) 744-8849

Email (optional)

townclerk@grotonnh.org





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Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year		Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	
Property Taxes	3110		\$220,145.59			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance						
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year		Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies	
					2013	2012
Property Taxes	3110	\$836,037.00				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$10,420.00				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$15,303.11				
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Add Line						

Overpayment Refunds		Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies	
					2013	2012
Property Taxes	3110	\$55.00				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Add Line						
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$859.03	\$8,599.79			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					

<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$862,674.14</b>	<b>\$228,745.38</b>		
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Credits		Prior Levies		
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$714,891.10	\$192,270.71		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,670.00			
Yield Taxes	\$15,303.11			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$838.88	\$7,190.39		
Penalties	\$20.15	\$1,409.40		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$27,490.88		
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Discounts Allowed				
<b>Abatements Made</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Property Taxes	\$705.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="text"/>				
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<b>Current Levy Deeded</b>	<b>\$187.00</b>	<b>\$384.00</b>		



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$120,308.90			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$6,750.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>\$862,674.14</b>	<b>\$228,745.38</b>	



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Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$34,161.46	\$25,596.25	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$31,152.83			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$424.35	\$2,884.50	\$10,176.38	
<input type="text"/>				
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<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$31,577.18</b>	<b>\$37,045.96</b>	<b>\$35,772.63</b>	

Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies			
	2014	2013	2012	
Redemptions	\$6,595.14	\$18,813.62	\$24,147.36	
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<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$424.35	\$2,884.50	\$10,176.38	
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$439.65	\$450.51	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$24,557.69	\$14,908.19	\$998.38	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$31,577.18</b>	<b>\$37,045.96</b>	<b>\$35,772.63</b>	



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**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

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

Date

01/08/2016

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

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

- Michelle Clark: [michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov](mailto:michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov)
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- Shelley Gerlneau: [shelley.gerlneau@dra.nh.gov](mailto:shelley.gerlneau@dra.nh.gov)
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This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://preptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**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 Signature and Title

## **Town Clerk Report**

**JANUARY 1, 2015 – DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Permits</b>	111,161.00
<b>Title Fees</b>	250.00
<b>Municipal Agent Fees</b>	2,157.00
<b>Building Permit Fees</b>	175.00
<b>Candidate Fees</b>	7.00
<b>Cemetery Fees</b>	350.00
<b>Copy Fees – Select Board</b>	229.50
<b>Copy Fees – Town Clerk</b>	41.49
<b>Current Use Recording Fees</b>	65.96
<b>Dog Licenses</b>	1,058.00
<b>Police Revenue</b>	240.00
<b>E-Reg. Fees</b>	17.55
<b>Junkyard Permits</b>	140.00
<b>NSF Check Fees</b>	105.00
<b>NSF Reimbursement</b>	340.50
<b>Planning Board Fees</b>	0.00
<b>Refunds</b>	10.00
<b>Recycle Income</b>	1,145.40
<b>Sale Of Municipal Property</b>	23,750.00
<b>Transfer Station Fees</b>	2,444.21
<b>Vital Records</b>	275.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	477.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,465.48</b>

# Treasurer's Report

## January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 224,226.08</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 1,870,196.23</b>
<b>Total Orders Paid</b>	<b>\$ (164,709,223.00)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 14.49</b>

### Deposits:

<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$ 998,497.29</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 144,465.48</b>

### **Treasurer:**

Community Support-Iberdrola	\$ 11,688.00
FEMA	\$ 9,702.88
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$ 239.72
Groton Wind Pilot	\$ 551,347.68
Health Trust Surplus	\$ 3,797.83
Highway Block Grants	\$ 24,323.52
Insurance Claims	\$ 10,216.75
N. Groton Rd. Reimbursement	\$ 15,136.41
Police Department Reimbursements	\$ 1,500.00
Refunds	\$ 748.29
Road Damage Reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$ 28,372.49
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 56,825.00
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$ 15.00
Vital Records	\$ 8,025.30
Voter Checklist Sales	\$ 300.00
Voter Checklist Sales	\$ 105.59
<b>Total Treasurer Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 727,233.46</b>

### **Adjustments:**

Disaster Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 7,710.89
NSF Checks	\$ (3,864.65)
NSF Check Fees	\$ (12.00)
PDIP Contributions	\$ (716,000.00)
PDIP Transfers	\$ 461,000.00
Property Purchase-withdrawal	\$ (50,987.99)
USPS	\$ (20.90)
Voided Checks	\$ 979.31
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ (301,195.34)</b>

### **Ending Balance on December 31, 2015**

On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank	<b>\$ 146,149.23</b>
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## Public Deposit Investment Pool

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 20,478.32</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 844,000.00</b>
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$(461,000.00)</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>\$ 180.11</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2015</b>	 <b><u>\$ 403,658.43</u></b>

## Groton Conservation Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 11,643.25</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 1.16</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2015</b>	 <b><u>\$ 11,644.41</u></b>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

## Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 2,984.52</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.30</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2015</b>	 <b><u>\$ 2,984.82</u></b>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

## Police Department Revolving Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 1,319.51</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 590.00</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ (1,110.83)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.12</b>
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2015</b>	 <b><u>\$ 798.80</u></b>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	



## Groton Yield Tax Account

<b>Beginning Balance on July 14, 2015</b>	\$ 552.15
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$ 830.44
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$ (1,381.71)
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$ 0.14
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2015</b>	<u>\$ 1.02</u>

## Old Home Day Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on May 1, 2015</b>	\$ 781.80
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$ 389.17
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$ (500.00)
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$ -
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2015</b>	<u>\$ 670.97</u>

## **Local Auditor's Report**

On October 2, 2015 I completed an audit of the Town of Groton's financial records and systems as requested of the Report of Locally Elected Auditors (MS-60), parts 1 & 2 relating to the Financial Report of the Town or City Budget (MS-5) and cash with the assistance of the Town Treasurer, Darlene Andrews.

The general ledger and treasurer records all reconciled and appeared to be in compliance. I have no recommendations at this time.

Sincerely,

Debra Lindsey  
Local Auditor

## **2015 MS-5**

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

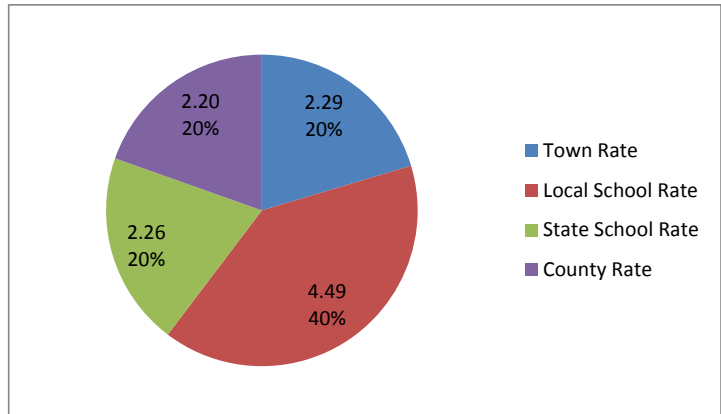
2015 Report of the Trust Funds for the Town Of Groton										Trustees: Michelle Lacroix, Celine Richer, Charles Stata							
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested: Bank, deposits,	%	***PRINCIPAL***		New Funds Created	***PRINCIPAL***		INCOME			Grand Total Principal & Income End of Year				
					Beginning of Year			With-drawals	Balance End of Year	Beginning of Year	Amount	During Year		Balance at End of Year			
7/1963	Cemetery Fund	Maint.	NHDDIP	30.3	\$	231.98		\$	231.98	\$	520.63	0.04	\$	520.63	\$	752.61	
7/1978	Tercentennial	CRF	NHDDIP	23.5	\$	180.00			\$	180.00	\$	403.79	0.03	\$	403.79	\$	583.79
1924	Cyrus Blood	PC	NHDDIP	10.5	\$	80.00			\$	80.00	\$	180.43	0.01	\$	108.43	\$	260.43
4/1915	George Hall	PC	NHDDIP	13.1	\$	100.00			\$	100.00	\$	225.45	0.01	\$	225.45	\$	325.45
11/1994	DiMichelle	PC	NHDDIP	6.3	\$	50.00			\$	50.00	\$	104.63	0.01	\$	104.63	\$	154.63
1995	Gilchrist	PC	NHDDIP	6.5	\$	50.00			\$	50.00	\$	111.67	0.01	\$	111.67	\$	161.67
1997	A.Campbell	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$	25.00			\$	25.00	\$	56.62		\$	56.62	\$	81.62
1997	DiMichelle	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$	25.00			\$	25.00	\$	56.62		\$	56.62	\$	81.62
1997	R.Bourque	PC	NHDDIP	3.3	\$	25.00			\$	25.00	\$	56.62		\$	56.62	\$	81.62
6/1989	Truck Sander Fund	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	-	5,000.00	0	\$	5,000.00	\$	29.00	2.00	\$	31.00	\$	5,031.00	
7/1989	Dump Site Fund	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	1,382.00			\$	1,382.00	\$	4,720.00	4.00	\$	4,724.00	\$	6,106.00	
6/1995	Groton Rec. Fund	ETF	NHDDIP	\$	790.00			\$	790.00	\$	-	1.00	\$	1.00	\$	791.00	
1/1991	Policy Cruiser	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	25,000.00	5,000.00		\$	25,000.00	\$	1,035.00	19.00	\$	1,054.00	\$	26,054.00	
12/1995	Town House	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	19,500.00	5,000.00		\$	24,500.00	\$	576.00	18.00	\$	594.00	\$	25,094.00	
12/2011	Old Home Day	ETF	NHDDIP	-				\$	-	\$	-	0.00	\$	-	\$	-	
12/2004	Disaster Relief	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	59,400.00	5,000.00	7711	\$	56,689.00	\$	3,640.00	45.00	\$	3,685.00	\$	60,374.00	
3/2005	Fire Station & Equip	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	50,000.00	5,000.00		\$	55,000.00	\$	5,809.00	44.00	\$	5,853.00	\$	60,853.00	
3/2006	Heavy Equip	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	32,675.00	5,000.00		\$	37,675.00	\$	1,498.00	27.00	\$	1,525.00	\$	39,200.00	
3/2006	Atwell Bridge	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	45,000.00	5,000.00		\$	50,000.00	\$	1,014.00	35.00	\$	1,049.00	\$	51,049.00	
7/2007	Conservation	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	100.00			\$	100.00	\$	4.00	0.00	\$	4.00	\$	104.00	
1/2009	Preambulation	Non CRF	NHDDIP	\$	19,746.00	5,000.00	0	\$	24,746.00	\$	24.00	17.00	\$	41.00	\$	24,787.00	
10/2011	Cemetery Gen. Maint.	ETF	NHDDIP	\$	750.00		0	\$	750.00	\$	-	1.00	\$	1.00	\$	751.00	
10/2012	Assessing Revaluation	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	19,500.00	6,500.00		\$	26,000.00	\$	6.00	19.00	\$	25.00	\$	26,025.00	
10/2014	Public Works	CRF	NHDDIP	\$	10,000.00	10,000.00		\$	20,000.00	\$	-	12.00	\$	12.00	\$	20,012.00	

## **Groton Tax Totals**

Tax Warrant:	2015P02 of 2
Number of Parcels:	745
<b>Valuations</b>	
Non-Utility Land Value:	42,062,800
Current Use Credits:	(13,684,222)
Non-Utility Improvements Value:	42,252,100
Utility Value:	10,774,800
Exempt Property Value:	(3,221,200)
Valuation Before Exemptions:	78,184,278
Exemptions Applied:	(280,000)
<b>Net Valuation:</b>	<b>77,904,278</b>
Net Non-Utility Valuation:	67,129,478
Net Utility Valuation:	10,774,800
<b>Taxes</b>	
<b>Total Property Tax:</b>	<b>853,379.00</b>
Veterans Credits Applied:	(17,342.00)
<b>Commitment Amount:</b>	
Penalties:	2,094.00
First Bills Minus Abatements:	431,252.00
First Bills Exceeding Total Tax Needing Refund:	0.00
Adjusted First Bills:	(431,252.00)
<b><u>Total Tax Bills:</u></b>	<b>404,785.00</b>

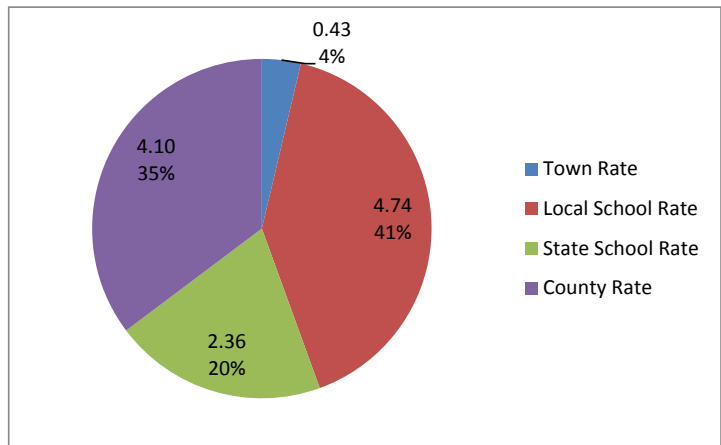
### 2015 Taxes

Town Rate	2.29
Local School Rate	4.49
State School Rate	2.26
County Rate	2.20
Total	11.24



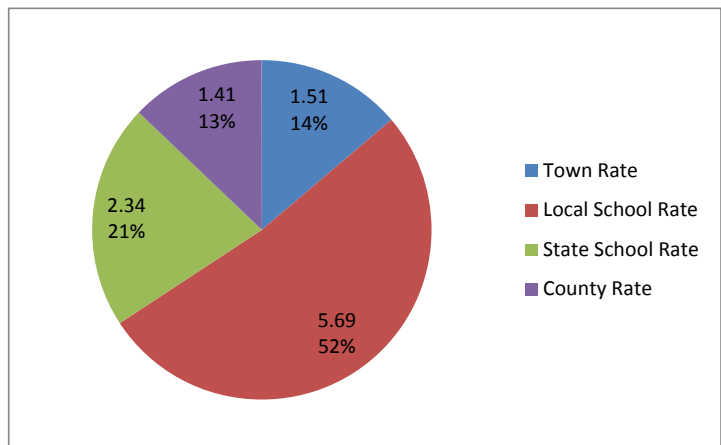
### 2014 Taxes

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



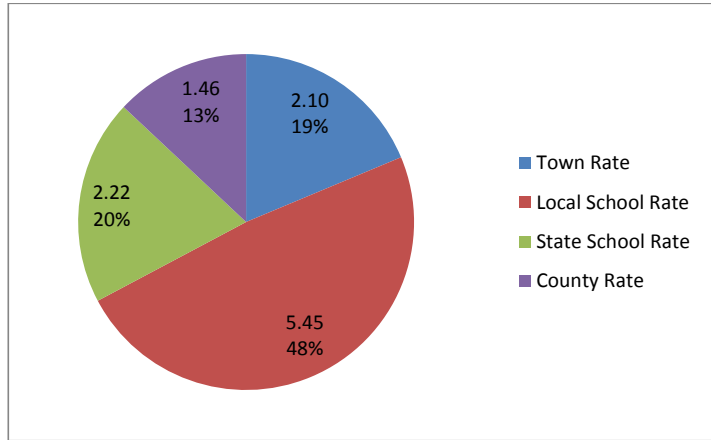
### 2013 Taxes

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



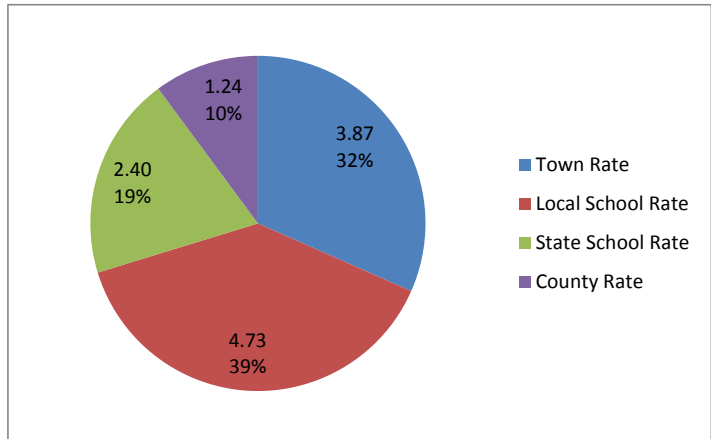
### 2012 Taxes

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



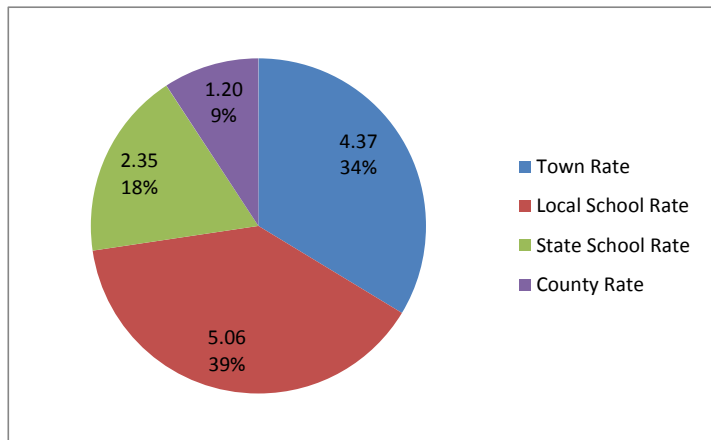
### 2011 Taxes

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



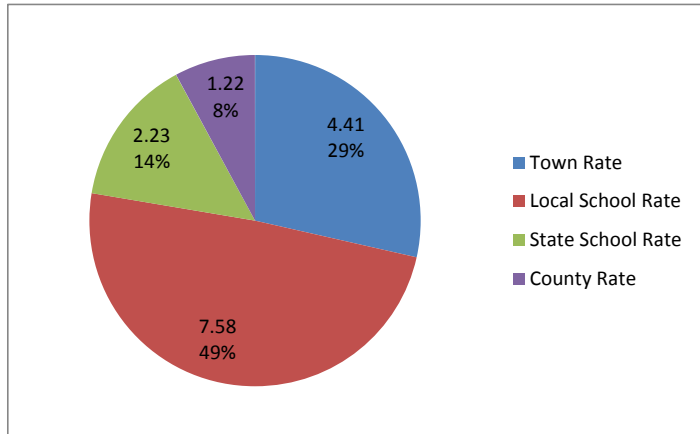
### 2010 Taxes

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



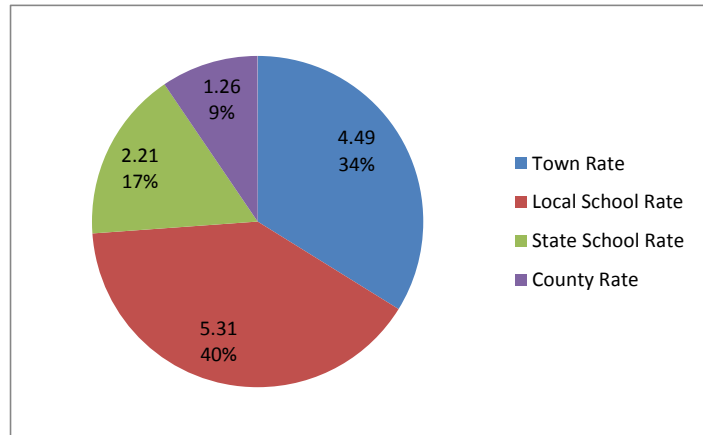
### 2009 Tax Rate

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



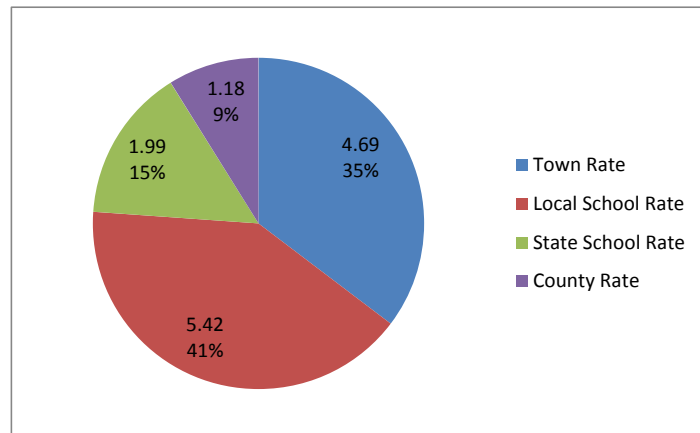
### 2008 Tax Rate

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**  
**2015 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: GROTON**

Gross Appropriations	1,056,925	
Less: Revenue	841,168	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Add: Overlay	20,572	
War Service Credits	17,342	
Net Town Appropriation	178,564	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	178,564	<b>TOWN RATE</b>
		<b>2.29</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0	
Regional School Apportionment	811,873	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(279,084)	
State Education Taxes	(151,861)	<b>LOCAL</b>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	349,574	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
		<b>4.49</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAX**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390		
64,057,510	151,861	<b>STATE</b>
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
66,685,766		<b>2.26</b>

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	171,032	
<b>COUNTY RATE</b>		
Approved County Tax Effort	171,032	<b>2.20</b>

**TOTAL RATE**  
**11.24**

**PROOF OF RATE**

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	67,125,378	2.26	151,861
All Other Taxes	77,900,178	8.98	699,385
			<b>851,246</b>



## **Welfare Assistance Report**

In 2015, the Town saw a decrease in general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$2,422.90 in Vendor Assistance payments.

### **2015 Expenditures**

Grafton County Senior Citizens		\$500.00
Tri-county Community Action		\$1,543.00
Electric Assistance		\$0.00
Rental Assistance		\$0.00
Fuel Assistance		\$379.90
Food		\$0.00
Gasoline		\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$2,422.90</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
1-91	L	5.11	North Groton Road	\$ 32,200	2015 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
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	
6-1-3	Land-Future Town Garage	6	North Groton Road	\$ 174	Purchased from Green Acre Woodlands 2015
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 the residents and taxpayers for their continued support of the Groton Police Department.

There were several changes in 2015. In July, your police department transitioned from the Grafton County Dispatch Center to the Plymouth Dispatch Center. As many of the surrounding towns that provide backup services to the Department are also dispatched through Plymouth Dispatch, the transition will also enhance communication and improve response time to calls for service. The new dispatch number is 744-3280; please make a note of this change as you may have printed material with the old dispatch number.

Also in July, we lost our part-time Officer Everett Knighton who accepted full-time employment with the Bristol Police Department. I would like to thank Everett for his service and wish him the best of luck as he pursues his full-time police career. As 2015 came to a close, Chief Joseph Pivirotto retired from law enforcement. Under the leadership of Chief Pivirotto, the Department worked diligently to establish a strong bond with the residents of Groton. As the new Chief, one of my primary goals is to solidify this partnership through further improvements in responding to calls for service and additional seminars on topics of interest to the community. I would like to personally thank Chief Joseph Pivirotto for his professional leadership and mentoring, and I wish him the best of luck in what he pursues in his retirement.

Please feel free to stop by the office to say “hi,” to discuss any issues of concern to you, or to pick up some pens and magnets with the Groton Police Department’s updated information.

Respectfully submitted,

EJ Thompson  
Chief of Police

### **Police Department**

Chief of Police: Ernest Thompson  
Animal Control Officer: Kyle Andrews  
Business Phone: (603) 744-3703  
Grafton County Dispatch: (603) 744-3280

***“CALL 911 FOR YOUR EMERGENCY”***

### **Crimes Against Persons 30**

Child abuse/neglect: 2	Domestic disputes: 7	Criminal Assaults: 2
Fraud: 9	Criminal Harassment: 2	Indecent Exposure: 1
Criminal Threatening: 1	Witness Tampering: 1	Unsworn Falsification: 1
Domestic violation protective orders: 2	Sex Offender Violation: 2	

### **Crimes against Property 28**

Burglary: 6	Illegal dumping: 1	Criminal Trespass: 5
Theft: 10	Criminal Mischief: 6	

### **Crimes against Public Peace 26**

Disturbance: 5	Illegal burning: 1	Illegal Drug Activity: 6
Neighborhood disputes: 3	Open Container violation: 3	Town ordinances: 8

### **Community Policing/ Service Related 411**

9-1-1 Hang-ups: 4	Alarm Activation: 8	Assist Citizen: 25
Assist-Fire: 8	Assist-EMS: 34	Assist Other Police Agencies: 16
Assist Public Works: 1	Assist-Town Offices: 4	Assist Social Services: 5
Background/Records Check:1	Civil Issues: 7	Community Service/Talk: 3
Directed Patrol: 31	Fire Permits Issued: 40	House Check Requests: 19
House Checks Completed:77	Intoxicated subject: 2	Juvenile complainants: 2
Lost/Found Property: 3	Message Delivery: 2	Mental Illness Issues: 4
Pistol Permits Issued: 32	Police Information: 31	Property-Returned: 1
Road Hazards: 20	Sex Offender Registration: 9	Subpoena Services: 12
Unattended Death: 1	VIN Inspections: 12	Welfare Checks: 8

### **Motor Vehicle/ OHRV Related 82**

Abandon Vehicle: 1	Disabled Motor Vehicle: 8	Motor Vehicle Accidents: 10
Motor Vehicle Complaints:13	OHRV Warning Issued: 2	Parking Violations: 5
Traffic Arrests: 4	Traffic Summons Issued: 10	Traffic Warnings Issued: 29

### **Arrests 19**

Arrest/Civil Warrants: 4	Driving After Suspension: 3	Driving without Proof: 3
Driving as Habitual Offender: 1	Open Container: 3	Prohibition-License: 1
Protective Custody: 1	Theft: 1	Sex Offender Offenses: 2

### **Animal Control Report 32**

Animal Stray complaints: 11	Animal Nuisance complaints: 7	Live Stock Complaint: 2
Animal cruelty complaints: 4	Lost Animal: 2	Unlicensed Dog: 2
Animal-wild complaint: 2	Summons-Stray Dog: 1	Summons-Vicious Dog: 1

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

2015 was quiet some in the Town of Groton fire wise. This is due to our residents being very safe minded when it comes to fire related issues. As always, I remind you to keep your smoke detectors in good working order and if you currently do not have a carbon monoxide detector please consider purchasing one for your protection.

Medical emergencies are still on the upward move and I believe it will continue.

Remember **fire permits** are required by law 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
Daryl Smith	Deputy Warden	738-8910	33 Smith 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 2015, the activity in Groton accounted for % of all Hebron's calls and % of all Rumney's calls, most of these being related to medical emergencies.

Hopefully in 2016 we will be able to establish some pump sites around the Town of Groton. I suggest at the Town meeting we authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the Capital Reserve to accomplish this.

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 ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). 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 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) 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.nhdfil.org](http://www.nhdfil.org).

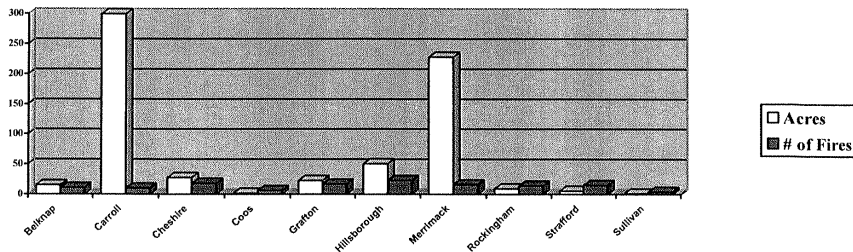
This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5<sup>th</sup> and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher 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 2015 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!

### 2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
Cheshire	27.6	18
Cook	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total
Arson	7
Debris	17
Campfire	13
Children	3
Smoking	12
Railroad	0
Equipment	6
Lightning	5
Misc.*	71 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Fires	Total Acres
2015	134	661
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206
2011	125	42

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

## Highway Department

Another year has passed, where did the time go? So far it has been much milder and quitter this year than it was last year but I anticipate winter will show it's face soon. The Highway Department faced some personnel changes with Robert "Bubba" Ellis and James Smolinsky leaving to pursue other interest. I would like to thank them for all of their hard work while they were on the Highway Department. I would like to extend a deep felt thanks to Ron Madan and Kevin Wilbur for remaining and helping the department pull through. Their loyalty is greatly appreciated.

There major projects that took place in 2015 were:

- More of North Groton Road was re-constructed by D.A. White Excavating LLC., who did a fine job in a timely manner.
- The Highway Department repaired several areas in which pavement had separated and heaved which made for dangerous conditions to motorists especially motorcycles.
- Large rocks and boulders were removed from Sculptured Rocks Road which also presented driving hazards.
- Other road construction took place to many of the roads in Town.

For 2016, arrangements have been made to crush the recycled asphalt pile behind the Town Garage and place it on Province Road in the Spring. This will provide for a better traveling surface. The crushing operation will be performed by M.E. Latulippe Construction Inc. of Ashland and the placement of the material will be handled by the Highway Department. Also for 2016, we plan to continue with the North Groton Road re-construction project along with continuing to maintain and repair other Town Roads.

In closing, I wish good health and prosperity to all. Thank you again for your continued support and for allowing us the opportunity to be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glen Hansen  
Road Agent

Assistants: Ron Madan  
Kevin Wilbur



## **Road Committee**

In 2015, 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 2015, 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.

Once again, the Road Committee reviewed the bid specifications and make adjustments with the Board's approval to streamline the process and keep the project moving forward with the best interests of the Town. The Select Board then moved forward in the bidding process, beginning with a site meeting with prospective contractors interested in bidding on the project. After the site meeting, bids were submitted and reviewed and D.A White Excavation of Campton, 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. DA White once again did an excellent job and completed the project with little complications. The bid and contract were signed for \$138,000 with three (3) change orders completed for crushed stone underdrains and the removal of ledge with a hydraulic hammer. The total for the completed project was \$143,710.

For 2016, the Committee has proposed the same \$145,000 Warrant Article, and to continue the project from the end of the 2015 project near Fletcher Road. The Committee would 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



## **Transfer Station**

We would like to start off by thanking George Evirs and Jim Joyce for their service with the Transfer Station and we wish them luck in their future endeavors. With that said, the hiring of Richard Cross as the Transfer Station Attendant has been a good addition to the staffing and efficiency of the Transfer Station.

With people moving in to Town, the C&D bin has received a lot of use this season. We have been working on many projects to improve the Transfer Station. The entrance and exit of the Transfer Station have been paved as an added safety feature to prevent water from pooling up and freezing in these areas. Other improvements are a new safety rail and safety pylons for storing propane tanks next to the building.

In 2016, we are looking at fixing or replacing the fence and painting the building. Finally, we hope to have a plan in place for electronics to be accepted and stored.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Koslow, Transfer Station Supervisor

Richard Cross, Transfer Station Attendant





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Dear NRRA Member,

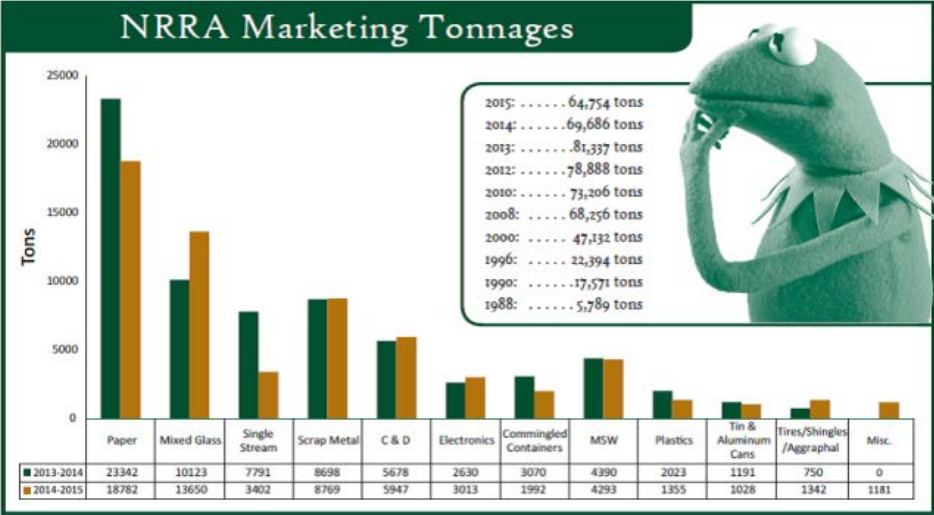
As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 35-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- 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 Monthly "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 63,573 tons in fiscal year 2014-2015!



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



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## **Town of Groton, NH**

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2015</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.
Tires	2.1 tons	Conserved 2.1 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 waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 269 households participated in the program - our highest turnout since 2006. It was estimated that over 17,000 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$24,671. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,572, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste, and received \$4,000 from North Country Council to off-set coordination expenses. The net expenditures for the program were \$10,099 (a cost of \$.31 per resident).

In 2016, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream 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.

2016 could be challenging for many recycling facilities. The slump in prices paid for processed recyclables is likely to have ramifications on everyone's budget. When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or

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Waterville Valley - Wentworth

concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org).

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 by email at [pemibakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemibakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively Submitted,  
Dan Woods, Secretary

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## **Groton Planning Board**

This year the PB had few applications to consider which provided a welcomed period to consider the Master Plan revision. Deb agreed to draft and the Board reviewed, revised and made recommendations. The drafting of the Master Plan has been guided by work from the Planning Committee, the Community Focus meeting, surveys sent out by the Planning Board and external documentation and mapping.

The Board met with Boyd Smith who gave us a presentation as well as providing us with maps created by Dan Sunquest. The presentation and the maps created for Groton , as well as those for all towns in the Newfound Lake area, highlighted the location of the highest natural resource value (“most productive forest soils”, for example) and/or most vulnerability to resource damage (steep slopes, riparian areas). The intent was to provide Groton with information for our Master Plan as well as assistance in developing regulations to protect our natural resources which includes our own water quality and that of Newfound Lake as well.

At the start of 2015, guided by responses from surveys sent from the Planning Board and the Master Plan process, Deb developed Wind Ordinance language for the Board. After reviewing and approving the Board held a public meeting which culminated in the approval and decision to send the ordinance to the town for a vote by paper ballot. In the March election the measure passed with a vote of Yes – 104 to No – 42

The Master Plan will be/is finalized in early 2016 and a public hearing will be held before spring of 2016.

Deb Johnson, Chair  
Jenny Burnett, clerk  
Russ Carruth  
Dave Labar  
Celine Richer  
Ray Blake  
Robert Ferriere, Select Board liaison  
Sharon Nelson, Alternate

## **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 began a variety of undertakings. Most folks will think of the annual fishing derby when they think of the Conservation Commission. This year's derby was a fun filled day with young contestants of all ages from Groton and many nearby towns. Many residents of other towns complimented Groton on our derby and we hope that it served the Town well in garnering good relations with our neighbors.

Members of the Commission took an excursion to Little Pond, which is in the Cockermouth Forest. This picturesque emergent marsh/pond is in the progress of slowly converting to a drier format and will be an excellent location for future educational discussions with Town youth.

Groton met with several other Town Conservation Commissions as we sought to establish our goals for the future. One result of this collaboration was the approval of new Commission by-laws which are available for residents to review. Another outcome was an improved understanding of the options for us as we embark on an inventory of the Town's natural resources. We are scheduling presentations from several professionals to help us with the process. We shall publicize these discussions and invite Town residents to attend.

Concerns about the presence of debris in Punch Brook were brought to the Commission's attention. We are initiating discussions with the property owner and anticipate a plan to correct problems, possibly with the help of the NH DEC. Punch Brook provides habitat to native trout and is Town treasure, well worth preserving.



The Commission currently has five regular members, including representatives from the Select Board and the Planning Board. We are limited to a maximum of seven members so that leaves two openings for any Town residents who have an in conservation. Come join us!

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**

Each year, the Old Home Day Committee works on providing a better and bigger event than the year before. In 2015, the evening schedule continued with the potential for weather causing a smaller turn out than the two years before. It was a great event overall and stay tuned for 2016 as the Committee is hoping to bring another spectacular night to Groton.

Once again, the annual parade kicked off the Old Home Day Event, with winners chosen. Winners were given small cash prizes in the Kids, Floats and Antique Vehicle categories. This year the Town was happy to see an expansion in the parade with the Rumney and Hebron Fire Departments and local businesses TLC Tree Care and G.R. Hanson Paving. Vehicles were displayed along the backside of the field for participation in the annual “Touch a Truck” event. Kids were able to sit in vehicles, run lights and turn on sirens.

This year’s entertainment was provided by the Express Revival Band. The Groton Highway Department built a great stage to keep the equipment off the ground, which was a great addition to the night. The band was scheduled to play from 7:00pm to 8:30pm but they started early and stayed late, having fun playing for the group that braved the threatening weather. The Express Revival Band is mainly a local band that plays a great variety of country, rock, folk and blue grass music. They are definitely being considered for entertainment for 2016.

While the music played, the free cookout for the public continued with hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks. In addition, Terri & Glen Hanson bought and prepared sausage and peppers for subs, which they also provided the sub buns and also a Taco salad and tacos. Other donations of food were also received and the Committee is very thankful for this. Ron Madan who after driving in the parade volunteered once again to cook, and although the weather left us with some

leftovers, the food was still a big hit. Thank you also to Ron Madan for providing the popcorn machine and all the supplies again. Once the rain started, we didn't get to share much, but knowing we had it there was great.

A small group of non-profits set up during the parade, cookout and part of the music, included was the Police Department information and the Groton Historical Society. The Committee would love to see this portion of the night expanded for 2016.

Kid's games continued with Vicki Kimball organizing. A new addition of bean bag tosses, courtesy of Gina & John Rescigno were added. The jumping tent was provided by Ron Madan again and its new location provided more hours of fun and didn't interfere as much with the entertainment. Weather again lessened the participation in the games, but the Committee is looking to change this for 2016, so stay tuned.

Gary's Electric provided the PA system again and set up lights on the pavilion, which provided an easier night, as the dark clouds moved in, for the entertainment, the dancers and the event itself. Thank you again to Gary Easson for donating the equipment and the time to set it up and take it down.

The Committee continued the raffles of gift cards, as provided by donation or purchase. We raffled: Two \$25 Walmart Cards; One \$25 Hannaford Card; One \$25 Mobile Gas Card; Three \$10 Dunkin Donuts Cards; Four propane cylinder fill-up gift certificates donated by Ryezaks and a donation of items from the Police Department as well as a 50/50 Raffle. This year the kids were also able to submit guesses for candy, pencils and other fun stuff.

Normally the night is drawn to a close with the fireworks display but the weather that threatened all night, finally hit and the fireworks were postponed until Sunday night. Although, it was a smaller crowd it was still a great show. Tilton Fireworks always provides great product, helps with the line-up for shooting, and adds extra to the purchase. Glen Hanson continued to solicit donations, purchased the fireworks, set them up and fired them off. He does a wonderful show and we

are very thankful for his participation in the Committee and thankful for his donation as well as Ron Madan's toward the fireworks purchase.

Without donations, we would never be able to have such a great night. Thank you to Groton Wind for their \$1,200 donation. Thank you to all that donated food or money for food. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets. Thank you to all who donated to the fireworks. Overall it was a great two nights, with families and friends attending.

For 2016, the Committee is recommending, to the Select Board, that the Old Home Day Committee and the Groton Recreation Committee be combined into one committee with the hopes of holding more events throughout the year. If you are looking to volunteer some time or share your ideas, submit your name to the Select Board for consideration. We are always looking for help.

And last but certainly not least, the Committee would like to thank the Town of Groton townspeople for their continued support. Thank you for taking the time to come out and play and stay tuned for what 2016 will bring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Old Home Day Committee

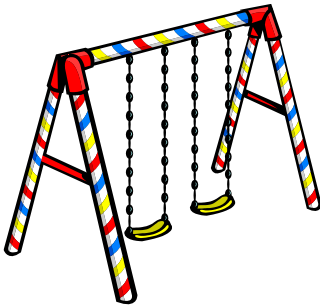
Vicki Kimball, Bonnie Lane, Glen Hanson, Christina Goodwin, Gina Rescigno, John Rescigno, EJ Thompson, Gary Easson, Ron Madan

## **Groton Recreation Committee**

In the past few years the Groton Recreation Committee has been vacant. The Select Board is looking into the possibility of combining the Recreation Committee and the Old Home Day Committee into one Community Events Committee, but members are still needed.

The Select Board would like to encourage those with interest and passion to contact the Board so that a new team of committee members can be formed to ensure that future recreational events and opportunities continue.

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



## **Groton Public Library**

As the year 2015 came to a close we look back to see another year of changes for our Library. These changes along with a lack of community support have caused our forward momentum to stall. Our hopes for the coming year are to regain that momentum to provide Library services to our community.

In the Spring Elizabeth Jespersen joined the Library Trustees after being appointed by the Select Board. Her husband Otto Jespersen was appointed as a Trustee later in the year.

Late in the Summer Pamela Yinger and Paula Stata resigned their positions as Trustees. Over the years, both Pam and Paula have been actively involved in the Library by providing many hours of service. As a community we sincerely thank them for their commitment, knowledge and passion for learning along with their deep love of the Library which will be greatly missed.

The Library continues to be staffed on a limited basis of 4 hours a week by our Library Assistant, Cassandra Viger.

While only a few books have been checked out using the honor system that is in place, dozens of books have disappeared from our Library making it apparent that the system is not working. We are investigating ways to make our Library more secure in the coming year.

With the help of the NH State Librarian the Trustees' will be working to devise a plan to provide the Townspeople with the many services that are available through a Library. Available services such as Inter-Library loans, E-books, Research Databases, Audio-books, DVD's and more should be available to all the citizens of Groton. As a small community we face many unique challenges and therefore welcome all comments and suggestions on ways to provide these services to our town through the Library.

The Groton Library Trustees look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees: Elizabeth Jespersen and Otto Jespersen

## GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2015 saw the Groton Historical Society (GHS) busy “Preserving Groton’s Past for its Future”. Many hours were devoted to research and display development, archiving, and document and artifact protection. GHS continues to provide interesting programs for the community. This year we hosted/presented the following events:

- On April 25 Rebecca Rule presented the New Hampshire Humanities Program “**Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire.**” The program was held at the Groton Town Hall.
- On Monday, May 25, GHS hosted the annual Memorial Day Program. This year the focus was the Revolutionary War and the local community. A tour of Rolfe Cemetery was conducted, focusing on the burial places of Groton Veterans of the American Revolution. This was preceded by a talk on events leading up to the war and their effect on the local community.
- In addition to these programs, GHS had a presence at the Hebron Fair (July 25), Groton Old Home Day (August 15) and the Groton’s Senior Thanksgiving Dinner (November 21).

Our second calendar (for 2016) entitled “Groton Homesteads: Then and Now” was ready for distribution in July. The calendar includes photos of 13 Groton homes that were built as far back as the late 1700’s that are still standing today. It is our goal to continue to produce calendars with various themes and photos.

GHS continues to make progress developing interesting displays. In the late 1800s, the store in North Groton was the J. W. Burley Store. Last fall the Groton Historical Society was able to acquire the original safe used in the store. We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Rumney Village Store owner Ken Savell for his generosity in donating this safe to GHS. In a sense this safe has come home as the Burley Store was located directly across the street from our Schoolhouse Museum. GHS will work on a display for the safe which should be ready for viewing this season.

GHS would like to thank its members and friends for their continued support. The long awaited and hoped for handicap access ramp is now a reality. Donations received from the Town of Groton (\$850) and Groton Wind (\$3,000) funded the

new handicap access ramp and entry way providing access for all who wish to visit our school house museum. The ramp was installed in September.

Coming in 2016: our grand re-opening!! GHS opened the Schoolhouse Museum in June, 2006. Unfortunately, due to access restrictions, the museum has not held regular hours since 2012. With the installation of our new access ramp the museum will now have regular visitor's hours (times to be announced). On Saturday, June 25, GHS will host a grand re-opening of the Schoolhouse Museum. Details will be announced over the next few months. Please join us.

Our 2016 goals include providing interesting and educational programs, artifact acquisition, 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.

### **Groton Historical Society**

#### Board Members

Paul Cole (Building Manager)

Roger Daniels

Pamela Hamel (Treasurer)

Debra Lindsey (Vice President)

Sharon Nelson (Secretary)

Kathy Sobetzer (President)

Patricia Westcott

*The Groton Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*



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

As the regional planning commission serving the 51 municipalities and 25 Unincorporated Places of northern New Hampshire, North County Council (NCC) continued to provide a wide range of services in 2015. Some of the highlights:

- Drop-in office hours around the region increased opportunities to provide assistance.
- Revolving loan fund helped several area businesses keep their doors open and workers employed.
- Traffic count program enabled municipalities, businesses, and NHDOT to monitor trends and evaluate future needs.
- Administration of payments for volunteer driver program enabled many residents to access medical appointments and other basic needs.
- Assistance with day-to-day planning and zoning questions, master plans, zoning and regulation updates, and review of development proposals such as the Balsams redevelopment gave local officials and volunteer boards access to professional planning expertise.
- Staff support for the Connecticut River Joint Commission Local River Subcommittees enabled review and input on proposals such as the future plans of the Conte Refuge and Northern Pass.
- Assistance to businesses with disaster preparedness won a NADO Innovation Award.
- Advocacy on behalf of North Country communities resulted in inclusion of the region's top highway needs in the Ten Year Plan being presented to the Legislature.
- Development of plans for the region's scenic byways ensured continued designation of these important tourism resources under the state program.
- Training for transfer station operators increased efficiency and compliance with state rules.
- Collection of household hazardous wastes meant fewer toxic materials entering the region's groundwater.

The Council is comprised of Representatives from each member community. We look forward to hearing from your community's Representatives about emerging issues and needs that our staff should be focusing on in the coming years.



## TapPLY-Thompson Community Center

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

### **2015 YEAR IN REVIEW**

We are grateful to all of those that make it possible for the youth of the Newfound Region to thrive. The support that the community shows the TTCC program allows us to continue our mission of providing healthy, safe, recreational opportunities for families. When youth are engaged in our sports, summer camps or after school programs they are on their way to being confident, contributing citizens of their community.

With the help of our community the TTCC is able to offer programs that begin at preschool and continue throughout life.

In 2015 we celebrated many successes which can be directly contributed to an engaged, committed, and amazing program staff and our community volunteers. Some of the highlights included:

- 140 youth registered in the After School Adventures program. This program is staffed with adults and teens and provides an active and safe place for youth in grades K – 12.
- 229 youth registered in TTCC Summer Day Camps. These camps offer 8 weeks of action packed activities that include games, swimming, crafts, challenges and field trips. We are also able to offer free breakfast and lunch to our participants.
- New in 2015 we partnered with Newfound Lake Region Association and offered a week of WOW (Watershed Outdoor Week) camp. We had 40 youth register to spend each day at a different nature based site. These included Grey Rocks, Cliff Island, Paradise Point Nature Center, the Slim Baker Area, and Mount Cardigan AMC Lodge.

Also new this year is the formation of a TTCC Teen Council. Working with our Teen staff, Gina Richford & Jesse Mitchell this group of 20+ High School youth plan activities for Middle and High School, fundraise to support community activities and volunteer at TTCC functions. They are a dynamic group of young adults that are making a positive impact in their community. Our teen program numbers have risen incredibly over the past few years. With the large amount of

youth attending our ‘Teen Nights’ we needed to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> night during the week to accommodate the numbers. We now offer a Tuesday night program for the High School youth and Thursday night program for the Middle School. We also offer a monthly field trip, dances & rec basketball teams for both age groups.

Our Adult programs are also thriving. We have year round sessions of Shape Up Newfound with fitness classes offered many days of the week. We have a growing group of badminton enthusiasts and new this year we have added Pickle Ball for adults. We also offer adult volleyball, basketball and pool.

Here at the Center we see more and more need for recreational opportunities in our community. Our scholarship requests were up 20% over 2014 with over \$30,000 in scholarships provided to area youth. We face many challenges as we enter the new year – upkeep on our treasured old building, increased staffing costs to provide the increased programming and continuing to provide you with the best recreation program we possibly can. With our many supporters championing our mission we can face these challenges and continue our focus of recreational opportunities for all.

***The TTCC Staff & Council would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy 2016!***



**Left to Right: Valentine’s Senior Luncheon, WOW Camp at the Slim Baker Area, Participant’s in the NH Marathon Kid’s Marathon in October.**



Respect    Advocacy    Integrity    Stewardship    Excellence

December 21, 2015

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!**

The appropriation we received from the Town of Groton’s 2015 budget helped Genesis Behavioral Health provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Groton experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), we served **5 Groton residents and provided Emergency Services to 1 Groton resident.**

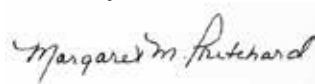
<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
Ages 1 – 17	2
Ages 18 – 61	2
Age 62 and over	1

According to recent community needs assessments, access to mental health care continues to be a priority community need for 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. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than \$100 billion each year in the United States, causing unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

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[www.genesisbh.org](http://www.genesisbh.org)

A partnership with the municipalities we serve 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 3,843 individuals living with – and recovering from – mental illness last year. On behalf of them, thank you for your contribution.

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.  
P.O. Box 433  
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 2014-2015, 21 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; two were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 271 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 236 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Groton residents benefited from 11 visits with a trained outreach worker and 6 contacts for assistance from ServiceLink.
- Groton citizens volunteered 654 hours of their time and talent to GCSCC during the past year.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents was \$5,097.86.

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, 2014 to September 30, 2015

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 21 Groton residents (out of 140 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census). ServiceLink served 2 Groton residents.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	507	x	\$9.31		\$4,720.17
Transportation	Trips	0	x	\$13.44		\$0.00
Social Services	Half-hours	10.5	x	\$22.89		\$240.35
ServiceLink	Contacts	6	x	\$22.89		\$137.34
Activities		80		N/A		
Chore Assistance		3		N/A		

Number of Groton volunteers: 3. Number of Volunteer Hours: 654

GCSCC cost to provide services for Groton residents only	<u>\$5097.86</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2015	\$500.00
Received from Town of Groton for 2015	\$500.00
Request for Senior Services for 2016	<u>\$500.00</u>

**NOTE:**

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs, 53.5%; local government; Client donations for services 10%; Charitable contributions 13%; Grants and contracts 9.5%; Other 3%.

## **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.pemibakercommunityhealth.org](http://www.pemibakercommunityhealth.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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From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 **Voices Against Violence** worked with **646** adult and child victims/survivors who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. In **Groton** alone, Voices provided **39 service hours with 87 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 2014-2015 year (please note, individuals may receive multiple services):

<b>Accompaniment</b>	13
<b>Legal Advocacy</b>	25
<b>Follow Up</b>	32
<b>Material Goods Assistance</b>	5
<b>Personal Advocacy</b>	41
<b>Safety Planning</b>	32

Voices reached an additional 1,863 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 2016 fiscal year, which is this year's base request for the smallest towns we serve. We greatly appreciate all of your past support and your consideration of this year's request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 536-5999 with any questions, or if I can provide additional information to the Committee.

Sincerely,  
Meg Kennedy Dugan  
Executive Director

## **Tri-County Community Action Program Inc.**

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

Tri-County Community Action Program is requesting at your 2016 Town Meeting \$1,543.00 in funding from the Town of Groton to help support its Community Contact programs. Community Contact is the field services arm of the Tri-County CAP. Our purpose is to assist low income, elderly and disabled persons to solve problems and meet their physical and financial needs. We accomplish this by providing information, counseling, referrals, budget counseling, guidance, and organizational assistance and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and using community resources.

Below is a breakdown of assistance the Grafton County Community Contact office provided to the **61** residents of **Groton** who have been served over the last year from July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015:

<b><u>Services Provided</u></b>	<b><u># of Households</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
Fuel Assistance	32	\$27,596.26
State-Wide Electric Assistance Program	31	\$13,806.76
Weatherization	1	\$349.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$41,752.02</b>

Tri-County Community Action provides necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities, who would otherwise have to seek help from the town. We are depending upon funding from your town and neighboring communities countywide. The local funds are used to make available local intake and support for federal and state programs including fuel assistance, electric assistance, homeless prevention, weatherization, and electric utility conservation programs. We are also the conduit through which the USDA Surplus food is distributed to the food pantries throughout Grafton County.

We greatly appreciate the support and look forward to continued cooperation and partnership with your towns' residents, elected officials and staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 888-842-3835 x103.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hinkley  
Community Contact



## **Newfound Lake Region Association**

In 2015, 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 2015 include:

- Completing our 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake. Due to a dry summer, water clarity was generally above average.
- 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.
- Receiving substantial funding from the NHDES to reduce erosion and stormwater pollution. Roughly 2/3ds of the award will go to watershed Towns to address their most pressing roadway and drainage problems.
- Coordinating the Lake Host program to prevent exotic milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake. In 2015 paid and volunteer personnel inspected over 3,000 boats at the Wellington boat ramp and the NLRA's launch at Grey Rocks.
- Building a network of nature trails at Grey Rocks. 2015 saw roughly 100 volunteers assist on this project, which improves public access to view this richly-diverse and special habitat, "where land meets water".
- Hosted over 300 passengers on our educational Newfound Eco-Tours, a two-hour narrated expedition around Newfound Lake on our pontoon boat *Madelaine*.

- Coordinated the first annual Lake Week with other local businesses and co-sponsored the first Watershed Outdoor Week (WOW!) with the Tapply-Thompson Community Center.
- Designed a Three-year Plan to pick up the pace of protecting Newfound and its surrounding land. With an enthusiastic show of support, we will be able to implement the Plan in 2016, bringing new and critical programs to our mission of protecting Newfound watershed, where *Every Acre Counts!*

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 2015 Annual Meeting**

## **BALLOT ARTICLES**

**MARCH 10, 2015**

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

### **Results for March 10, 2015 Town Election**

Selectman	3 year term	John Rescigno
Town Clerk	3 year term	Laura J. Hauser
Trustee of the Trust Fund	3 year term	Celine Richer
Planning Board	3 year term	Forrest R. Blake
Planning Board	3 year term	David Labar
Cemetery Trustee	3 year term	Elizabeth A. Jespersen
Zoning Board	2 year term	Mark H. Watson
Zoning Board	3 year term	Nancy O. Watson
Zoning Board	3 year term	Chuck M. Stata
Town Auditor	1 year term	To be appointed
Library Trustee	3 year term	To be appointed

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.

**PASSED BY BALLOT VOTE 104 – 42.**

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

**ATTENDEES WERE:**

Board of Selectmen: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, Robert Ferriere

Administrative Assistant: Sara Smith

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 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.

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 3: the Operating Budget, by increasing it by \$50,000 for a new total of \$738,226. (Submitted by Miles Sinclair.)

**TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 PASSES.**

AMENDED ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred thirty eight thousand, two hundred twenty six dollars (\$738,226)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 3 PASSES.**

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)

**ARTICLE 4 PASSES.**

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.

**ARTICLE 5 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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.

**ARTICLE 6 PASSES.**

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.

**ARTICLE 7 PASSES.**

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.

**ARTICLE 8 PASSES.**

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)

AMNENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the funds resulting from the sale of the currently owned police cruiser for deposit into the police cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by William Jolly.)

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9 FAILS.**

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)

**ARTICLE 9 PASSES AS WRITTEN.**

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.

**ARTICLE 10 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) to be used for the lettering of a new police cruiser. (Submitted by Joe Pivirotto.)

**TO AMEND ARTICLE 11 PASSES.**



AMENDED ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **Eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800)** to be used for the lettering of a new police cruiser.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 11 PASSES.**

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.

TO AMEND ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty four hundred dollars (\$2,400)** for the purchase of Material Handling forks to be used with the Highway Department's backhoe. (Submitted by Christine Goodwin.)

**TO AMEND ARTICLE 12 PASSES.**

AMENDED ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty four hundred dollars (\$2,400)** for the purchase of Material Handling forks to be used with the Highway Department's backhoe.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 12 PASSES.**

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.

**ARTICLE 13 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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).

**ARTICLE 14 PASSES.**

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)

**ARTICLE 15 PASSES.**

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)

**ARTICLE 16 PASSES.**

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)

**ARTICLE 17 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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)

**ARTICLE 18 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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)

**ARTICLE 19 PASSES.**

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)

**ARTICLE 20 PASSES.**

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)

TO AMEND ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **zero dollars (0.0)** for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$55,809.09) (Submitted by Stephen Spafford.)

**TO AMEND ARTICLE 21 FAILS.**

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)

**ARTICLE 21 PASSES AS WRITTEN.**

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)

**TABLED UNTIL AFTER ARTICLE 23.**

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

**ARTICLE 23 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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)

**ARTICLE 22 PASSES.**

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

**ARTICLE 24 PASSES.**

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 25 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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.

**ARTICLE 26 PASSES.**

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).

**ARTICLE 27 PASSES.**

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

**SECRET BALLOT VOTEON ARTICLE 28 FAILS 28-19.**

ARTICLE 29: 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 meeting adjourned 2:30PM.

This is a true attest of warrant and the Groton town Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015.

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Laura J. Hauser, Groton Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF STATE					
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION					
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE					
<b>Resident Death Report</b>					
<b>01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015</b>					
<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>	<b>Military</b>
Smith, Edward	01/04/2015	Groton, NH	Smith, Norris	Matthews, Beatrice	N
Adams, Paul	02/24/2015	Franklin, NH	Adams, Unknown	Hache, Elisa	Y
Maleska, Florence	04/21/2015	Groton, NH	Sibco, Martin	Youhas, Emma	N
Goodwin, Barbara	07/19/2015	Lebanon, NH	Boucher Sr, Armand	Aubut, Helen	N
Adams, Larry	12/20/2015	Groton, NH	Adams, William	Taft, Arlene	N
<b>Resident Marriage Report</b>					
<b>01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015</b>					
<b>Person A's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Person B's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>
Wright, Melissa A	Groton	Haney, Jeremy A	Groton	Groton	Hebron
Myatt, Erin L	Groton	Perkins, Frank H	Groton	Groton	Hebron
<b>Resident Birth Report</b>					
<b>01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015</b>					
<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>	
Brokaw, Luke Joseph	04/23/2015	Concord, NH	Brokaw, Scott	Brokaw, Kaitlyn	
Myatt, Erin L	05/06/2015	Lebanon, NH	Brown, John	Cronin, Heidi	



## 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.**

Ruth Millett  
Town Clerk  
Groton, New Hampshire



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

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday	4:00pm – 6:00pm

# ONE-STOP SHOPPING IN GROTON

## The Moses Pike Store: 1844

The Moses Pike Store in Groton was located on the corner of North Groton Road and Sculptured Rocks Road. A barn and several other large buildings housed the store. Mr. Pike resided next door to the store in what is now the home of Lewis Albert. Records show that 350 people from the surrounding area had accounts at the store. Families in Cheever, North and South Groton, Orange, Dorchester, Alexandria and Hebron did business at this store.

1844 was a prosperous one for the residents of this area. Hebron Academy, ranking as a Junior College, was at its height of popularity with about 100 students in attendance. There was also a number of industries in operation in Groton and Hebron: five or six mills that manufactured shingles, clapboards, boards and planks; two gristmills; a hat manufactory; one or more starch mills; two potash manufactories; a hop still; a distillery; several cider mills; three or four coopers' shops; an iron foundry; several places for making boots and shoes; several cabinet makers' shops; a tailor's shop; several blacksmith shops; and three tanneries. In addition there was successful regular farming: poultry, cattle, horses, sheep, apples, grains, hops, maple syrup and sugar, butter, lard, candles and soap.

Daguerreotypes of the mid 1800s indicate that the leading citizens were well dressed. Women had dresses of silk and cashmere, the latter costing \$1.00 per yard at Pike's Store. Other types of dress material were available here as were accessories: 1½ dozen buttons for \$.50, a fine bonnet for about \$2.00 and many kinds of ribbon for \$.05 - \$.30 a yard. Mitts, muffs, kids' shoes, side combs, back combs, lice combs, lace head caps and parasols were also available at Moses Pike's store. The men had as much fuss in getting an outfit as did the womenfolk. The amount of broadcloth purchased for a dress coat varied from 2 – 2 ½ yards, plus a lining of cashmere or Saxony cloth, 14 large buttons, 6 shell buttons, 6 skeins of silk and 1 stick of twist for a total of about \$12.00. Then he would have to pay a tailor for making the coat (and perhaps a vest) unless his womenfolk were adept in making men's clothes. A fancy cravat and/or silk handkerchief would top off the outfit! Store books show that in 1844 Daniel Hardy bought a silk "shall" for which he paid cash, \$6.75. It was unusual to pay in so much cash. Not everyone who frequented Moses Pike's Store could afford such finery. The scarcity of ready money is obvious from the account book records. Even the purchase of a few cents worth was charged. An increase in credit was seen after sheep-shearing when the wool was sold, when the fall harvests were gathered or

when butchering was done. The books show that credit was given for beans, corn, rye, wheat, onions, potatoes, eggs, lard, hay, wool, flax, dried apples, lumber, “shingles”, pelts, shoes, boots, butter tubs, beef barrels, yarn, flannel cloth, rags and “feetings”. Imagine knitting a pair of stockings or “feetings” after raising and shearing the sheep, carding and spinning the wool into yarn, which was then dyed and knit into a pair of stockings to sell for \$ 0.16 – \$0.25 cents. In addition to clothing and groceries, the store carried drugs, liquors, tobacco, dishes and pots, wool dyes, paper goods, hardware, animal feed and farming implements.

In certain respects, Mr. Pike was the banker for the Town’s people. He paid cash for settling the accounts of others and then loaned money on interest. His granddaughter Agnes Lane stated that Moses was not mathematically educated in schools but had a mental process by which all his calculating was done accurately. He took everything anyone had to barter, shipping the surplus goods and produce to area New Hampshire towns and to Boston. He traded in cattle, hiring drovers to take them to Brighton, MA. He bought and sold wool, recording a sale of almost \$3,400 to a certain firm in 1844.

In 1854, Pike along with others invested in building and operating a “steam mill company,” south of what is now known as Sculptured Rocks on the Cockermouth River. More information regarding this mill can be found in an article located in Volume 10, Number 2, 1990 of the Society for Industrial Archeology – New England Chapters written by GHS life member Jon Sanborn.

On June 16, 1869, while in his pasture looking after his cattle, Moses Pike died of a heart attack at age 59. Since his only son had already passed away, the store was taken over by his nephew Austin Pike, who later became a US Representative and Senator. Most of the store buildings burned some years later when owned by a Mr. Kimball. Remick’s store thrived in Moses Pike’s home in the early 1900s.

*This is a condensation of Ellen Hardy Webster’s 1937 piece, “The South Groton Corner Country Store and Its Proprietor, Moses Pike.” Webster’s original writing was saved by the grandchildren of Agnes B. Lane (GHS member Dick Clancy being one) and given to GHS.*



## **HFD IMPROVEMENT FUND - 911 SIGNS STATUS**

### **REPORT FOR 2015**

The Departments 911 Red Sign Safety Project was launched in mid-October with 21 signs sold and installed that month; 16 in Hebron and 5 in Groton. November saw 68 sign sales; 54 in Hebron, 11 in Groton and 3 in Bridgewater. December had 22 sign sales; 17 in Hebron, 3 in Groton, 1 in New Hampton and 1 in Bristol, totaling 111 sign sales in 2015.

The Hebron Fire Dept. wants to thank everyone who ordered signs in 2015. “Minutes Do Count” in an emergency situation. Emergency personnel are not always from your town and familiar with local addresses: “If we can’t find you, we can’t help you”.

The Hebron Fire Department will continue the 911 Red Sign Project thru 2016 with free installation of signs in both Hebron and Groton. We encourage you to help us spread the word.

The price will remain the same at \$15.00 ea. Order forms are available at both Hebron and Groton Town Offices, as well as, on their Web Pages. In Hebron the Fire Dept., Town Office, Town Clerks Office and the Community Center have order forms available. Payments with order forms can be mailed, dropped off at the Fire Station or the Hebron Town Office between 8:30-noon, Mon thru Fri.

Submitted by, Capt. Tony Albert  
Hebron Fire Department

## Preservation Grant for Groton Town Records Funded by Iberdrola Renewables



The Town of Groton received financial support in the form of a grant from Iberdrola Renewables for \$5,488.00 to preserve the Town Records, Vol. 5 & 9. The NH State Library awarded a grant in the amount of \$8,917.00 to preserve Town Records, Vol 6, 7 & 8 as well as the militia enrollment. By preserving these vital records, it is our hope to continue to provide a historical, cultural account of the genealogical past of the people of the Town of Groton for generations to come.



Thank you, Laura J. Hauser, Town Clerk and Ann M. Joyce, Deputy Town Clerk

## **ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR** **JOSEPH KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE**

January 2016

As I start my 3rd year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District 1, I am grateful and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Governor and Council called for a Special Legislative Session on November 18<sup>th</sup> to address the statewide heroin and opioid crisis. A Joint Legislative Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Epidemic was formed and will make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in the upcoming session.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I will continue to work with the various public and private partners to move this project forward. Additionally, I continue to work with the county and regional economic development councils and executive directors on present and future economic opportunities to grow businesses in the District.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congressman Frank Guinta in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions has been completed. The Executive Council approved the final draft and submitted it to the Governor on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years.

Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or [bwatson@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:bwatson@dot.state.nh.us).

The 2016 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, Medicaid expansion, and maintaining a good business climate. Again, be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Maggie Hassan, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address if you'd like to added to the list at [Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov](mailto:Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov) .

Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you,

Joe

# 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**

\*closed to the Public on Tuesdays

**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: 4:00-6:00**  
**All other times by appointment**

**Ruth Millett**  
**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 EJ Thompson**

**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**

