



Town of Groton
New Hampshire



2016 Annual Report

Dedication of the Town Report



The Select Board has chosen to dedicate the 2016 Town Report to Ron Madan. Ron has lived in Groton since 2004. He currently works for the Town of Groton's Highway Department. He previously worked as a Construction Supervisor for Verizon for 36 years where he supervised 28 employees. When he retired from Verizon he continued as a consultant for another 6 years. It was a very busy work schedule where he was often gone for long hours, weekdays and weekends.

Ron retired in Groton because there was little traffic, he had extra land, loved the area and it was close to great racetracks. Although he is retired from a full-time job, Ron hasn't slowed down. He has been working for the Highway Department for approximately 8 years. He ran the Transfer Station for half a year. He served on the Select Board for a year. He has been helping with the Old Home Day event for at least 4 years. He has helped out by playing Santa for the Library parties twice in the past and once for the Tapply-Thompson Community Center. Ron also

serves on the Joint Loss Safety Committee. He truly cares for the Town and helps out wherever he can.

Ron loves the racetrack and has sponsored local drivers in the past. In the warmer months, you can find Ron, often accompanied by one of his granddaughters, at the nearest racetrack. He has been married 53 years. He has 2 daughters, 6 granddaughters, 1 grandson, 4 great-granddaughters and 4 great-grandsons. Ron's family and friends mean the world to him.

Ron also attends the Congregational Church in Wentworth. He serves on the Trustee Committee, is head Deacon, and head of the Missions Group.

We are very thankful to be able to dedicate the Town Report to him and are also very thankful for Ron. He is a hard worker and volunteer. Groton is lucky to have him and his family. Thank you again for all you do.

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Annual Report

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(Incorporated December 7, 1796)

New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2016

Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2016

| | |
|--|---|
| Administrative Assistant | Health Officer |
| Sara Smith | Select Board |
| Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector | Deputy Treasurer |
| Ann Joyce | TBH |
| Police Chief | Fire Chief/Fire Warden |
| Ernest Thompson | Roger Thompson |
| Police Officers | Deputy Wardens |
| Jonathan Killam | Bill Oakley Joe Pivrotto Norm Willey EJ Thompson |
| Emergency Management Director | Deputy Emergency Management Director |
| Roger Thompson | Glen Hansen |
| Transfer Station Superintendent | Transfer Station Attendants |
| Joe Koslow | Richard Cross |
| Public Works Director | Equipment Operators |
| Glen Hansen | Ron Madan Robert Ellis Jeremy Haney |
| Janitorial | Ballot Clerks |
| Karen Olivier | Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Helen Santoro |

Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2016

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Select Board | | Moderator | |
| Christina Goodwin | 2019 | Tony Albert | 2018 |
| John Rescigno | 2018 | | |
| Kyle Andrews | 2017 | | |
| Treasurer | | Trustees of the Trust Fund | |
| Darlene Andrews | 2017 | TBH | 2018 |
| | | Michele Lacroix | 2017 |
| | | Elizabeth Jespersen | 2019 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | | Library Trustees | |
| Ruth Millett | 2018 | Elizabeth Jespersen | 2018 |
| | | Otto Jespersen | 2017 |
| | | Sharon Nelson | 2019 |
| Planning Board | | Zoning Board | |
| Elizabeth Jespersen | 2019 | Frank Grelle | 2019 |
| Glen Hansen | 2019 | Glen Hansen | 2019 |
| Russell Carruth | 2017 | Otto Jespersen | 2019 |
| Deb Johnson | 2017 | Helen Martynzyn | 2017 |
| Dave LaBar | 2017 | TBH | 2018 |
| Forest Blake | 2017 | | |
| Sharon Nelson (Alternate) | | | |
| Kyle Andrews (Select Board Liaison) | | | |
| Cemetery Trustees | | Supervisors of the Checklist | |
| Elizabeth Jespersen | 2018 | Pamela Hamel | 2022 |
| Otto Jespersen | 2019 | Anne Tobine | 2018 |
| Sharon Nelson | 2017 | Gina Rescigno | 2017 |
| Local Auditor | | | |
| Otto Jespersen | 2017 | | |

Letter from the Groton Select Board

Every year seems to be a busy year for the Groton Select Board and 2016 was no exception. The Board worked hard to make decisions based upon what is in the best interest of the Town and its employees.

For 2016, the Select Board changed again, when Robert Ferriere submitted his resignation which was reluctantly accepted by John Rescigno and Christina Goodwin. We were sorry to see Bob go but were thankful for his time served on the Board. Kyle Andrews returned again to assist the shorthanded Board and we were thankful for his experience.

And what would the year be without staff changes. We welcomed Ruth Millett as Town Clerk/Tax Collector officially after the elections. Ruth and Ann have done a lot of training and work in the office. They work great as a team and the Town of Groton is lucky to have had such a smooth transition. In the Highway Department, the Board asked the Town to consider appointment of a Public Works Director instead of holding an election every three years, to which the Town agreed at the Town Meeting. After an interview process, Glen Hanson was appointed as the Town of Groton's First Public Works Director. Near the end of the summer, Kevin Wilbur resigned from the Highway Department. The Board wishes Kevin well in his future endeavors. In the Police Department, Chief Thompson began an extensive search for additional staff. Jonathan Killam was hired and began the Full-Time Police Academy. The Board felt that the limitation of hours in the Part-Time Academy for Jonathan would be a hindrance for the Department, as it has been a very long process finding officer(s) to work in Groton. Pending the results of the upcoming Town Meeting, it is anticipated that Jonathan will be able to provide a minimum of up to 30 hours a week for additional coverage for the Town.

The Board continued the support of the Road Committee and the yearly road project at the 2016 Town Meeting. We level funded the request and completed another 1,400 linear feet of North Groton Road. The bid was awarded to Dana White Construction and once again, Dana White was

able to keep the costs under the approved warrant amount with the final cost of \$134,403.06. The Board was pleased with the work on this project and recommends that any member of the public who hasn't looked at the projects, take time in the spring and summer to drive over the completed sections of North Groton Road. For 2017, the Board has chosen to not complete another section, as there was a larger project to complete, but is working with the Public Works Director on plans for improvements in the traveled way.

After Town Meeting, the Board established a Building Committee. The Committee began meeting in 2016 to discuss options for the property located across from the Town's Transfer Station. As the budget season quickly approached, the Committee met with potential project managers/engineers to get quotes on design, management, and the build. The Board has received two proposals, which are being reviewed, but the Board is not ready to present anything more formal to the Town. We have asked for additional money in the Warrant to be placed into the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund and are anticipating a more complete project to be presented at Town Meeting in 2018.

In 2016, the Board scheduled the first volunteer clean-up for the historic Town Pound. Thank you to Paul Cole and John Faucher for cutting trees within the walls and within striking distance of the Pound. Ron Madan, Joe Koslow, John Rescigno, Gina Rescigno, Christina Goodwin and James Vacanti all helped move the cut trees and raked many years of leaves. It is anticipated that a plan will be developed on the continued restoration and clean-up for 2017.

With the departure of the Town's Health Officer in 2014, the Board solicited for most of 2015 and part of 2016, for a suitable candidate. The conditional offer previously given fell through, so the Board agreed to end the search and take on the duties of the Health Officer. The proposed budget was trimmed, with the recommendation to leave the stipend to be shared among the Board as they share the duties of the Officer. In the event a future Board would like to hire a Health Officer, the stipend would be given to that individual. During 2016, the Board worked with a number

of property owners to address items/concerns and we were able to come to amicable agreements with most. There was one property that had to be addressed and after working with the Town counsel and the court system, the property was cleaned by the Town's Highway Department. The costs of this project were incorporated into the budget and have been billed to the property owners through the Tax Collector's Office. It is never the Board's intention to have to go this route, as we would much rather work with a property owner to resolve.

For a number of 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 the 2015 Town Meeting and after receiving the 2015 donation from Groton Wind, the Board and the Fire Chief were able to determine the best options for the Town were to look for potential dry hydrant and pump station locations. Two existing dry hydrants were located, one near the former Town Offices that was cleaned and repaired by the Hebron Fire Department and one near the pond in Dorchester, status to be determined. At the end of 2016, there were three (3) potential locations for pump stations, which are anticipated to be gravel pads to park fire trucks/tankers on to aide in filling with water in the event of a large fire. The Board has reached out to those property owners to determine interest and then the next steps in the process. More information will be available in 2017.

After the 2016 Town Meeting, the Board began looking at options for the replacement of the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge. They met with project managers/engineers to discuss the project and solicited quotes. In December 2016, the Board awarded a contract to KV Partners, LLC, who will manage the project, working with the Select Board, from start to finish; including but not limited to field surveys, base plans, geotechnical investigations, preliminary and final designs, permitting, bid assistance and construction supervision. The Board is proposing to complete the bridge project in 2017 and a Warrant Article has been submitted for the Town's approval. It is our hope to finally be able to cross this project off the "to do" list and show it as completed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan update in 2018.

In closing, the Select Board recognizes that there are a number of projects that have been held off for various reasons that need to be completed. We have worked hard to keep the budget as level funded as possible to minimize the impact of these projects. We will continue to work on prioritizing each of them and thank you for your continued support.

We also thank all of the Town officials, employees and volunteers. We know that it takes good employees and volunteers to keep the Town running smoothly. If you haven't had a chance to say thank you, make sure you do and if we haven't said thank you to you before, please know you are truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
The Groton Select Board

Notes

**Town of Groton Warrant
2017 Annual Meeting**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 2017 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 14th 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 18th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

**BALLOT ARTICLES
MARCH 14, 2017**

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

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION
MARCH 18, 2017**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred fifteen thousand, thirty seven dollars (\$715,037)** 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 approve the hiring of a full-time Police Officer for the Groton Police Department.

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 1-2

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or their designee to accept and expend a 3 year, \$125,000 Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) grant to defray costs of hiring an additional full-time Police Officer. If the Town accepts the grant, it will be required to retain the full-time officer for fiscal year 2020, at the estimated cost of sixty nine thousand, four hundred five dollars and fifty nine cents (\$69,405.59).

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

ARTICLE 5: If Article 3 passes, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty four thousand, one hundred eighty four dollars and 24 cents (\$34,184.24)** for salary and benefits of the additional full-time officer for the remainder of 2017 which will be offset by a portion of the COPS grant. This amount is in addition to the \$29,000 already included in the operating budget for police salaries and benefits.

**In the event Article 3 and 4 pass the Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0
In the event Article 3 and 4 fail the Select Board Does Not Recommends This Article**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$225,000)** for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$56,330.98)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for the repair of Groton paved roads, with **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to come from the general fund balance and the remainder to be raised by taxation.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand dollars (\$6,000)** for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$11,112.70)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for deposit into the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$40,178.06)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven thousand dollars (\$7,000)** for deposit into the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$5,735.53)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$44,420.44)

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 Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$65,704.26)

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 Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$27,428.90)

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 Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$30,240.91)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$10,072.81)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 16: 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:

Off North Groton Road

Map 2 Lot 123

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be five hundred dollars (\$500), the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for support of the Groton Historical Society.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Hebron Public Library services, pursuant to **RSA 202-A:4-b Contract for Services**, for a period of one (1) year to provide library services to Groton residents with the sum of \$2,000 to pay for this contract out of the Library Budget. (submitted by the Library Trustees)

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 0-3


ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote amend to the “no spraying of power lines” ordinance adopted in 1972 to allow the spot spraying of cut saplings under utility lines, other than high voltage power lines, using an herbicide treatment to control the rapidly growing vegetation.


The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 1-2

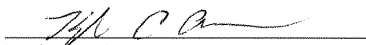
ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 21 day of February 2017.

GROTON SELECT BOARD


Christina Goodwin, Chairwoman


John Rescigno


Kyle Andrews

| TOWN OF GROTON - 2017 Proposed Budget & 2016 Expenditures | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | Proposed 2017 Budget | 2016 Actual | Approved 2016 Budget | |
| II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL) | | | | | | |
| OPERATING BUDGET | | | | | | |
| SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ 288,419 | 244,405.12 | \$ 292,679 | |
| 4130 | 1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | 57,675 | 55,208.22 | 56,386 | |
| | 4130.1 | Administrative Assistant Wages | 41,975 | 40,315.05 | 40,300 | |
| | 4130.2 | Selectmen Stipend | 9,000 | 9,000.00 | 9,000 | |
| | 4130.3 | Moderator/Assistant Salary | 150 | 509.85 | 536 | |
| | 4130.4 | Other Town Meeting Expense | 50 | 0.00 | 50 | |
| | 4130.5 | Contracted Services(Web hosting) | 150 | 99.50 | 150 | |
| | 4130.6 | Workshops & Seminars | 300 | 30.00 | 300 | |
| | 4130.7 | Telephone/Internet | 1,200 | 1,177.06 | 1,200 | |
| | 4130.8 | Mileage | 400 | 72.90 | 400 | |
| | 4130.9 | Supplies | 1,000 | 822.16 | 1,000 | |
| | 4130.10 | Postage | 900 | 777.06 | 900 | |
| | 4130.11 | Furniture / Fixtures | 50 | 0.00 | 50 | |
| | 4130.12 | Office Equipment Maintenance | 600 | 530.00 | 600 | |
| | 4130.13 | Hiring Expenses | 400 | 300.25 | 400 | |
| | 4130.14 | Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.) | 200 | 35.00 | 200 | |
| | 4130.15 | Computer/maintenance/software | 1,300 | 1,539.39 | 1,300 | |
| 4140 | ELECTION/REGISTRAR/VITAL STATS | | 54,975 | 51,020.89 | 53,889 | |
| | 4140.1 | Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary | 28,048 | 26,112.00 | 26,400 | |
| | 4140.2 | Deputy Wages | 10,000 | 8,859.82 | 9,000 | |
| | 4140.3 | Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues | 60 | 80.00 | 60 | |
| | 4140.4 | Town Clerk Expenses | 1,000 | 911.35 | 1,000 | |
| | 4140.5 | Tax Collector Expenses | 3,000 | 2,881.62 | 3,000 | |
| | 4140.6 | Workshops & Seminars | 1,500 | 947.56 | 1,200 | |
| | 4140.7 | Telephone/Internet | 1,450 | 1,416.94 | 1,450 | |
| | 4140.8 | Computer Maintenance/Software | 2,000 | 807.50 | 2,000 | |
| | 4140.9 | Advertising | 150 | 0.00 | 150 | |
| | 4140.10 | Supplies/Advertising Election | 200 | 657.77 | 421 | |
| | 4140.11 | Supplies-General | 1,300 | 1,338.51 | 1,250 | |
| | 4140.12 | Postage | 1,350 | 1,240.65 | 1,350 | |
| | 4140.15 | Ballot Clerks | 557 | 1,833.42 | 1,916 | |
| | 4140.16 | Checklist Supervisors | 2,560 | 2,608.97 | 2,992 | |
| | 4140.17 | Mileage | 1,800 | 1,324.78 | 1,700 | |
| 4150 | FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION | | 19,570 | 16,355.30 | 18,720 | |
| | 4150.1 | Financial Reporting (Town Report) | 950 | 900.00 | 950 | |
| | 4150.2 | Auditing | 4,750 | 4,060.00 | 4,200 | |
| | 4150.3 | Assessing | 10,600 | 8,491.00 | 10,600 | |
| | 4150.4 | Treasurer Salary | 3,000 | 2,700.00 | 2,700 | |
| | 4150.5 | Deputy Treasurer Salary | 50 | 0.00 | 50 | |
| | 4150.6 | Mileage | 200 | 203.38 | 200 | |
| | 4150.7 | Supplies | 20 | 0.92 | 20 | |

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|-------------|---|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 4153 | LEGAL EXPENSES | | | 13,000 | 4,358.76 | 15,000 |
| 4153.1 | Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements | | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000 | |
| 4153.2 | Attorney Fees | | 10,000 | 3,603.71 | 8,000 | |
| 4153.3 | Attorney Fees-Junkyard Compliance | | 0 | 0.00 | 3,000 | |
| 4153.4 | Junkyard Compliance | | 2,000 | 755.05 | 3,000 | |
| 4155 | PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION | | 80,000 | 75,191.21 | 90,994 | |
| 4155.1 | NH Retirement System | | 23,200 | 22,602.00 | 19,843 | |
| 4155.2 | Life & Disability Insurance | | 1,200 | 1,126.56 | 1,600 | |
| 4155.3 | Health Insurance | | 43,000 | 39,767.82 | 55,051 | |
| 4155.4 | FICA/Medicare | | 12,600 | 11,694.83 | 14,500 | |
| 4191 | PLANNING AND ZONING | | 8,502 | 2,460.96 | 8,001 | |
| 4191.1 | Planning Board Postage | | 450 | 276.09 | 550 | |
| 4191.2 | Planning Board Advertisement | | 250 | 84.25 | 250 | |
| 4191.3 | Planning Board Mileage | | 50 | 0.00 | 100 | |
| 4191.4 | Recording Fees | | 250 | 25.00 | 250 | |
| 4191.5 | Planning Board Dues | | 1 | 0.00 | 1 | |
| 4191.6 | Planning Board Supplies | | 100 | 151.12 | 150 | |
| 4191.7 | Planning Board Seminars/Training | | 1 | 0.00 | 200 | |
| 4191.8 | Planning Board Legal | | 3,500 | 1,672.00 | 4,000 | |
| 4191.81 | Planning Board Master Plan & Zoning | | 1,000 | 0.00 | 2,000 | |
| 4191.9 | Zoning Board Legal | | 2,000 | 0.00 | 2,000 | |
| 4191.10 | Zoning Board Seminars | | 600 | 173.81 | 200 | |
| 4191.11 | Zoning Postage | | 100 | 12.94 | 100 | |
| 4191.12 | Zoning Mileage | | 50 | 0.00 | 50 | |
| 4191.13 | Advertising/notices | | 100 | 65.75 | 100 | |
| 4191.14 | Zoning Supplies | | 50 | 0.00 | 50 | |
| 4194 | GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS | | 23,680 | 17,272.64 | 23,655 | |
| 4194.1 | Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: | | 4,000 | 3,372.25 | 4,000 | |
| 4194.2 | Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages | | 1,800 | 408.82 | 1,800 | |
| 4194.3 | Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance | | 4,250 | 787.09 | 4,250 | |
| 4194.4 | Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance | | 1,800 | 3,375.57 | 1,800 | |
| 4194.5 | Cleaning Supplies | | 175 | 167.47 | 150 | |
| 4194.6 | General Supplies | | 500 | 234.00 | 500 | |
| 4194.7 | Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevator) | | 2,355 | 2,574.26 | 2,355 | |
| 4194.8 | Town House Electric | | 2,800 | 2,655.31 | 2,800 | |
| 4194.9 | Town House Heat | | 6,000 | 3,697.87 | 6,000 | |
| 4195 | CEMETERIES | | 9,360 | 3,082.05 | 5,160 | |
| 4195.1 | Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance | | 2,500 | 1,680.00 | 1,500 | |
| 4195.2 | Salaries | | 1,500 | 790.50 | 2,500 | |
| 4195.3 | Supplies | | 1,000 | 576.25 | 1,000 | |
| 4195.4 | Mileage | | 75 | 0.00 | 75 | |
| 4195.5 | Fuel | | 50 | 35.30 | 50 | |
| 4195.6 | Advertising | | 35 | 0.00 | 35 | |
| 4195.7 | Site Work-River Road Cemetery | | 4,200 | 0.00 | 0 | |

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|-------------|--|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 4220.5 | Contracted Services - Rummey | | 11,000 | 8,898.86 | 11,000 |
| 4220.6 | Lakes Region Mutual Aid | | 11,096 | 10,168.57 | 10,169 |
| 4220.7 | Dues | | 100 | 0.00 | 100 |
| 4220.8 | Mileage | | 50 | 0.00 | 50 |
| 4290 | EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | | 903 | 0.00 | 1,850 |
| 4290.1 | Supplies | | 200 | 0.00 | 100 |
| 4290.2 | Workshops/training | | 1 | 0.00 | 300 |
| 4290.3 | Equipment | | 1 | 0.00 | 550 |
| 4290.4 | Equipment Maintenance | | 200 | 0.00 | 300 |
| 4290.5 | Mileage | | 1 | 0.00 | 100 |
| 4290.6 | Wages (emergency) | | 500 | 0.00 | 500 |
| | 3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS | | 135,286 | 144,972.92 | 162,134 |
| 4311 | ADMINISTRATION | | 70,535 | 94,184.88 | 95,883 |
| 4311.1 | Road Agent Wages | | 37,310 | 37,658.00 | 36,400 |
| 4311.2 | Assistants Wages | | 27,000 | 24,818.78 | 25,000 |
| 4311.3 | Telephone | | 800 | 786.15 | 800 |
| 4311.4 | Training & CDL Testing | | 400 | 0.00 | 400 |
| 4311.5 | Electricity | | 900 | 845.21 | 900 |
| 4311.6 | Heating Fuel | | 3,600 | 1,277.65 | 3,600 |
| 4311.7 | Mileage | | 100 | 77.22 | 100 |
| 4311.8 | Membership/Dues | | 25 | 0.00 | 25 |
| 4311.9 | Supplies | | 400 | 464.09 | 400 |
| 4311.91 | Truck Payment | | 0 | 28,257.78 | 28,258 |
| 4312 | HIGHWAYS & STREETS | | 63,651 | 49,710.56 | 65,151 |
| 4312.2 | Vehicles-Equipment Maintenance & Repairs | | 10,000 | 10,281.75 | 10,000 |
| 4312.3 | Equipment Rentals | | 5,000 | 4,655.00 | 5,000 |
| 4312.4 | Material | | 6,500 | 3,989.86 | 6,500 |
| 4312.5 | Signs | | 400 | 424.15 | 400 |
| 4312.6 | Uniforms | | 350 | 239.92 | 350 |
| 4312.7 | Tools & Equipment Purchases | | 1,500 | 1,309.81 | 1,500 |
| 4312.8 | Gas | | 900 | 0.00 | 900 |
| 4312.9 | Diesel | | 17,000 | 8,372.43 | 18,500 |
| 4312.10 | Salt, Sand, Deicer | | 18,000 | 17,704.46 | 18,000 |
| 4312.11 | Hydrants | | 1 | 0.00 | 1 |
| 4312.12 | Culverts | | 2,500 | 1,387.01 | 2,500 |
| 4312.13 | Safety | | 800 | 871.17 | 800 |
| 4312.14 | Tree Maintenance | | 700 | 475.00 | 700 |
| 4316 | STREET LIGHTING | | 1,100 | 1,077.48 | 1,100 |
| 4316.1 | Utility Charges | | 1,100 | 1,077.48 | 1,100 |
| | 4 - SANITATION | | 66,321 | 62,316.66 | 60,821 |
| 4321 | MONITORING | | 6,875 | 5,048.00 | 6,600 |
| 4321.1 | Landfill Monitoring | | 5,375 | 5,048.00 | 5,100 |
| 4321.2 | Landfill Repairs | | 1,500 | 0.00 | 1,500 |

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|-------------|---------|--|--|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 4324 | | SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL | | | 59,446 | 57,268.66 | 54,221 |
| | 4324.1 | Wages | | 18,000 | 18,363.42 | 15,000 | |
| | 4324.2 | Stipend | | 3,000 | 3,000.00 | 3,000 | |
| | 4324.3 | Telephone | | 500 | 437.37 | 400 | |
| | 4324.4 | Training & Certification | | 300 | 80.00 | 250 | |
| | 4324.5 | Electricity | | 1,000 | 767.30 | 1,400 | |
| | 4324.6 | Propane | | 750 | 214.69 | 750 | |
| | 4324.7 | Supplies | | 375 | 331.14 | 300 | |
| | 4324.8 | Compactor Related Expenses | | 1,000 | 85.50 | 1,500 | |
| | 4324.9 | Mileage | | 200 | 123.12 | 200 | |
| | 4324.10 | Dues | | 700 | 686.04 | 625 | |
| | 4324.11 | Portable Toilet | | 1,920 | 1,860.00 | 1,920 | |
| | 4324.12 | Transportation Costs/Solid Waste | | 25,000 | 25,552.84 | 24,000 | |
| | 4324.13 | Recycle Costs | | 5,500 | 5,238.78 | 4,000 | |
| | 4324.14 | Uniforms | | 1 | 0.00 | 1 | |
| | 4324.15 | Safety | | 500 | 66.47 | 500 | |
| | 4324.16 | Tire disposal | | 500 | 317.00 | 175 | |
| | 4324.17 | Other (brush hog rental, etc.) | | 200 | 144.99 | 200 | |
| | | 6 - HEALTH | | 5,532 | 9,433.24 | 6,813 | |
| 4411 | | ADMINISTRATION | | 1,588 | 5,524.74 | 2,885 | |
| | 4411.1 | Stipend | | 1,250 | 0.00 | 1,250 | |
| | 4411.2 | Supplies/Postage | | 1 | 0.00 | 100 | |
| | 4411.3 | Mileage | | 1 | 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 | 5,489.74 | 1,000 | |
| 4415 | | HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS | | 3,944 | 3,908.50 | 3,928 | |
| | 4415.1 | Mid-State Health | | 50 | 15.00 | 15 | |
| | 4415.2 | Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency | | 2,744 | 2,743.50 | 2,763 | |
| | 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 | |
| | | 7 - WELFARE | | 7,044 | 3,334.98 | 7,044 | |
| 4441 | | Administration | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 4441.1 | Dues | | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 4442 | | DIRECT ASSISTANCE | | 1 | 0.00 | 1 | |
| | 4442.1 | Direct Assistance | | 1 | 0.00 | 1 | |
| 4444 | | INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENT | | 2043 | 2,043.00 | 2043 | |
| | 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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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 |
| Christina Goodwin | Select Board | <i>Christina Goodwin</i> |
| John Rescigno | Select Board | <i>JR</i> |
| Kyle E Andrews | Select Board | <i>KEA</i> |
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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) |
|---|--|-------------------|--|---------------------|---|---|
| General Government | | | | | | |
| 0000-0000 | Collective Bargaining | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4130-4139 | Executive | 02 | \$56,386 | \$55,208 | \$57,675 | \$0 |
| 4140-4149 | Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics | 02 | \$53,889 | \$51,021 | \$54,975 | \$0 |
| 4150-4151 | Financial Administration | 02 | \$18,720 | \$16,355 | \$19,570 | \$0 |
| 4152 | Revaluation of Property | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4153 | Legal Expense | 02 | \$15,000 | \$4,359 | \$13,000 | \$0 |
| 4155-4159 | Personnel Administration | 02 | \$90,994 | \$75,191 | \$80,000 | \$0 |
| 4191-4193 | Planning and Zoning | 02 | \$8,001 | \$2,461 | \$8,502 | \$0 |
| 4194 | General Government Buildings | 02 | \$23,655 | \$17,273 | \$23,680 | \$0 |
| 4195 | Cemeteries | 02 | \$5,160 | \$3,082 | \$9,360 | \$0 |
| 4196 | Insurance | 02 | \$14,872 | \$14,872 | \$15,335 | \$0 |
| 4197 | Advertising and Regional Association | 02 | \$2,200 | \$2,076 | \$2,450 | \$0 |
| 4199 | Other General Government | 02 | \$3,802 | \$2,507 | \$3,872 | \$0 |
| Public Safety | | | | | | |
| 4210-4214 | Police | 02 | \$131,250 | \$101,260 | \$128,127 | \$0 |
| 4215-4219 | Ambulance | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4220-4229 | Fire | 02 | \$72,919 | \$70,911 | \$73,446 | \$0 |
| 4240-4249 | Building Inspection | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4290-4298 | Emergency Management | 02 | \$1,850 | \$0 | \$903 | \$0 |
| 4299 | Other (Including Communications) | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Airport/Aviation Center | | | | | | |
| 4301-4309 | Airport Operations | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Highways and Streets | | | | | | |
| 4311 | Administration | 02 | \$95,883 | \$94,185 | \$70,535 | \$0 |
| 4312 | Highways and Streets | 02 | \$63,651 | \$49,711 | \$63,651 | \$0 |
| 4313 | Bridges | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4316 | Street Lighting | 02 | \$1,100 | \$1,077 | \$1,100 | \$0 |
| 4319 | Other | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Sanitation | | | | | | |
| 4321 | Administration | 02 | \$6,600 | \$5,048 | \$6,875 | \$0 |
| 4323 | Solid Waste Collection | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4324 | Solid Waste Disposal | 02 | \$54,221 | \$57,269 | \$59,446 | \$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 |
| Water Distribution and Treatment | | | | | | |
| 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 |

| Account Code | Purpose of Appropriation | Warrant Article # | Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA | Actual Expenditures | Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended) | Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended) |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|
| Electric | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Health | | | | | | |
| 4411 | Administration | 02 | \$2,885 | \$5,525 | \$1,588 | \$0 |
| 4414 | Pest Control | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4415-4419 | Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other | 02 | \$3,928 | \$3,909 | \$3,944 | \$0 |
| Welfare | | | | | | |
| 4441-4442 | Administration and Direct Assistance | 02 | \$1 | \$0 | \$1 | \$0 |
| 4444 | Intergovernmental Welfare Payments | 02 | \$2,043 | \$2,043 | \$2,043 | \$0 |
| 4445-4449 | Vendor Payments and Other | 02 | \$5,000 | \$1,292 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Culture and Recreation | | | | | | |
| 4520-4529 | Parks and Recreation | 02 | \$5,299 | \$5,343 | \$5,379 | \$0 |
| 4550-4559 | Library | 02 | \$3,076 | \$1,477 | \$2,500 | \$0 |
| 4583 | Patriotic Purposes | 02 | \$100 | \$49 | \$100 | \$0 |
| 4589 | Other Culture and Recreation | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Conservation and Development | | | | | | |
| 4611-4612 | Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources | 02 | \$1,980 | \$1,195 | \$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 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | |
| 4901 | Land | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4902 | Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment | | \$7,350 | \$7,350 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4903 | Buildings | | \$5,005 | \$5,005 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 4909 | Improvements Other than Buildings | | \$172,850 | \$154,311 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Operating Transfers Out | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Total Proposed Appropriations | | | \$929,670 | \$811,365 | \$715,037 | \$0 |

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 |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 06 | \$0 | \$0 | \$225,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 08 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Police Cruiser CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 09 | \$0 | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Public Works CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 10 | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Assessing Revaluation CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 11 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Heavy Equipment CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 12 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Disaster Relief CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 13 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Perambulation Non CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 14 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Town House CRF | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | 15 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Truck/Sander CRF | | | | | |
| Special Articles Recommended | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$288,000 | \$0 |

Individual Warrant Articles

| Account Code | Purpose of Appropriation | Warrant Article # | Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA | Actual Expenditures | Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended) | Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended) |
|--|---|-------------------|--|---------------------|---|---|
| 4909 | Improvements Other than Buildings | 18 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Support of Groton Historical Society | | | | | |
| 4909 | Improvements Other than Buildings | 19 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Support for Newfound Lakes Region Association (NLR) | | | | | |
| 4909 | Improvements Other than Buildings | 07 | \$0 | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Repair of Groton paved roads | | | | | |
| 4909 | Improvements Other than Buildings | 05 | \$0 | \$0 | \$34,184 | \$0 |
| | Purpose: Salary and Benefits for additional full-time offic | | | | | |
| Individual Articles Recommended | | | \$0 | \$0 | \$61,184 | \$0 |

Revenues

| Account Code | Source of Revenue | Warrant Article # | PY Estimated Revenues | PY Actual Revenues | Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year |
|---|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Taxes | | | | | |
| 3120 | Land Use Change Tax - General Fund | 02 | \$3,923 | \$2,942 | \$3,923 |
| 3180 | Resident Tax | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3185 | Yield Tax | 02 | \$14,950 | \$11,964 | \$14,950 |
| 3186 | Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 02 | \$565,131 | \$565,131 | \$565,131 |
| 3187 | Excavation Tax | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3189 | Other Taxes | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3190 | Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 02 | \$1,662 | \$13,124 | \$1,662 |
| 9991 | Inventory Penalties | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Licenses, Permits, and Fees | | | | | |
| 3210 | Business Licenses and Permits | 02 | \$140 | \$105 | \$140 |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 02 | \$100,000 | \$127,304 | \$100,000 |
| 3230 | Building Permits | 02 | \$206 | \$270 | \$206 |
| 3290 | Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees | 02 | \$3,699 | \$5,083 | \$3,699 |
| 3311-3319 | From Federal Government | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Sources | | | | | |
| 3351 | Shared Revenues | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3352 | Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution | 02 | \$30,612 | \$30,612 | \$26,542 |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | 02 | \$26,133 | \$26,133 | \$25,700 |
| 3354 | Water Pollution Grant | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3355 | Housing and Community Development | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3356 | State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | 02 | \$263 | \$263 | \$262 |
| 3357 | Flood Control Reimbursement | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3359 | Other (Including Railroad Tax) | 02 | \$20,000 | \$1,397 | \$20,000 |
| 3379 | From Other Governments | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Charges for Services | | | | | |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3409 | Other Charges | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | | | | | |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3502 | Interest on Investments | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3503-3509 | Other | 02, 05 | \$2,500 | \$1,889 | \$46,666 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers In | | | | | |
| 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 | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3916 | From Trust and Fiduciary Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 3917 | From Conservation Funds | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| Account Code | Source of Revenue | Warrant Article # | PY Estimated Revenues | PY Actual Revenues | Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year |
|---|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| 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 | 07 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 |
| Total Estimated Revenues and Credits | | | \$769,219 | \$786,217 | \$813,881 |

Budget Summary

| Item | Prior Year | Ensuing Year |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended | \$744,465 | \$715,037 |
| Special Warrant Articles Recommended | \$67,500 | \$288,000 |
| Individual Warrant Articles Recommended | \$184,205 | \$61,184 |
| TOTAL Appropriations Recommended | \$996,170 | \$1,064,221 |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits | \$760,057 | \$813,881 |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised | \$236,113 | \$250,340 |



Tax Collector's Report

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

Instructions

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)



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| Debits | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) | | | |
| | | | Year: 2015 | Year: 2014 | Year: 2013 | |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$120,308.90 | | | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | \$6,750.00 | | | | |
| 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 | Prior Levies | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | 2015 | |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$866,877.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | \$4,500.00 | \$11,900.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | \$7,695.39 | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | | | |
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| Add Line | | | | |

| Overpayment Refunds | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies | | |
|--|---------|------------------------------|--------------|------|------|
| | | | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | | | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | |
| - | | | | | |
| Add Line | | | | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 3190 | \$866.08 | \$9,196.94 | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes | 3190 | | | | |

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Total Debits | \$879,938.47 | \$148,155.84 | | |
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| Credits | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | Levy for Year of this Report | 2015 | Prior Levies | |
| | | | 2014 | 2013 |
| Property Taxes | \$562,525.25 | \$92,743.68 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$4,500.00 | \$3,057.09 | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$7,695.39 | | | |
| Interest (Include Lien Conversion) | \$848.53 | \$7,621.44 | | |
| Penalties | \$17.55 | \$1,575.50 | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | | | | |
| Conversion to Lien (Principal Only) | | \$39,628.13 | | |
| - | | | | |
| Add Line | | | | |
| Discounts Allowed | | | | |

| Abatements Made | Levy for Year of this Report | 2015 | Prior Levies | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|------|
| | | | 2014 | 2013 |
| Property Taxes | \$231.00 | \$30.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | \$3,500.00 | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | | | | |
| - | | | | |
| Add Line | | | | |
| Current Levy Deeded | | | | |



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| Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080 | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|
| | | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Property Taxes | \$304,121.86 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | | | | |
| Property Tax Credit Balance ^① | | | | |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ^② | (\$1.11) | | | |
| Total Credits | \$879,938.47 | \$148,155.84 | | |



| Summary of Debits | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) | | |
| | Year: 2015 | Year: 2014 | Year: 2013 | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year | | \$24,557.69 | | \$15,906.57 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year | \$44,378.94 | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) | \$635.01 | \$1,560.32 | | \$5,616.38 |
| - | | | | |
| <input type="button" value="Add Line"/> | | | | |
| Total Debits | | \$45,013.95 | \$26,118.01 | \$21,522.95 |
| Summary of Credits | | | | |
| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies | | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | |
| Redemptions | \$15,186.43 | \$10,133.95 | | \$12,961.86 |
| - | | | | |
| <input type="button" value="Add Line"/> | | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190 | \$635.01 | \$1,560.32 | | \$5,616.38 |
| - | | | | |
| <input type="button" value="Add Line"/> | | | | |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens | \$4,023.90 | | | |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | | | | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110 | \$25,168.61 | \$14,423.74 | | \$2,944.71 |
| Total Credits | | \$45,013.95 | \$26,118.01 | \$21,522.95 |



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 | Preparer's Last Name | Date |
| RUTH | MILLETT | Jan 9, 2017 |

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

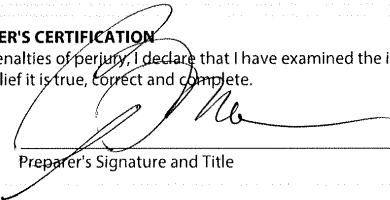
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.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, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2016

| Account | Amount |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits | \$122,406.50 |
| Title Fees | \$274.00 |
| Municipal Agent Fees | \$2,267.00 |
| Building Permit Fees | \$250.00 |
| Candidate Fees | \$9.00 |
| Copy Fees – Select Board | \$122.50 |
| Copy Fees – Town Clerk | \$25.50 |
| Current Use Recording Fees | \$32.98 |
| Dog Licenses | \$694.00 |
| Police Revenue | \$180.00 |
| E-Reg. Fees | \$26.00 |
| Junkyard Permits | \$105.00 |
| Fines | \$200.00 |
| NSF Reimbursement | \$12.00 |
| Recycle Income | \$857.48 |
| Miscellaneous | \$82.38 |
| Planning Board Fees | \$723.99 |
| Transfer Station Fees | \$2,577.00 |
| Vital Records | \$42.00 |
| | |
| Total | \$130,877.33 |
| | |
| | |
| | |

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

| | | |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016 | \$ | 146,149.23 |
| Total Deposits | \$ | 1,481,014.66 |
| Total Orders Paid | \$ | (1,636,255.51) |
| Total Bank Interest | \$ | 11.05 |
| Deposits: | | |
| Tax Collector | \$ | 721,927.57 |
| Town Clerk | \$ | 131,294.33 |
| Treasurer: | | |
| Donations | \$ | 3,200.00 |
| Forest Land Reimbursement | \$ | 262.90 |
| Groton Wind Pilot | \$ | 565,131.36 |
| Highway Block Grants | \$ | 26,133.49 |
| Moose Grants | \$ | 891.70 |
| Rooms and Meals Revenue | \$ | 30,612.02 |
| UCC Quarterly Allocation | \$ | 30.00 |
| USDA Road Grants | \$ | 1,206.29 |
| Voter Checklist Sales | \$ | 325.00 |
| Total Treasurer Deposits | \$ | 627,792.76 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Bank Fees | \$ | (47.00) |
| Capital Reserve Transfers | \$ | 49,400.00 |
| Capital Reserve Contributions | \$ | (61,500.00) |
| NSF Checks | \$ | (35.65) |
| Pdip Contributions | \$ | (443,000.00) |
| Pdip Transfers | \$ | 780,000.00 |
| Voided Checks | \$ | 968.51 |
| Total Adjustments | \$ | 325,785.86 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | \$ | <u>316,705.29</u> |
| On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank | | |

Public Deposit Investment Pool

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance January 1, 2016 | \$ 403,658.43 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 443,000.00 |
| Total Withdrawals | \$(780,000.00) |
| Interest Earned | \$ 1,922.63 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | <u>\$ 68,581.06</u> |

Groton Conservation Fund

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016 | \$ 11,644.41 |
| Total Deposits | \$ 335.65 |
| Total Checks | \$ (2,965.00) |
| Total Bank Interest | \$ 1.17 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | <u>\$ 9,016.23</u> |

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016 | \$ 2,984.82 |
| Total Deposits | \$ - |
| Total Checks | \$ - |
| Total Bank Interest | \$ 0.30 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | <u>\$ 2,985.12</u> |

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Police Department Revolving Fund

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016 | \$ | 798.80 |
| Total Deposits | \$ | 815.00 |
| Total Checks | \$ | (763.60) |
| Total Bank Interest | \$ | 0.06 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | \$ | <u>850.26</u> |

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Groton Yield Tax Account

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016 | \$ | 1.02 |
| Total Deposits | \$ | 261.38 |
| Total Checks | \$ | (0.02) |
| Total Bank Interest | \$ | 0.02 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | \$ | <u>262.40</u> |

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Old Home Day Fund

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2016 | \$ | 670.97 |
| Total Deposits | \$ | 318.86 |
| Total Checks | \$ | (500.00) |
| Total Bank Interest | \$ | - |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2016 | \$ | <u>489.83</u> |

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Local Auditor's Report

On February 17, 2017 I completed an audit of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire financial records and systems 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,

Otto Jespersen
Local Auditor

2016 MS-5

The 2016 MS-5 will be compiled by April 1, 2017. The Final Report should be ready for the public in April 2017. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website, www.grotonnh.org and at the Town office.

2016 Report of the Trust Funds for the Town Of Groton

Trustees: Michelle Lacroix, Elizabeth Jespersen

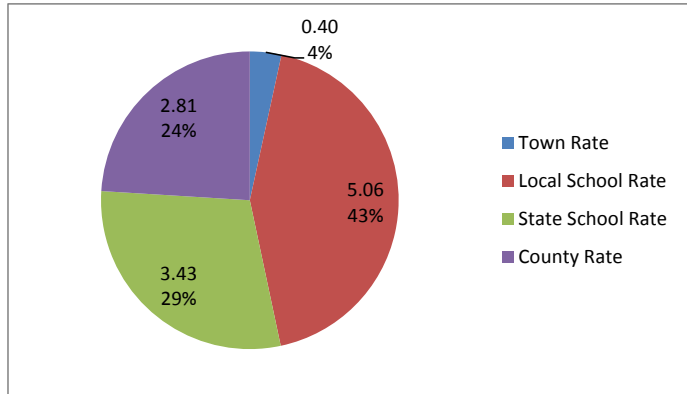
| Date of Creation | NAME OF TRUST FUND | Purpose of Trust | How Invested: Bank, deposits, % | ***PRINCIPAL*** | | Withdrawals | Balance End of Year | INCOME | | Balance at End of Year | Grand Total Principal & Income End of Year |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| | | | | Beginning of Year | New Funds Created | | | Beginning of Year | During Year | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7/1963 | Cemetery Fund | Maint. | NHDDIP | \$ 767.00 | | | \$ 767.00 | \$ 13.00 | | \$ 1,731.00 | \$ 2,498.00 |
| 6/1989 | Truck Sander Fund | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | \$ 10,000.00 | 42.00 | | \$ 73.00 | \$ 10,073.00 |
| 7/1989 | Dump Site Fund | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 1,382.00 | | | \$ 1,382.00 | 32.00 | | \$ 4,756.00 | \$ 6,138.00 |
| 6/1995 | Groton Rec. Fund | ETF | NHDDIP | \$ 790.41 | | | \$ 790.41 | 4.00 | | \$ 5.00 | \$ 795.41 |
| 1/1991 | Police Cruiser | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 25,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 20000 | \$ 10,000.00 | 58.00 | | \$ 1,112.00 | \$ 11,112.00 |
| 12/1995 | Town House | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 24,500.00 | 5,000.00 | | \$ 29,500.00 | 147.00 | | \$ 741.00 | \$ 30,241.00 |
| 12/2011 | Old Home Day | ETF | NHDDIP | \$ 670.97 | 318.86 | 500 | \$ 489.83 | 0.00 | | \$ - | \$ - |
| 12/2004 | Disaster Relief | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 56,689.00 | 5,000.00 | | \$ 61,689.00 | 330.00 | | \$ 4,015.00 | \$ 65,704.00 |
| 3/2005 | Fire Station & Equip | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 55,000.00 | | | \$ 55,000.00 | 318.00 | | \$ 6,171.00 | \$ 61,171.00 |
| 3/2006 | Heavy Equip | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 37,675.00 | 5,000.00 | | \$ 42,675.00 | 220.00 | | \$ 1,745.00 | \$ 44,420.00 |
| 3/2006 | Atwell Bridge | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 50,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | \$ 55,000.00 | 282.00 | | \$ 1,331.00 | \$ 56,331.00 |
| 7/2007 | Conservation | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 100.00 | | | \$ 100.00 | 1.00 | | \$ 5.00 | \$ 105.00 |
| 1/2009 | Premabulation | Non CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 24,746.00 | 5,000.00 | 2500 | \$ 27,246.00 | 142.00 | | \$ 183.00 | \$ 27,429.00 |
| 10/2011 | Cemetery Gen. Maint Assessing | ETF | NHDDIP | \$ 750.00 | | | \$ 750.00 | 4.00 | | \$ 5.00 | \$ 755.00 |
| 10/2012 | Revaluation | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 26,000.00 | 6,500.00 | 26900 | \$ 5,600.00 | 108.00 | | \$ 133.00 | \$ 5,733.00 |
| 10/2014 | Public Works | CRF | NHDDIP | \$ 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | | \$ 40,000.00 | 166.00 | | \$ 178.00 | \$ 40,178.00 |

Groton Tax Totals

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Tax Warrant: | 2016P02 of 2 |
| Number of Parcels: | 745 |
| Valuations | |
| Non-Utility Land Value: | 41,709,500 |
| Current Use Credits: | (13,333,458) |
| Non-Utility Improvements Value: | 41,864,300 |
| Utility Value: | 11,843,060 |
| Exempt Property Value: | (2,923,800) |
| Valuation Before Exemptions: | 79,159,602 |
| Exemptions Applied: | (275,000) |
| Net Valuation: | 78,884,602 |
| Net Non-Utility Valuation: | 67,041,542 |
| Net Utility Valuation: | 11,843,060 |
| Taxes | |
| Total Property Tax: | 884,488.00 |
| Veterans Credits Applied: | (17,792.00) |
| Commitment Amount: | 864,530.00 |
| Penalties: | 2,166.00 |
| First Bills Minus Abatements: | 421,852.00 |
| First Bills Exceeding Total Tax Needing Refund: | 0.00 |
| Adjusted First Bills: | (421,852.00) |
| <u>Total Tax Bills:</u> | 444,844.00 |

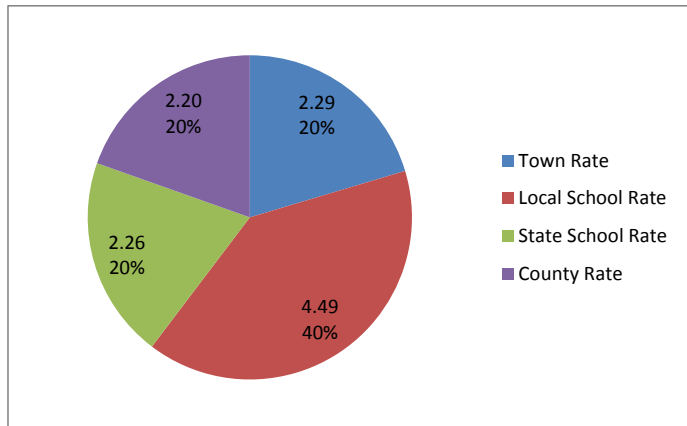
2016 Taxes

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Town Rate | 0.40 |
| Local School Rate | 5.06 |
| State School Rate | 3.43 |
| County Rate | 2.81 |
| Total | 11.70 |



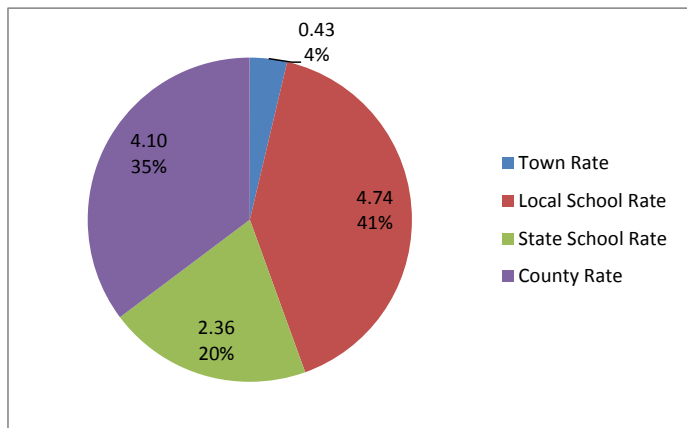
2015 Taxes

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



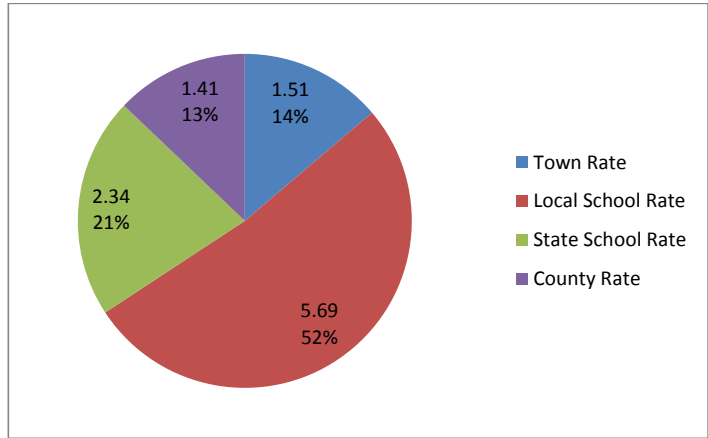
2014 Taxes

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



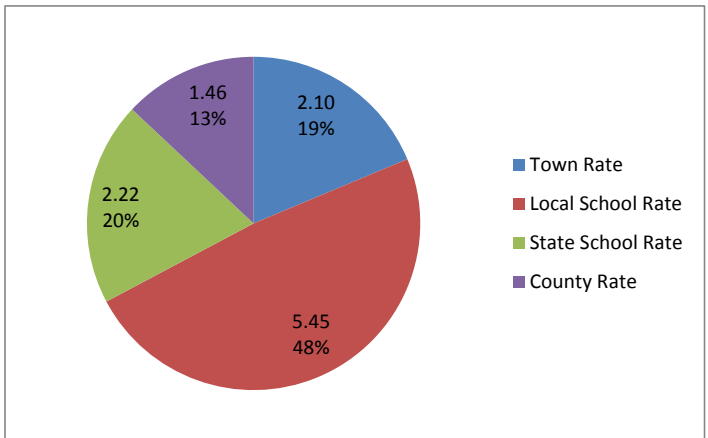
2013 Taxes

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



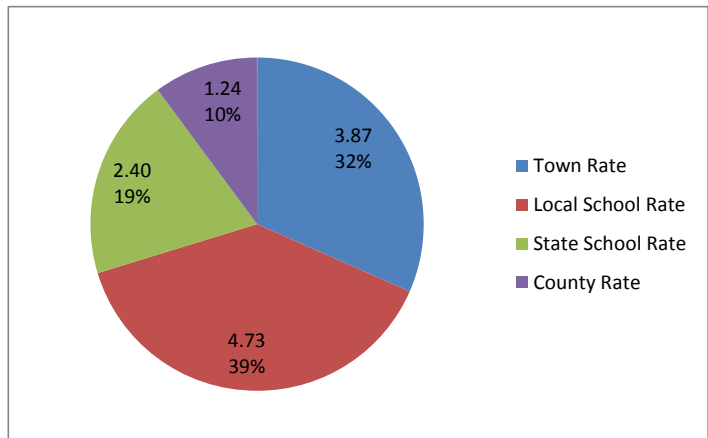
2012 Taxes

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 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 |



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2016 Tax Rate Calculation**

| | | | |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|--|
| TOWN/CITY: | | GROTON | |
| Gross Appropriations | 991,170 | | |
| Less: Revenue | 769,219 | | |
| Less: Shared Revenues | 0 | | |
| Add: Overlay | 20,170 | | |
| War Service Credits | 17,750 | | |
| Net Town Appropriation | 28,752 | | |
| Special Adjustment | 3,000 | | |
| Approved Town/City Tax Effort | 31,752 | TOWN RATE | |
| | | 0.40 | |
| SCHOOL PORTION | | | |
| Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue) | 0 | | |
| Regional School Apportionment | 825,952 | | |
| Less: Adequate Education Grant | (196,804) | | |
| State Education Taxes | (230,250) | | |
| Approved School(s) Tax Effort | 398,902 | LOCAL SCHOOL RATE | |
| | | 5.06 | |
| STATE EDUCATION TAX | | | |
| Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390 | | | |
| 65,171,542 | 230,250 | STATE SCHOOL RATE | |
| Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) | | 3.43 | |
| 67,041,542 | | | |
| COUNTY PORTION | | | |
| Due to County | 221,305 | | |
| Approved County Tax Effort | 221,305 | COUNTY RATE | |
| | | 2.81 | |
| | | TOTAL RATE | |
| | | 11.70 | |

PROOF OF RATE

| | Assessed Value | Tax Rate | Assessment |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| State Education Tax (no utilities) | 67,041,542 | 3.43 | 230,250 |
| All Other Taxes | 78,884,602 | 8.27 | 652,078 |
| | | | 882,328 |

Welfare Assistance Report

In 2016, the Town saw a decrease in general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$3000.28 in Vendor Assistance payments.

2016 Expenditures

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Grafton County Senior Citizens | | \$500.00 |
| Tri-county Community Action | | \$1,543.00 |
| Electric Assistance | | \$550.58 |
| Rental Assistance | | \$0.00 |
| Fuel Assistance | | \$0.00 |
| Food | | \$0.00 |
| Gasoline | | \$0.00 |
| Other- Transportation | | \$406.70 |
| Total Expenditures | | \$3,000.28 |

Holiday Volunteers collected money, food donations and gifts which were put into gift baskets that were distributed at Christmas. Thank you to all who helped out.

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 | | 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 ANNUAL REPORT 2016

As I completed my first year as the Chief of Police, I would like to take this time to thank the residents and taxpayers for their continued support of the Groton Police Department.

After an exhaustive search, the Department welcomed Jonathan Killam as a part-time officer. Officer Killam holds an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. He also served our Country in the National Guard, and was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. Officer Killam is currently attending the 172nd Full-Time Police Academy in Concord.

The Police Department received two grants, one from the Office of Justice Program-Bulletproof Vest Partnership and one from Avangrid, which provided funding to outfit your officers with soft body armor. In addition, the Groton Police Department is one of four New Hampshire Communities to receive a C.O.P Hiring grant for hiring an additional full-time police officer. The \$125,000 Grant will help fund the salary and benefit expenses for an additional full-time police officer for the next three years. The Department plans to submit a Warrant Article before Town Meeting in March to request that the Town accept the grant and approve the hiring of a full-time officer.

The Police Department changed its dispatch number this year in order to reduce telephone costs. The new dispatch number is 536-3566. Please make a note of this change as you may have printed material with the old dispatch number. The Police Department has a website that is attached to the Town of Groton's website. The goal of the website is to keep residents informed about Departments activities and any special announcements.

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

Crimes Against Persons 56

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Child abuse/neglect: 3 | Domestic disputes: 5 | Criminal Assaults: 7 |
| Sexual Assault: 1 | Fraud: 5 | Criminal Harassment: 3 |
| Criminal Threatening: 8 | Illegal Recording: 1 | Stalking: 1 |
| Sex Offender Violation: 2 | Stalking Orders: 3 | Reckless Conduct: 1 |
| Computer Crimes: 1 | Contempt of Court: 1 | Identity Theft: 1 |
| Domestic violation protective orders: 12 | Protective Order Violation: 1 | |

Crimes against Property 33

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Burglary: 2 | Illegal dumping: 3 | Criminal Trespass: 5 |
| Theft: 14 | Criminal Mischief: 8 | Receiving Stolen Property: 1 |

Crimes against Public Peace 6

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Disturbance: 3 | Illegal burning: 1 | Illegal Drug Activity : 1 |
| Neighborhood Disputes: 1 | | |

Community Policing/ Service Related 369

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9-1-1 Hang-ups: 4 | Alarm Activation: 11 | Assist Citizen: 19 |
| Assist-Fire: 6 | Assist-EMS: 37 | Assist Other Police Agencies: 11 |
| Assist-Town Offices: 5 | Assist Social Services: 3 | Background/Records Check: 3 |
| Civil Issues: 4 | Civil Standby: 6 | Community Service/Talk: 4 |
| Directed Patrol: 9 | Fire Permits Issued: 45 | House Check Requests: 21 |
| House Checks Completed: 55 | Fingerprints: 1 | Juvenile Complainants: 2 |
| Lost/Found Property: 4 | Message Delivery: 5 | Mental Illness Issues: 3 |
| Pistol Permits Issued: 39 | Police Information: 12 | Hazard Conditions: 1 |
| Sex Offender Registration: 4 | Road Hazards: 8 | Subpoena Services: 7 |
| Criminal Trespass Notices: 4 | Suspicious Incidents: 15 | VIN Inspections: 15 |
| Welfare Checks: 5 | Be On the Look-out: 1 | |

Motor Vehicle/ OHRV Related 80

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abandon Vehicle: 2 | Disabled Motor Vehicle: 7 | Motor Vehicle Repossession: 2 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents: 9 | Traffic Arrests: 5 | Motor Vehicle Complaints: 5 |
| Traffic Summons Issued: 1 | Parking Complaints: 4 | Traffic Warnings Issued: 35 |
| Parking Violations: 3 | OHRV Accident: 1 | OHRV Complaints: 2 |
| OHRV Warning Issued: 2 | OHRV Summons Issued: 2 | |

Arrests 11

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Criminal Mischief: 1 | Criminal Trespass: 2 | Receiving Stolen Property: 2 |
| Sex Offender Offenses: 1 | Speeding: 1 | Driving W/O Valid License: 1 |
| Driving After Suspension: 1 | Driving without Proof: 1 | Let Improper Person Drive: 1 |

Animal Control Report 45

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Animal Stray complaints: 12 | Live Stock Complaint: 7 | Animal Nuisance complaints: 10 |
| Animal cruelty complaints: 1 | Animal Bite: 1 | Lost Animal: 2 |
| Unlicensed Dog: 2 | Animal-wild complaint: 1 | Summons-Stray Dog: 2 |
| Summons-Unlicensed Dogs: 2 | Summons-Nuisance/Vicious Dog: 5 | |

Groton Fire Chief's Report

Fire related calls in the Town of Groton in 2016 was relatively minimal with predominantly small items to deal with. I would like to thank the residents of Groton for being very fire safety aware. As always, keep your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors working properly as this is your first line of defense regarding emergency situations.

Medical emergencies are always going to be the most activity in the Town of Groton.

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 |
| 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 2017, I have located some pump sites in the event of fires in Groton. There are some residents who will be contacted by the Town regarding being able to access and use these areas. We will keep you posted on the development of these sites.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Thompson
Fire Chief Groton

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

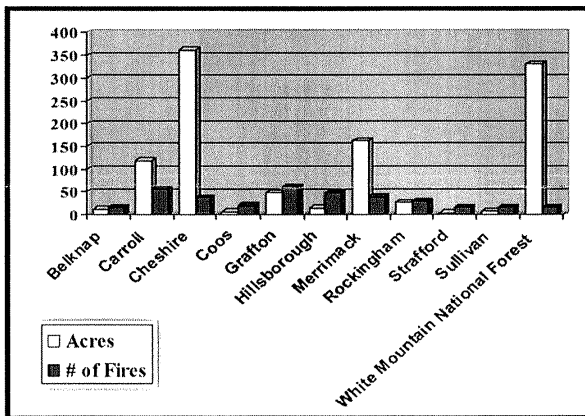
Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were 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 2016 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. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire 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. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.nhfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



| HISTORICAL DATA | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| YEAR | NUMBER of FIRES | ACRES BURNED |
| 2016 | 351 | 1090 |
| 2015 | 124 | 635 |
| 2014 | 112 | 72 |
| 2013 | 182 | 144 |
| 2012 | 318 | 206 |

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

| Arson | Debris Burning | Campfire | Children | Smoking | Railroad | Equipment | Lightning | Misc.* |
|-------|----------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 15 | 85 | 35 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 18 | 9 | 148 |

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Highway Department

During the year 2016, The Groton Highway Department performed a variety of tasks and projects.

The major projects that took place were:

- Rental of a large crusher from M.E. Latulippe Co. in Ashland. The scrap asphalt pavement pile that was stored behind the garage was crushed. We were afforded the opportunity of renting this machine at a reduced rate. The operation yielded in excess of 400 yards of process material, by Mr. Latulippe's calculations. This material was then placed in critical areas on Province Road.
- Another section of North Groton Road was re-constructed and re-paved by D. A. White Excavating LLC., who did a great job. This project started from the ending point of the 2015 Project and continued another 1,400 feet towards Route 118.
- More roadside cutting was done in an effort to keep growth from protruding into the traveled way. Efforts were made to get New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to cut back and maintain growth under their lines.
- Plans were set in motion to get electric service installed at the Park and the Highway Department paved under the pavilion.
- Ditching operations were performed by Robert Ellis, Ron Madan and Glen Hansen along North Groton Road, Edgar Albert Road and Province Road, using a rented mini excavator and the Town backhoe.
- We reclaimed and re-paved approximately 500 feet on Sculptured Rocks Road, directly in front of the Sculptured Rocks viewing area and the parking lot.

For 2017, a concentrated effort is in place to get a plan together to replace the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge with meetings held to come up with a design and plan and discuss costs. There have also been meetings held to design and develop the new Town Garage across from the Transfer Station.

In late December, the Select Board hired Jeremy Haney to join the Highway Department. He has proven so far to be a valuable addition to our team. I also

would like to thank Robert “Bubba” Ellis and Ron Madan for their continued service and loyalty throughout the past years.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Hansen
Highway Department



Assistants:
Robert “Bubba” Ellis
Ron Madan
Jeremy Haney

Road Committee

In 2016, the Road Committee continued to review and modify the original maintenance plan and also started looking for options in programs/software that could track the progress of the plan. These recommendations were made at the March 2013 Town Meeting. At the end of the year, the choices were still being reviewed but it is hoped that a program with functionality to show where the project started and the plans for continuing the project will be located in 2017.

For the 2016 Warrant Article, the Committee submitted a recommendation to the Select Board to level fund the costs with the same amount of \$145,000 and that was submitted for Town approval. During the Town Meeting, various questions about the amount and the plans to possibly bond the project were discussed. The Committee looked into options, and presented ideas to the Select Board. However, the Committee anticipates that there are just too many projects that need to get done and it is not feasible at this time to do a 10-year bond to finish the project in 2017. With that said, the Committee will continue to review options with each year.

The Road Committee also continued their review and update for the bid specifications. Adjustments were made and approved by the Select Board who then moved forward in the bidding process, beginning with the annual site meeting. The site meeting is held with prospective contractors interested in bidding. After the site meeting, bids were submitted and reviewed by the Select Board. D.A. White Excavation of Campton, New Hampshire was awarded the 2016 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. D.A. White once again did an excellent job and completed the project with little complications. The bid and contract were signed for \$114,593 with one (1) change order approved to extend the road work 200 linear feet for \$19,200. The total for the completed project was \$134,403.06.

The new section that was completed in 2016 began at Fletcher Road toward Route 118 for approximately 1400 linear feet. Although the Town is far from completing the road, each year the townspeople approve the project, it gets one step closer.

Among the challenges for 2016, the Committee was face with members changing and competing schedules. Please note, if any member of Groton is interested in serving on the Road Committee, they should submit their name to the Select Board for consideration. For 2016, we welcomed Robert “Bubba” Ellis.

Again, we would like to thank the townspeople 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

Chuck Stata

Robert “Bubba” Ellis

Christina Goodwin

Transfer Station

2016 saw more improvements in facilities and services with the installation of a new fence and addition of the electronics bin. Townspeople so far seem very happy that we now take electronics. We have also added a vendor in 2016 for collection of the propane tanks.

We look forward to 2017 when we will paint and improve the appearance of the building.

It is a pleasure serving the people of Groton.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Koslow, Transfer Station Supervisor
Richard Cross, Transfer Station Attendant:





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

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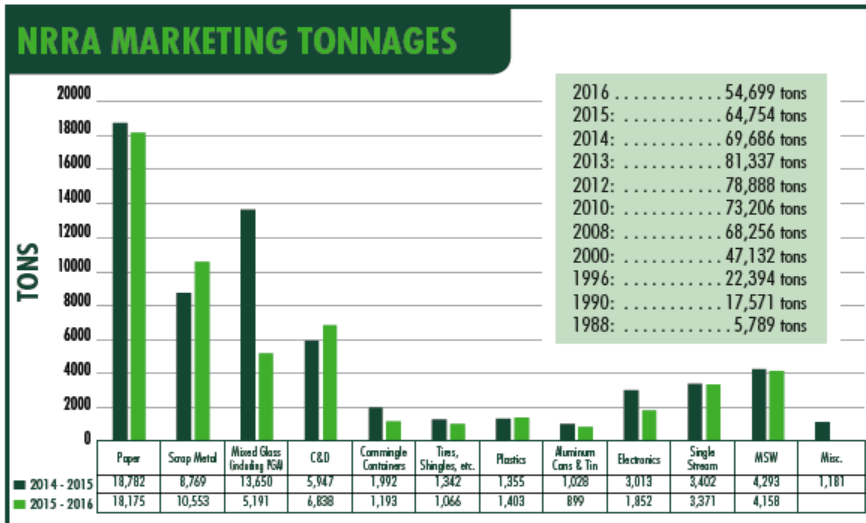
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 36-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 54,699 tons in fiscal year 2015-2016!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at 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 your recycling has had on our environment.

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

| Recyclable Material | Amount Recycled In 2016 | Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Tires | 2.2 tons | Conserved 1.4 barrels of oil! |

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **1 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions
 This is the equivalent of removing **.5 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE *DISTRICT*

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2016 Annual Report

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 161 households participated in the program – down from last year’s high of 269. It was estimated that over 11,000 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year’s program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$22,348. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,587, and received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The net expenditures for the program were \$11,761 (a cost of \$.42 per resident).

In 2017, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 27th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 30th). 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.

The district also coordinated a fluorescent light bulb collection and recycling program, which involved all member towns. This year roughly 25,842 linear feet of fluorescent tubes was collected, as well as 867 compact fluorescent bulbs, and 215 pounds of ballasts and batteries. The total cost for this effort was \$2,830.21 covered by district dues.

Prices paid for processed recyclables have been on the upswing over the last few

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months, so revenues for transfer stations should see some improvement compared to last year; however, they are still below the prices seen a few years ago. The composition of recyclable materials has also been changing. Containers are getting lighter, and many items, such as fruit juices and laundry detergent, are now being packaged in non-recyclable bags rather plastic bottles. So it's taking more effort to get full loads. 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 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.

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

Respectively Submitted,
Regan Pride, Secretary

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Planning Board Report

The 2016 elections brought two new members to the Planning Board, Glen Hansen and Elizabeth Jespersen. Following several meetings orientating both members to their duties and key documents (the Planning Board Handbook, Subdivision and Site Regulations, and relevant RSAs) the first order of business was to bring each up-to-date on the draft Master Plan. Both had suggestions for the Plan.

We had been lucky, in that few applications came before the Board from March to May allowing us to complete the orientation and review of the draft Plan. In May through November, however, the Board needed to focus on a Site Plan Review, several Subdivision Applications and a complex Lot Line Application with Road Maintenance Agreement.

This public activity gave new meaning to the need to plan for Groton's future. There are, at this point in time, in excess of 19 lots in approved subdivisions, along with numerous single parcels, that can be developed, and larger lots suitable and available for subdivision.

The drafting of the Master Plan was guided by work from the Community Focus meeting, surveys sent out by the Planning Board, Public Hearings, external documentation and GIS mapping and advice from others who know the legal requirements that form the basis for community planning. The maps created for Groton by Dan Sundquist of GreenFire GIS, highlight the location of various natural resource values (for example - productive forest soils, steep slopes, wildlife habitat) as well as areas of Town with high vulnerability for resource damage if development occurs. The intent is to provide Town planning officials with information and tools for creating regulations to protect Groton from unplanned development which might be harmful to our rural, small town character and environment. The Planning Board is now reaching out to interested community members to work with us throughout 2017 to create regulations that will maintain our Town character and preserve our environment. The result of the 2017 work will be brought to the residents

at public hearings and for vote at 2018 Town meeting. If you are interested in expressing your vision and working with the Planning Board please contact us by early April.

The Planning Board wishes to acknowledge the assistance and donation of services by Venture Print Unlimited. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Johnson, Chair
Elizabeth Jespersen, Secretary
Kyle Andrews, Select Board Liaison
Russ Carruth
Ray Blake
Dave LaBar
Glen Hansen

Zoning Board Report

The Zoning Board had an interesting year with changes in members. Otto Jespersen joined the board as an alternate member in January. Mark and Nancy Watson resigned in November. Otto was voted to become a regular member and in December Helen Ann Martyszyn stepped forward to join the Zoning Board until the elections in March.

The Zoning Board handled one request for a Variance this year. A resident filed to change his auto repair business from part time to full time. After hearing the presentation from the applicant, and getting input and concerns from neighboring residents, the Zoning Board granted the Variance.

The State of New Hampshire has approved a new State Zoning Ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). This ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2017 throughout the state. The Town has the option of “customizing” this ordinance to fit the needs of the Town. The Zoning Board reviewed the ADU Ordinance and made some recommendations to the Planning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Otto Jespersen, Chair
Groton Zoning Board

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 worked throughout the year on several projects and began work on another. Our most popular event, the annual fishing derby, was another great success. For the third year in a row we increased the number of participants. We had a visit from the area Fish & Game Officer. He spent time with every child talking about fishing and the fishing laws in NH. There were also a variety of healthy snacks and water that was very popular.

Our investigation regarding concerns about the presence of debris in Punch Brook concluded. We worked with several people and organizations to determine what options were available. These included people with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), as well as other private groups. It was suggested that repair or replacement of the bridge would be the best course of action. The options have been presented to the property owner. Unfortunately under the current laws, neither the Conservation Commission nor the Town can require the property owner to make the changes. The Conservation Commission will provide guidance to the property owner if requested, in making repairs to the site.

The Conservation Commission was contacted by the Hebron Conservation Commission regarding a potential problem with a beaver dam near Coolidge Road. An inspection was made of the site and after speaking with Fish & Game Officers, the Town can do nothing about the beavers. However the property is a managed conservation land and the situation will be monitored to avoid any potential problems.

The Commission has started a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for the Town. The NRI will chart our conservation lands, wildlife habitats, waterways, steep slopes, and many other aspects of our town. The current work is expected to be completed in the spring.

The Commission currently has six regular members, including a representative from the Select Board and one from the Planning Board. We are limited to a maximum of seven members so that leaves one opening for any Town resident who have an interest 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,

Otto H. Jespersen, Chair
Groton Conservation Commission

Old Home Day Committee

Each year, the Old Home Day Committee works on providing a better event than the year before. In 2016, the evening schedule continued to work out better for the Town and although the start was slow, the night ended with over 100 people in attendance. It was a great community evening overall.

The annual parade kicked off the event. Winners were given small cash prizes in the Kids, Tractors, Floats and Antique Vehicle categories. Vehicles were displayed along the backside of the field for participation in the annual “Touch a Truck” event. Kids and adults were able to sit in the vehicles, run lights, turn on sirens and talk to people about their entries.

This year’s entertainment was again provided by the Express Revival Band. The Groton Highway Department paved under the pavilion and it gave a great dance area for people. The band set up on the stage to keep the equipment off the ground and also let the Committee use the stage and equipment for announcements. Express Revival always gives a great show and this year was no exception.

While the music played, the free cookout for the public continued with hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks. In addition, Terri & Glen Hansen bought and prepared sausage and peppers for subs and also a Taco salad. 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 he cooked all the food we had. Thank you again to Ron Madan for providing the popcorn machine and all the supplies.

Although vendors are harder to get for the night, the Committee is working on some ideas for 2017 as we would love to see this portion of the night expanded.

Kid’s games were not held as a group activity but there was plenty for kids to do. Bats, balls and other game ideas were provided to keep them busy and the playground was in constant use.

Gary’s Electric provided the lighting around the pavilion again, which made the night easier. People could sit and visit or dance under the pavilion with the band. Thank you again Gary Easson for donating the equipment and taking the time to set it all up and then 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; and other donated gifts. The kids also continued to submit guesses for candy, pencils and other fun stuff, getting to take home the goodies for night.

The night was drawn to a close with a great fireworks display. Tilton Fireworks always provides great product, helps with the line-up for shooting, and adds extra to the purchase. Glen Hansen continued to solicit donations, purchase 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 continued \$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 display.

For 2017, the Committee is hoping that the Select Board takes the next steps to combine the Old Home Day Committee and the Groton Recreation Committee. It would be great to be able to offer 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.

For 2017, there were changes in Committee members. Vicki Kimball and Bonnie Lane resigned from the Committee. We were very sad to see them go, but both ladies have put years into hosting great Old Home Day events and we were thankful to be able to have them take part.

And last but certainly not least, a special thank you goes out to Elizabeth Jespersen, without your hard work after joining the Committee for 2016, this event would never have been able to be as successful as it was. We also want to thank the Town of Groton's townspeople for their continued support. You are what make the event a great community night. Thank you for taking the time to come out and play and stay tuned for what 2017 will bring.

Respectfully submitted,
Old Home Day Committee

Glen Hanson, Christina Goodwin, Gina Rescigno, John Rescigno, EJ Thompson, Gary Easson, Ron Madan, Elizabeth Jespersen

Groton Recreation Committee

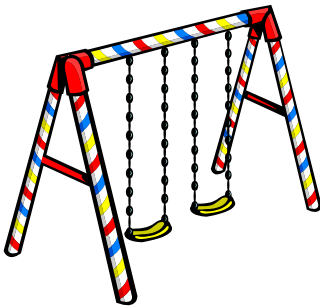
In the past few years the Groton Recreation Committee has been vacant. It has been recommended that the Select Board combine the Recreation Committee and the Old Home Day Committee into one Community Events Committee and it is anticipated that that process will start in 2017.

With that said, members are still needed. The Select Board would like to encourage those with interest and passion to contact the Board so that a 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 and there is so much that you as a community member can give.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Select Board



GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This has been a busy year for the Groton Historical Society. GHS began 2016 with extensive research for this year's Calendar. Numerous hours were spent gathering photos and researching deeds at the Grafton County Registry to find former owners of the different cellar holes in Groton. Our third calendar entitled "**Groton Homesteads: Gone but Not Forgotten**" was ready for distribution in July. The calendar includes photos and a short write up of 13 Groton homes that were built as far back as the late 1700's but are no longer standing today. Many have commented that it is the best calendar produced by GHS thus far.

There were also many changes to the Schoolhouse Museum. These included:

- Painting the front entrance and office area of the building
- A new Church display of photos and documents about the North Groton Church with the placement of the church bell wheel on the wall. The wheel was saved when the Union Church of North Groton (ca. 1833) collapsed in 1969 from heavy snows
- New picture of North Groton Village with plans to add captions to explain the different buildings
- Added Groton Old Home Day photos 1929 & 1931 with a display
- People of Groton display; pictures of people who called Groton their home
- Opened the Museum in May for the annual spring tour of students from the Principia School in St Louis, Missouri.
- Sponsored an Open House on Saturday, June 18, with a great turnout.
- The Museum was open for 8 Saturdays through the summer.
- Set up a display at the Hebron Fair on July 30
- Received a gift from Ernie Blood of his work pertaining to Groton and Rumney, along with four new wood file cabinets to replace the metal ones
- New display of Blood family artifacts including original diary and Bibles
- In the fall of 2015 GHS acquired the safe that was once a part of the Burley Store in North Groton. The safe, along with other items, are part of a new Store display, with more items to be added in the future

Our annual Memorial Day Program was very well attended. The program began with raising the flag to half-mast followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerel

Harris. Mr. Harris then spoke on the significance of Memorial Day. The program also included a presentation by Brian Monette. Mr. Monette has been involved in Civil War re-enactments for over 20 years. He was in full dress and accompanied by his horse Rascal.

On September 11, GHS hosted the New Hampshire Humanities Program “Mary Todd Lincoln” portrayed by Sally Mummyey.

Plans for the winter include continuing the cataloguing project and developing new displays for 2017.

Thank you for your continued support of the Groton Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

GHS Board Members

Paul Cole (Building Manager)
Pamela Hamel (Treasurer)
Sharon Nelson
Patricia Westcott

Roger Daniels (Vice President)
Debra Lindsey (Secretary)
Kathy Sobetzer (President)

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grotonhistorical@yahoo.com

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

As the Regional Planning Commission serving 51 municipalities and 25 Unincorporated Places of Northern New Hampshire, North Country Council continues to move forward as a proactive resource for our communities, partners and the region, providing professional economic development, community, regional, transportation and solid waste planning services to serve your needs. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

- Played key, supportive role in helping to secure \$800,000 in funding for infrastructure improvements at the former Wausau paper mill site in Groveton, as well as \$25,000,000 for construction of the new Morrison Senior Living Community in Whitefield.
- Provided grant writing and technical assistance to assist communities.
- Designated to administer Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grants within the region.
- Coordinated household hazardous waste collection events serving 26 towns in the region.
- Administered funds that enabled Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Transport Central, Tri-County Community Action Program and Advance Transit to reimburse volunteer drivers for 5,549 trips provided to the elderly or disabled.
- Completed over 150 traffic counts throughout the region to provide consistent and reliable data for use when planning infrastructure improvements.
- Completed the last of four federally-funded scenic byway corridor management plans and staffed North Country Scenic Byways Council to maintain the state byway designation.
- Administered grant for the study of the Mad River to identify options for saving Campton Village water infrastructure from costly streambank erosion.
- Provided member municipalities with guidance on records storage, prime wetlands designation, private development on federal land, bonding, interpretation of local regulations, and to several communities with the process for cell tower review, master plan updates and capital

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improvement programing. Dues provided match funding to enable some additional hands-on assistance with updates to local land use regulations, zoning amendments, downtown revitalization, and MTAG and hazard mitigation grant applications.

- Assisted Coos County Planning Board with review of Balsams redevelopment plans.
- Facilitated bulk purchase by communities of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations
- Developed a guide to help cities and towns learn how to better promote sustainable business.
- Partnered with Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA) to post case studies from ME, NH and VT showcasing successful community development projects in rural communities.

All of us here at North Country Council look forward to serving your community. NCC is your organization. We are here to serve you. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual members and promoting our region's success. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Robinson
Executive Director



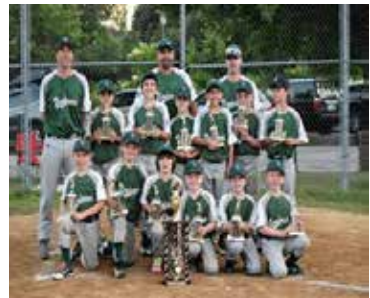
REPORT TO TOWNS - 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

We want to begin with our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of so many during the past year. We are truly blessed to live in an area that is so supportive of our mission and participants. 2016 was a successful year and below are just a few of the highlights:

- We had 580 participants for the NH Marathon on October 1st. This local race has been named 'best small town race' by Runner's World magazine and brings people from all over the world to our Newfound Region for a great running experience. This year the event raised \$20,250 to benefit the TTCC, the Mayhew Program and the Circle Program.
- Our Summer Program for youth in Grades 1 – 8 had 234 participants and a waiting list. The kids had a great summer and enjoyed field trips that included Battleship Cove in Fall River, the Stone Zoo and a trip up Mount Washington on the Cog Railway.
- We continue to offer scholarships for all programs so that no child is ever turned away due to a lack of funds. In 2016 to date we provided over \$24,000 in scholarships to our local youth. We feel very fortunate to be able to ensure that all children receive a quality recreation experience and we are grateful to our many donors for helping to make this possible.
- Our Teen Council, under the direction of staff member Gina Richford, is thriving. We have an amazing group of 23 High School teens that hold their own fundraisers, oversee our Teen Dances, sponsor teams, volunteer at TTCC events, coach teams, and are working to raise funds for new gym mats for our gymnasium. They are a great example of what wonderful kids we have in our community.
- Our Baseball & Softball Commission, a very dedicated group of volunteers, continued their great work at Wells Field with improvements to the concession stand and beginning the rebuild of the dug-outs. This group raises close to \$40,000 per year to run this program that served 237 youth during the 2016 baseball & softball season.

- We completed our 10th Annual Westward Bound Teen Expedition. This trip is offered to 12 incoming freshman each year and to date we have taken 120 local youth on one of these life changing adventures to National Parks in the Western United States. This year the youth were able to explore Yellowstone National Park and Cody, Wyoming. Highlights of the trip included the Buffalo Bill Museum, the many buffalo sightings, a rodeo in West Yellowstone, and swimming in the Mammoth Hot Springs. All costs are paid through fundraisers, sponsorships, donations and grants.

The Council & Staff at the TTCC have the benefit of seeing the difference that our programs make in the lives of our local families. We hear it often from parents that would not be able to send their child to camp or to an afterschool program without the benefit of scholarship funds. We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers who are willing to give their precious time to a cause where they feel they are 'making the difference'. *We want to thank the Groton taxpayers for your support and wish all of you a Happy & Healthy 2017!*



Left to Right: NH Marathon Half-Marathon Start; Project KNOTS Staff on Western Day; 10U District 6 Runner-Ups



Respect Advocacy Integrity Stewardship Excellence

December 29, 2016

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 2016 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 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), we served **3 Groton residents and provided \$928 in charity care to Groton residents.**

| | Patients Served-Agency | Charitable Care in \$ | Patients Served-ES |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Children (0 to 17 years) | 1 | \$0 | 0 |
| Adults (18 to 61 years) | 2 | \$928 | 0 |
| Elder (62 + years) | 0 | \$0 | 0 |

According to recent community needs assessments, access to mental health care and substance misuse treatment 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).

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 3,976 individuals living with – and recovering from – mental illness last year. On behalf of them, thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

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Supporting Aging in Community

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Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 877-711-7787)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 866-634-9412)

*Grafton County
Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
is an equal opportunity provider.*

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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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 2015-16, 22 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; 15 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 203 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 511 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Groton residents benefited from 23 visits with a trained outreach worker and 23 contacts for assistance from ServiceLink.
- Groton citizens volunteered 235 hours of their time and talent to GCSCC during the past year.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents in 2015-16 was \$7,858.82.

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

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2016 Annual Report

Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH) is a non-profit offering home health, hospice, outpatient rehab, aquatic & fitness memberships, and community services.

Healthcare faces the challenge of significant new service demands, an uncertain financial and regulatory climate, and competition for a limited pool of qualified caregivers. In addition, rising health care costs and the reductions in government funding add to the challenges of providing quality care, regardless of ability to pay. Towns and individuals who support PBCH make it possible to continue the mission Dorothy Westberg began on July 17, 1967. Today, over 50 staff members provide skilled nursing, home health aide services, physical therapy, aquatic therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, homemaking and social work annually to almost 600 patients in more than 12 communities, no matter their ability to pay.

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 is a resource for the many programs offered at PBCH.

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.

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:

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Drop In Bereavement Group ⌘ Mindfulness & Meditation for Grief & Loss ⌘ Drums Alive ⌘ Tai Ji Quan and Moving for Better Balance ⌘ Women’s Day of Wellness ⌘ Gym and Aquatics Memberships ⌘ American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/Lifeguarding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Foot Clinics ⌘ Blood Pressure Clinics ⌘ Flu Shot Clinics ⌘ Nutrition Classes ⌘ Health Presentations ⌘ Aquatics Fitness Classes ⌘ CAN bring a program to a town or business |
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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 part of this 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

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From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 *Voices Against Violence* worked with **680** adults and children who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. In **Groton** alone, *Voices* provided **33 service hours with 55 contacts** to 13 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 2015-2016 year (please note, individuals may receive multiple services):

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Accompaniment | 14 |
| Legal Advocacy | 11 |
| Follow Up | 32 |
| Material Goods Assistance | 9 |
| Personal Advocacy | 23 |
| Safety Planning | 34 |

Voices reached an additional **4,948** 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 2017 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



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Grafton Community Contact is the field services arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.'s Fuel and Electric Assistance Programs. Community Contact assists low-income, elderly and disabled persons to apply for energy assistance program to alleviate part of the financial burden of heating the home and/or electric usage. Outreach staff also provide any and all clients with information and referral services to other programs and area assistance services.

Outreach services are provided in Haverhill, Lebanon and Littleton, with the main Grafton County office located in Ashland. Requests for assistance are also accepted through mail, email and fax to make the process of applying easier for households that do not have transportation, cannot take time off of work, or have difficulty attending a face-to-face appointment for any reason. It is Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.'s intention to make applying for assistance as easy as possible.

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. provided the following in Fuel and Electric assistance to 40 Groton residents:

| Program | Households | Dollar Amount |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Fuel Assistance | 26 | \$21,495.00 |
| Electric Assistance | 14 | \$12,663.82 |
| Total | 40 | \$34,158.82 |

Our task at Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. is to serve our clients with excellent supports and care, while delivering services as efficiently and effectively as possible. We cannot do this without the support and partnerships of the communities we reside in. Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. has a long standing partnership with the town of Groton and is committed to serving all clients and households. We thank the community of Groton for its continued financial support of the program, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our neighbors in need.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Brochu, MPA
Energy, Elder & Outreach Services Division Director
Tri-County Community Action Programs, Inc.



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire
 2016 Town Report
 Town of Groton

Mission: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire strives to protect the rights of our state’s most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our purpose is to provide well-trained and caring Guardian ad Litem (GALs) for abused and neglected children who come to the attention of New Hampshire’s courts through no fault of their own.



Our trained volunteer advocates speak for abused and neglected children’s best interests in New Hampshire’s family court system- including the Plymouth Circuit Court, the court that serves children from the Town of Groton.

| | Statewide | Plymouth Circuit Court |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Children served in 2016 | 1,273 children | 23 children |

Currently, our trained volunteer advocates speak for children’s best interests in about 78% of the abuse cases that came to NH’s Family Court system. Since 1989, CASA of New Hampshire has served nearly 10,000 victimized children in our state.

Although the goal of a CASA advocate is to ensure that victimized children are placed in stable and permanent homes, there is still a constant flux of children in and out of the child protective system. These children are often relocated multiple times throughout the course of an abuse/neglect case- moving from one foster or relative home to another and transferring schools multiple times a year. Your support also helps children who are in a relative placement or foster home in the Town of Groton, children who use the Groton school system, or children with relatives/caretakers in Groton.



Annual Report to Newfound Watershed Towns Newfound Lake Region Association ~ January 2017

In 2016, the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) continued working with watershed towns, businesses, summer camps, and permanent and seasonal residents to steward Newfound's clean water and healthy forests.

Highlights for 2016 include:

- Completed our 30th consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake. Due to another dry summer, water clarity was generally above average.
- Continued to monitor tributaries and headwater streams at 35 locations. The extensive, healthy forests of our upland drainages provide Newfound's clean water. Take simple steps to prevent major storms and various changes in land use (buildings, roads and forestry) from accelerating erosion, reduce water clarity, and increase flooding.
- Coordinated the Lake Host program to prevent exotic milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake and creating severe economic damage. Paid and volunteer personnel inspected over 3,000 boats at the Wellington boat ramp and NLRA's launch at Grey Rocks.
- Added educational signage to our Grey Rocks nature trails and saw large increase in use by public. Remember, pets are only allowed on leash, and Grey Rocks is a carry In / Carry Out property, including pet waste. Please be a responsible pet owner.
- Hosted over 300 passengers on our educational Newfound Eco-Tours, a two-hour narrated expedition around Newfound Lake on our pontoon boat *Madelaine*, including tours with experts from UNH, Newfound Audubon, and NH Fish and Game Department.

- Coordinated the second annual Lake Week with other local businesses and co-sponsored the second Watershed Outdoor Week (WOW!) with the Tapply-Thompson Community Center. WOW! introduced 40 local youth to the Great Outdoors, with programs at Grey Rocks, Audubon, AMC Cardigan Highlands, Wellington State Park, and the Slim Baker Lodge / Inspiration Point.
- Started work on our Three-year Plan to pick up the pace of protecting Newfound and its surrounding land. Plan programs included Citizen Planner; Newfound Youth Conservation Corps; Grey Rocks permaculture design; and conservation land use analysis, mapping and planning..
- Installed signage and completed trail management plans for the Goose Pond / Sugarloaf Ridge conservation area, a 400-acre parcel abutting Wellington park that was purchased by NLRA members and donated for conservation.

All five Towns that surround Newfound Lake have a common vision to protect our natural beauty and clean water. NLRA catalyzes success by providing expert information, extensive environmental monitoring and analysis, and hands-on educational programs for all ages. To help protect what is important to you, please include conservation and stormwater management in your land-use planning and actions, and talk to your Town boards about low-impact land-use ordinances such as riparian buffers, steep slope / erodible soil protections, and policies that preserve natural aesthetics.

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

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Miles Sinclair, Moderator.

- Moderator began the meeting by ascertaining that there was one non-resident present.
- Invitation given for Pledging the United States Flag.
- Reading of the rules of order for Groton Town Meeting – same referenced on the Town of Groton web page.

(Approximately 50 residents in attendance and one non-resident)

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

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

Motion made and seconded to accept article 2 as written.

Christina Goodwin presents the Article – The Board worked hard... preparing to present the budget to the town at a public hearing after the public hearing they worked more on the budget and made minor adjustments. We also attempted to answer questions from the public hearing. We answered them each week after the public hearing and had a second public hearing.

At the end of 2015 they received a comprehensive wage study including job descriptions. The board accepted the study and in an attempt to provide improved wages for the small support staff at the town wage increases were enacted. Increases in wages were based upon the study and the employee's tenure and positions... (recording unclear)... and determination of where those employees were located within the study.

The Board was working off from many department head meetings where concerns were continually raised about the inadequate compensation of the Towns employees. The Board never intended to rush... (recording unclear)... there was never a malicious thought during the process at all. While we sought to do what was right for the town... (recording unclear).

Sharon Nelson - Appreciates the work the S.B. did, but did think they rushed. She was happy that finally the town workers are getting a raise in pay and that they do deserve it. Her irritation was with the speed in which the S.B. moved. There was a second budget hearing, but it was on a stormy night, people assumed it wasn't being held. There should have been another public meeting to discuss the M.R.I. survey and why you did what you did. That meeting never occurred. When Miles was Selectman he was so worried about transparency in government there was a separate warrant article for cost of living adjustment which was good. This is a Town that, no matter how it might irritate the selectmen, likes to have input. They want to know what's happening (referenced the meetings with Iberdrola concerning the windfarm, over a year of meetings and hearings before the town said yes). The last raise was in 2012 for

\$8500.00. Town Clerk received \$1650 and the rest divided among the Administrative Assistant and the Road Agent and the Road Agent's assistants. Because the S. B. had not created a tax scale as it has now, the town needed to find out what other towns were paying their town workers. This survey was marred due to the towns included in the study (Lyme and Hebron) which are wealthier towns than we are and the Town Clerk has been on the job longer. This amendment references the budget lines 4311.1 and 4130.1 proposing that we offer half of this wage increase.

Moderator - brought up the clarification that primarily we are limited to the raising or decreasing an appropriation to whatever level we think is appropriate. Under certain circumstances the warrant article itself may be altered, but not the intent of the article (gave example from 2014. The proposal for the new Dodge truck and original language talked about a trade-in to offset the cost. At the meeting a motion was made to amend the article and the voters decided to keep the truck and not trade it in. The language was changed, but not the intent of the article).

Bill Jolly asked for a clarification from the Moderator.

Moderator – The S. B. can expend the budget as they see fit.

Tony Tavares - commented that only the total amount can be changed. Line items cannot be modified. We can reduce the amount but that doesn't necessarily mean the line will be changed.

Moderator - explained that we could go line-by-line through the budget. It would drag out the meeting, but the people could do that. Whatever the bottom line is the Board can expend as they see fit.

David Leone - had spoken to Michelle Clark from the Department of Revenue Administration and on March 11th and she said they could discuss each line but because it is all in the budget we can pick one line item to discuss if it pertains to the budget and pertains to what we're talking about..

Amendment read by Moderator...

I move to amend Article 2, this year's proposed budget total, to a bottom line of \$737,215, reflecting the subtraction of half of the proposed pay increase for both the Road Agent and the Administrative Assistant.

Celine Richer - seconded the motion.

David Leone - is in favor of paying a person to do the job as long as they are doing the job competently.

Steve Spafford – Sharon’s intent is half this year, half next year. Do it in two increments. The amendment can’t say that, but that is her intent.

Gary Easson - Not in favor of this amendment. It is long overdue that our employees get a decent pay raise.

Pam Hamel - She hates to be up there to do this. The employees of the Town did need pay increases and it is very important to take care of the employees of our Town. She agrees with some to the things that Sharon had presented about transparency and going forward knowing what’s going on with our employees and how we are paying them. Many things in the survey were taken at face value and the S.B. who needed to apply the survey to our Town and implement a program of incremental raises getting our employees the level they should be. Increases are too much in one year. Some increases were 20 – 28% increases not seen in the private sector. These increases are more than the normal amount because we were behind but we need to have the right balance. Even if this amendment is approved they can chose to still keep things the way they are but it is important for them to listen to the concerns of the community. Where are we going forward with this? One of the members of the S. B. at the budget hearing talked about 4% annual increases which is a lot. Where are we going with that? 4% next year and 4% the following year over 5 years would make the Police Chief’s salary at \$67K which is a lot of money for us. If this amendment passes the S. B. should come up with a pay scale that works for our town and then present it to the town plus a plan for the town clerk whose salary is set by the town meeting. We have not had that discussion. In the past this is set by warrant article. She summarized by saying that our employees need to be taken care of but that the Select Board needs to come up with a plan.

Moderator - Town Clerk/Tax Collector salary set by Statute at Town Meeting so if there is not a Warrant Article this cannot be addressed any other way.

Christina Goodwin - stated that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position is in the budget on recommendation from the Department of Revenue. It is in the budget at the minimum of \$17.53.

Bill Jolly - spoke his concerns about these items that previously have been dealt with by Warrant Article now being decided by a “tax advisor”. He believes this is a huge mistake on the part of the Board and that we should not get away from presenting these changes by Warrant Article.

Christina Goodwin - addressed these concerns by explaining that the S. B. had reached out to NHMA which is our municipal advisor and their attorney and also the Department of Revenue. The S. B. did not wish to do anything inappropriate.

Celine Richer - I believe these people work hard and deserve a raise. I read the MRI report several times and the MRI amounts were more conservative than the S. B. amounts. M.R.I.

recommended a \$5040 raise split between the Administrative Assistant, the custodian, and the transfer station attendant. The S. B. intent was good but less conservative than what was recommended. Making up for all the past years in one year is too much. She feels bad that the employees have already gotten the raise, so in order to change now we'd have to say you shouldn't have gotten it. Every year we should set up a plan to get them to the point where they are making what everyone else is making doing their job.

John Rescigno - These employees work for everyone in the town. They deserve a fair pay for a hard day's work looking at the time that is put in plus their experience. They deserve to be treated fairly and paid fairly. They were not being paid fairly and the M.R.I. clearly stated that. We stayed within the M.R.I. and the range the people deserved for pay. Our job is not only to you and we respect you and hear what you are saying. The S. B. is running a tight budget. They do not want the taxes to be "driven through the roof" but we want to retain the employees that we do have which we cannot do if they are grossly underpaid. These employees have obligations also. We cannot underpay or they will update their resume and find other jobs. We will not be able to retain good employees and be left with those who may be dishonest or not able to keep good records which would get the Town in trouble long term.

Sharon Nelson - She believes we need to treat our employees fairly, but doesn't feel that the Town was treated fairly. Her amendment would also give these employees a raise of \$3500 dollars this year.

John Rescigno - said the reason they is such a large increase is because of how low they pay was at the time of the study. The future increases would be based upon a review yearly. John has been involved in this type of management for 25 years and has personally done a wage study adjusting the salary so employees would stay. It costs a lot more to train than retain. We do care about the town and cut the budget in other areas raising the total budget \$56000 per year overall.

Barrie Sawyer - asked when the last time there was a raise.

Christina Goodwin - answered that is had been 2012.

Barrie Sawyer - continued with his comment that for years we have been short changing our employees and now we are being asked to do the right thing and he opposes this amendment.

Glen Hansen - directed a question to the board. With these increases, how much has the tax rate raised or lowered?

Christina Goodwin – The increase was \$37000 total in wages not all because of the wage study. Some of that is because of changes in hours, new Police Chief, new Town Clerk and Election wages is all included in that amount. Up \$26000 due to workman's comp. and the wage study. The increase associated with the wage study would increase taxes \$.20 to \$.25 per thousand.

Pam Hamel – Our Administrative Assistant was not here in 2012 and in 17 months of employment is receiving a 29% pay increase. The amendment is targeting two positions so she is keeping her comments directed to those two positions. Pam said she hates to do this, to bring this up, but the amount of increase for the Administrative Assistant is more than five of the towns that are listed in the survey. She did not get short-changed in 2012, she wasn't here. This is not the right balance. She thinks our employees ought to be paid, but there should be the right program in place to do it.

Bill Jolly - (directed question to John Rescigno concerning taking care of employees.). The town needs equal consideration. The dollar amount is not the issue, it was the process of raising it to that amount.

Tony Tavares - We are trying to pay employees a decent salary. If we are going to have employees with a decent salary do we have job description for each employee?

Christina Goodwin - Yes, there are new job descriptions for all employees. New job descriptions came with the wage study which were adjusted for our town and also available to the public.

Tony Tavares - If the S. B. is creating these documents does this appear in the minutes of the meeting? Was there a hearing on this? The Town has been blind-sided concerning the salary increase. If the S. B. has already begun to pay the increase was money taken from some other project and will those monies need to be paid back? The board may have all the good intentions, but this board may not be here in three years. Intent may not be good for the Town. S. B. needs to be careful on how they document and be transparent about these things that are done and if it is done behind closed doors it is illegal because we have "right to know" laws. He is very concerned about how this was done.

John Rescigno - Whether for a Town or a Company, employees deserve fair pay. Meetings are held every Tuesday at seven pm we discussed this matter more than twice. It was also posted on line. Foundation was the MRI but the S. B. , hopefully, will move forward and follow all the details that are in the study working with the Town and the people and maintain consistency and a forward motion of the Town. Nothing was done behind anyone's eyes it was all done in the open having several meetings with the Town. These are out there for you to be there and to have input. The object is not to drive taxes up, but we can't continue going on constantly changing employees. We need to have people in place who understand their jobs and know how to work for you.

Celine Richer - The Town was blind-sided. This should have been a Town Meeting where the S. B. would have explained the report and explained where the S. B. was coming from. This was a Big Deal. This would have given ownership to the Town allowing people to buy into it. It isn't the issue that any of the people should not get pay raises. We all live on a budget and people

don't get paid enough for the work that they do. It is appreciated what each employee does in this Town including the S. B. but this is hard to swallow when everyone is tightening their belts.

Jim Gaffey - No problem paying our employees for what they do. Is there a yearly reviews done?

John Rescigno – The S.B. does know that they should have addressed this whole matter differently which Christina said in her opening statement. Yes, there are reviews done yearly.

Christina Goodwin – Yes, they are being changed as to how they are being done, yearly, but all at the same time.

Ted Yeaton – Tax payers should decide on how much the Town employees should be paid.

Kyle Andrews – Is there a plan for raises next year? Does the S.B. have a plan?

John Rescigno – Increase if warranted off yearly reviews. No large increases like this year but smaller increases if warranted.

Steve Spafford – How much did this study cost?

Christina Goodwin - \$4900 which came out of last year's budget.

Bill Jolly – Agrees that people should be paid fairly. He is not able to come on Tuesday nights to the meeting because of working out of State. The fact that people deserve a fair wage is not in question. The S. B. has a plan based on performance but once this threshold is met the increases will be based on performance and cost of living increases. We are asked to vote on an incomplete plan.

John Rescigno – The MRI study is online so those with access to computer can read it online.

Moderator - interrupted arguing.

Christina Goodwin – The plan is online, but the plan needs to be fine-tuned by evaluation going forward.

Bill Jolly – The problem is you are giving an increase in anticipation of establishing a plan and asking us to vote on it as part of the budget without knowing where it is going.

Pam Hamel - The plan is posted online and also classification of jobs. The plan has serious issues and should go before the people before being adopted. The Animal Control Officer is in the same classification as a custodian or janitor yet the Animal Control Officer carries a gun. Deputy Town Clerk is classified with the Transfer Station Attendant. The Deputy Town Clerk has the same authorities as the Town Clerk. They should not be in the same classification. The Administrative Assistant salary is \$ 25.24/hour or \$52K/year for this little Town of Groton which

is wrong and then increases are based on the ranges that they gave and if these ranges are “out of whack”, then so is the large increase.

Marilyn Lieto – suggested we should move the amendment. Much of this information is not appropriate to the amendment.

Moderator - has given wide discretion to the speakers because he sees it as all being interconnected.

Glen Hansen – speaking on behalf of his road crew assistants. They have been passed over for raises for 3 years or more and Glen has received the feedback. They have not received raises yet are doing the same amount of work if not more.

Sharon Nelson – The Road Agent assistants were not a part of the salary increases.

Moderator - goes over the rules about the amendment that after the motion has been made to end the debate then the amendment will go to the vote and there will be no more discussion. There must be a 2/3 majority to pass the amendment. Motion was made to move the question and was seconded.

Vote taken to end debate on the amendment passes.

Sharon Nelson - and at least 5 other voters requested secret ballot so preparations were made for a secret ballot.

25 no votes and 24 yes votes – the amendment failed by secret ballot.

Moderator – We are now back to Article 2 as written. Reads the Article. Floor was open for discussion and since there was none, the article goes to vote.

Article 2 passes.

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

Motion made and seconded to accept article 3 as written.

Christina Goodwin - presents the Article – last year the amount was the same for \$145K and the work went to D.A. White excavation for \$138K then with some change orders for crushed stone and removal of ledge the final figure was \$143,710. The plan is to continue where they left off and go another 1000 linear feet.

Gary Easson – It would be good not to have to shut the roads down during the work as it make people have to travel all the way around. It would be better to leave one lane open.

Steve Spafford – Why not further, faster and put more money to it if we have to?

Dave Leone – The S. B. would like to spend \$145,000 to do this work on North Groton Rd. Referring to the Town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan on page 95 stating that on May 27, 2016 the town will be replacing the Atwell Brook Bridge. If we’re spending \$145000 to replace sections of N. Groton Rd, isn’t that an awful lot of money to spend and have to spend estimate of \$82,000 plus labor to install and the labor would be less than that amount so roughly the same amount on the bridge? How will we address the bridge replacement if it is not on a warrant article?

Christina Goodwin - Were those estimated dates or were they set dates.

Dave Leone – According to the Hazard Mitigation Plan the State engineer stated that the bridge needed to be replaced in 2010. The town ignored that it needed to be replaced in 2010 and in the final plan says that it will be replaced in 2016. The S. B. or the road agent who is in charge of this hasn’t brought that forward. So if the bridge is to be replaced this year, where is that money coming from?

Christina Goodwin – That is not on a warrant article. There is an article addressing the Orange/Atwell Brook Bridge and stepping ahead to speak to that; the first step is that the board will be looking into hiring an engineer but not ready to replace that bridge just yet.

Moderator – The speaker was asking a fair question asking where the money would come from for that project.

David Leone – The Town stated in their master plan that they were going to replace this bridge and the \$82,000 does not include the labor, but does include the engineering cost to have the bridge done. This is a lot of money to repair the road if we also have a bridge that’s approximately \$150,000 to replace. Thinks the S.B. is asking an awful lot. Doesn’t see the article for the bridge replacement and wonders why the Board or Road Agent according to the Town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan page 95 did not bring this forward to the Town’s people. Is this money that is on this warrant article money that should be spent on the bridge?

Christina Goodwin – The bridge is not on the warrants to be replaced this year. We need to take the steps to prioritize and do it correctly. It has been discussed in work sessions and the S. B. will be hiring an engineer to look at the bridge in order for the S. B. to move forward. This warrant article is strictly to do the North Groton Road. The Atwell/Orange bridge is not ready to be replaced by us this year.

Chuck Stata – Until we get the engineering study we will not know how to ask for the money from the Federal Government which was not available last year even though the Plan anticipated there being monies available. There's a 90% match from the highway funds. We need to have the engineering done before we know how much the bridge is going to cost so we can apply for whatever state and federal funds are available when they are available. The bridge has been on the line for about 12-15 years. The bridge has been in the Hazard Mitigation Plan multiple times just as many other things. If you don't have it in the budget and don't have the engineering you can't get the funding unless you want to pay for the whole thing out of the Town budget which we don't.

Christina Goodwin – We are on the list for the grant. We are not saying that the bridge doesn't need to be repaired and it should be a priority. We have a priority list we are working on and after Town Meeting we should be working on that. The first step is to get an engineer to that bridge.

Glen Hansen – In the office we are still getting our bridge inspection each year and this bridge is still classified as an E2 bridge for 80,000 lb gross loads. The bridge has not been red listed yet. He gets more complaints about the road than people driving over the bridge.

David Leone - The board has brought a warrant article for us to pay to get North Groton Rd. fixed. This doesn't have anything to do with grants; but this board has neglected to put a warrant article in to repair a bridge that the state told us 6 years ago should be replaced and is in the Hazard Mitigation Plan that states it will be replaced May 27, 2016.

Moderator – For information (siting Steve Spaffords comments about why more can't be allocated to do more of the road and David Leones comments about the bridge), if the Meeting feels that the amount of money is insufficient they can raise that amount. It just needs to make an amendment in writing and have it voted upon.

Christina Goodwin – The Road Committee chose to level fund the project this year. Would we want to continue with a larger number? Yes, of course.

David Leone – Asked for repeat of Moderator comments.

Moderator – The people at Town Meeting have the ability to increase or decrease any appropriation of money proposed. If you don't think that's sufficient it can be increased. Understand that if a motion is made to allocate money to replace the bridge and that is not on the warrant moderator's opinion that you can do that, but the board is not bound by that. You're increasing the allocated money because it doesn't change the original intent to provide the monies for road improvement.

David Leone – Article specifically states that the monies are for repairs on North Groton Rd. so if the S. B. is going to spend that much money on N. Groton Rd. and we own one bridge in town

we could have taken that money and replaced the bridge that the state has said needed to be done 6 years ago and the town has said they're going to replace in 2016.

Moderator – Could go back to the operating budget and increase the line item on the budget.

Christina Goodwin – Could be addressed during discussion on Article 14 – monies allocated for the bridge project.

Moderator – That amount could be increased as well.

Pamela Hamel – This article has nothing to do with the bridge. It is only for the repairs on North Groton Rd. It has been brought to the attention of the S. B. that it's in the plan for the town so they can put it in for next year.

Moderator - Motion made to move the article and seconded.

Vote to move the article with no more debate passes.

Article 3 passes.

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.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 4 as written.

Glen Hansen - These monies that have been set aside for several years for other projects rather than the rebuilding projects. This allows a little more flexibility to work on some other areas like Sculptured Rocks Road and other main paved roads.

Christina Goodwin – This money from last year was spent on the entrance way to Spectacle Pond which had been an issue for many years, and a section on Sculptured Rocks Rd., plus a “mill and overlay” of frost damaged sections of North Groton Rd that were not part of the construction for last year but were dangerous spots.

Dave Leone - Money should be saved and put towards the bridge that the Town needs to replace.

Pam Hamel – It is important that we have these additional funds to spend for these other projects so supports this article, but would like for the S.B. to see that the Road Agent gets these projects and paving get done during the summer months, not in October or November.

Article 4 passes.

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

Motion made and seconded to accept article 5 as written.

Bob Ferriere – Article 5 is the maintaining of Province Rd. it would behoove us to continue what we’ve been doing in past years. Part of River Rd. is taken care of for us in lieu of us taking care of part of Province Rd. to maintain it so it is passable at least up to the bridge. When you get to the bridge you’re on your own. This has been our responsibility because of our switching of responsibility for River Rd. and this should continue.

Steve Spafford – questioned the exchange of responsibilities.

Glen Hansen - Correction: We plow Cheever Road for Dorchester and they plow River Road in exchange. Province Road is a “Cottage Road” which is seasonal maintenance not taken care of during the winter and winter which take a toll on it. People like to go out sightseeing, hunting, fishing, horseback riding and they need to have safe access to travel back and forth. It takes a heavy toll of the road when we have heavy rains. This is a consecutive maintenance program that we do every year we set this money aside.

Steve Spafford – Kimball Hill Rd will be having a mining operation with a lot of trucks going in and out. In Dorchester today they are discussing repairing the Province Road Bridge and if that happens can we or the S. B. send the trucks out that way? Ore weighs a lot more than logs do.

Glen Hansen – That’s only an application that exists right now for that mining operation I don’t know if they have pursued it any further. Zoning and Planning board should put some sort of stipulations on these operations, especially Province Rd. They will have an exceptional amount of heavy equipment, trucks running in and out of there and they should pick up some of the maintenance for that road as part of the covenants in their deed should they move ahead with this project. In addition if they are going to run these heavy trucks up and down that road they help with the rebuilding of that bridge and the maintenance of Sculptured Rocks Rd.

Moderator – The subject is getting too far away from the issue of the Article. Some of the discussion allowed because it pertained to Province Road, but now getting too far away from topic.

Christina Goodwin – Since Province Road is a cottage road we cannot restrict usage to the road.

Article 5 Passes.

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.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 6 as written.

Christina Goodwin speaks to the article – S.B. has received a quote on maintaining and cleaning up two signs one at the Town House and one at the park. They will landscape and put in low maintenance flowers and shrubs. They look pretty rough right now and need to be cleaned up.

Article 6 passes.

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 an 8 foot York Rake to be mounted on the front of the Dodge.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 7 as written.

Glen Hansen speaks to the article. The apparatus we are looking to purchased will be carried by the new one ton that we purchased two years ago. Purpose is to make raking the dirt roads a one man operation. It will hook into the current hitch and hydraulics that run the snow plow. The old system needs extensive maintenance which will be about \$2000 parts plus labor. With this old equipment you have to go the wrong way opposing traffic if you want to get the rake to bring the gravel up into the center of the road.

David Leone – You need to oppose traffic to use that rake? Is there a problem with that? Is that the same way you plow Bailey Hill Rd?

Ted Yeaton – The price seems rather high. Who is it purchased from?

Christina Goodwin – There were three quotes one was \$20,900 one was \$4,685 last was \$4,350.

Article 7 passes.

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 and installing a new fence at the Transfer Station.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 8 as written.

John Rescigno - This money is going to be used to repair and replace the fence around the transfer station.

David Leone – How did the fence get damaged?

John Rescigno – Fence damage is from plowing and snow getting pushed into it in some areas.

Steve Spafford – Is fence going around the South end so that trash doesn't blow into the neighboring properties?

Joe Koslow – That was not figured into the cost. The main fence is what we're looking to replace. The woman who comes to do the geological survey for the landfill was out a month or two ago and she noticed what shape the fence was in and advised the S. B. if we didn't get it fixed that she was going to notify the State. We need to do something and the main concern is the line of fence.

Christina Goodwin – Although that wasn't calculated into the total we should probably look into it. There is another article coming up that might help with some of that.

Ted Yeaton – Would like to know how old the fence is. It seems to be more than a maintenance issue.

Christina Goodwin – We don't know how old the fence is. At least 6 years old.

Ted Yeaton - How long is it estimated this new fence last?

Christina Goodwin – We received two estimates, one for \$5000 and the second for \$3450.

Joe Koslow – They didn't tell us how long it would last.

(Some back and forth with people not being recognized by the Moderator)

Ted Yeaton – Replacing the fence every 5 years seems "overkill".

John Rescigno – We can't control what "mother nature" does, but anything other than that we can hold those people responsible if damage is done. We can assure that the fence is installed properly to help with future problems.

David Leone – Was at the hearing when this was discussed and agree with Mr. Yeaton that this fence has been replaced more than once since I've been in town. Believes the fence has been replaced at least three times. And it's the recollection of Mr. Leone that every time the fence was replaced or repaired it's because someone has hit it with the plow or the town tractor or pushed snow on top of it which has caused the fence to deteriorate. This needs to be addressed. The town does, by law, need to have that fence in front of the transfer station. We are spending an awful lot of money to replace a fence at the dump that keeps getting damaged by the town.

John Rescigno – That is something that needs to be addressed. That is a critical area where money is being wasted. We will need to look back and hold people accountable that do the damage. We have cameras over there. We can review those tapes and try to police what happens.

Sharon Nelson – I don't think it is the town plows, isn't that part of the road plowed by the State? State plows did the damage.

Christina Goodwin – The state plows go by and we plow the parking lot area. There are cameras up there now, so that may help.

Elizabeth Jespersen – When talking with the Transfer Station attendants she understands that the majority of the damage is caused when the state plows wing back the shoulders and they are pushing a lot of snow up against that fence. It will be good with the cameras we can find out what's happening and prevent that from happening to the new fence.

Pamela Hamel – This is the first year the state has plowed that section in many years. The town had always plowed on behalf of the state.

Christina Goodwin – Both state and town plowed the road before.

Glen Hansen – The state would come through after the town was finished plowing and they would push the shoulders back.

Moderator – For information, when Miles was on the S. B. the fence was repaired once.

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. (December 31, 2015 balance: \$6,048.47)

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 9 as written.

Bob Ferriere - This reserve fund was established to purchase a police cruiser when one is needed. Even though we've purchased one recently we are setting aside \$5000 now instead of the whole amount at once.

Frank Grelle – Did we sell the old one and how much did we get for it?

Chief Thompson – Yes, it was sold for \$4650 (recording is unclear).

Article 9 passes.

The \$4600 went into the general fund.

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. (December 31, 2015 balance: \$20,007.23)

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 10 as written.

Christina Goodwin - This money is for the getting the public works building for the highway department out of the flood zone. We applied for a grant and are still on a waiting list. We purchase the property last year across from the transfer station. We increased the amount this year from \$10,000 to \$20,000 with the intent to make steps forward toward getting this project completed. After Town Meeting as suggested in our public hearing we will be putting together a building committee. There are some residents who have come forward to be on the building committee so we can take steps to have that building built and get the highway department out of the flood zone. This is a reserve fund that puts the money away so when we're ready to do this project it will not all come from taxes that year.

Article 10 passes.

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 (December 31, 2015 balance: \$26,019.10).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 11 as written.

Christina Goodwin By state law we need to assess every 5 years and that is this year. A large chunk of the money will be used paying for that this year. It is easier to put money away instead of paying in one lump sum for the assessing. Beside the revaluation we will be going out for bids to see if we will stay with the same assessor or not. This assessor is going to finish this project and then we'll be going out for bid for the next round.

Elizabeth Jespersen – What is the amount for the assessing this year?

Christina Goodwin - \$26,900. There is a budgeted line for assessing in the budget. That is for Construction changes and for property changes that happen every year. That is in addition to that money. This money is only for the revaluation of the Town.

Ted Yeaton – Would like to see the S.B. choose someone else to do the assessing. I think taxing a bob house on my property is a little ridiculous.

Article 11 passes.

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 (December 31, 2015 balance: \$39,191.79).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 12 as written.

John Rescigno – This reserve fund was created in 2006 by the Town to set small amounts of money aside for the purchase when needed of heavy equipment.

Article 12 passes.

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 (December 31, 2015 balance: \$60,360.49).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 13 as written.

Bob Ferriere – The Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund is there so when we have a need or unforeseen disaster we will have monies set aside. It's good to know there are funds available in case a road gets washed out or other emergencies.

Article 13 passes.

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 (December 31, 2015 balance: \$51,037.89).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 14 as written.

John Rescigno – This fund was created in 2006 for the purpose of putting money aside for the replacement of the Atwell/Orange Bridge.

Dave Leone – Since the Hazard Mitigation plan states that the bridge will be replaced in May 2016, why didn't the Board address this in a warrant article or change the warrant article? The way the warrant article reads the bridge cannot be replaced now. We can add more money to it but we can't replace the bridge even though the State said it needed to be replaced in 2010 and the board acknowledged that it was going to be replaced in 2016. That is the date in the Hazard Mitigation Plan that was sent off to FEMA. Why didn't the town move forward to replace this bridge? Mr. Leone states he feels the bridge is a lot more of a hazard to public welfare than the bumps that are in the road. Mr. Leone has a quote from 3 days ago for \$82,000 which includes the engineering but does not include the labor to replace the bridge.

Moderator – Is this comment leading to any kind of motion to be made?

Dave Leone – Disappointed the Board did not move to replace the bridge and just chose to put more money to it when it is a public hazard.

Steve Spafford – That is the only bridge that the town owns. All the other bridges in the town are owned by the state and we don't need to worry about paying for those. This is the only bridge with green sides on Sculptured Rocks Road.

Christina Goodwin – The board missed the date for the bridge replacement in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are going to be looking at an engineer this year and if Dave Leone would like to share that quote with us, we do not have any quotes yet.

David Leone – Will email or hand the quote to the S. Board. In May of 2013 he brought it forward that this bridge did need to be replaced and it should have been replaced. What would

happen if someone got hurt on that bridge and we knew six years ago that it should have been replaced and we neglected to do it?

Moderator – Cut off comment.

Christina Goodwin – This board is prioritizing and moving forward to get the bridge done. We would not want anyone to get hurt. We are moving forward in fixing it.

Glen Hansen – The NH DOT has inspected the bridge and it has not been “red listed”. If it had been “red listed” this board and everyone would have jumped right on it.

Ted Yeaton – Has been in the town for 25 years and in the logging business his whole life. During that time a lot of logging was going on in town and many loads of logs across that bridge. That bridge has been in rough shape ever since he’s been in town.

Moderator – The DOT estimated that the bridge was built in 1937.

Article 14 passes.

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 (December 31, 2015 balance: \$24,782.02).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 15 as written.

Christina Goodwin – Plymouth Line has been finished. Alexandria line is supposed to be finished and we are just waiting for the final report to come in. Hebron is in the process. Hebron has us on their warrant as well. The cost to do each line varies. One quote to do the Plymouth line was well over \$20,000. The town currently by statute is supposed to walk or pay for someone to come out and walk the lines that they share with these other towns and make sure that there is a report out there to where those lines are. Often things get moved, trees get cut down that were part of the town line at one time. We are supposed to do this every 7 years and it hasn’t been done in a number of years so we are trying to catch up.

Sharon Nelson – One year we didn’t need to pay for perambulation because we had Kyle and Miles who did it. Maybe they would be interested in doing it again.

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 Town House Capital Reserve Fund (December 31, 2015 balance: \$25,088.95).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 16 as written.

Bob Ferriere explains that this fund was established to take care of things that might go wrong with the Town House building for instance roof, painting, plumbing, heating or whatever is needed.

Steve Spafford – What is happening with the septic?

John Rescigno – The pitch was not proper. The pitch on one part of the pipe was greater than the other section inside the building, so what they were able to do was to get it to go into the pipe that goes outside into the septic tank a little lower. There was a little play to be able to drop it down and increase the pitch, so that along with the use of single ply toilet paper should take care of that problem.

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 Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund (December 31, 2015 balance: \$5,029.94).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 17 as written.

John Rescigno – The Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund was created in 1985 to put smaller increments of money into the fund so we have it when we have to replace a truck or a sander.

Article 17 passes.

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.

The Select Board recommends this Article 2-1

Motion made and seconded to accept article 18 as written.

Pamela Hamel - The Groton Historical Society would like to thank the town for their support. This is the 4th year for this warrant article. With the support of the town and various donations most of the external work of the museum has been done as well as providing handicap access ramp and materials were purchased for preservation of artifacts. In 2014 the process of redoing displays was started and many changes still in motion a number of which are slated for completion this spring. There will be a “grand reopening” June 18th. The museum had been closed since 2012 due to access issues. The Groton Historical Society is here for the Town of Groton working to preserve Groton’s past for its future. The Historical Society is more than just the schoolhouse. The building the Town Meeting is held in is there today in large part because of the roll the Groton Historical Society played in seeing that the building was restored. I have a couple of artifacts here; a newspaper article from December 24th 1997 with an article entitled, “Groton’s Historic Town House Topic of Special Meeting - A Special Meeting of the Historical Society – How to Save the Building from Being Torn Down”. That is the situation that existed in 1997. Another article stated that due to the State Fire officials report that the 200 year old building was not suitable for town meetings any longer, the Groton Historical Society became concerned and hosted a meeting to inform the towns’ people of the problem and to propose solutions for its preservation. One of the things that came out of that meeting is this warrant article that the Groton Historical Society brought to the town in 1998 to see if the town would vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint a “Needs Committee” of towns people to develop a long term plan for the Town House and to appropriate the sum of \$2000 for professional assistance. That article passed, a committee was formed and we are now sitting in this building because of that.

D. Smith was key in heading up the committee for the restoration. He was asked by the Historical Society to speak on behalf of the warrant article; all this just to let you know that the Historical Society really is here for Groton. There are some people who don’t believe tax dollars should support us, but we are asking you as individuals in this community to support us so that we can continue this job of preserving Groton’s past for its future. We are asking that you support this by saying “yes”, to the \$850.

Article 18 passes.

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).

The Select Board recommends this Article 2-1

Motion made and seconded to accept article 19 as written.

Bob Ferriere – The NLRA is an organization of people who are concerned about the watershed area around Newfound Lake. Some or most of you are familiar with the fact that 25% of the water that goes into Newfound Lake comes from the Town of Groton. The quality of life actually is affected by the quality of the water and everything else in the environment is

concerned. Having gone to several of their meetings I feel that it is very important that all towns get involved in doing what's best for our future generations. Already over several years the clarity of the water has gone down 22%. If we (all the towns around the watershed area), don't do anything (this will not improve). Groton is just one small part of that watershed but it's our responsibility to support a work that is greater than Groton itself or any of the other individual towns surrounding the lake; to accomplish something that no one town can do by itself. The amount that they're asking for is worth the investment for our future generations for drinking water and for recreation. Let's be part of the solution.

Ann Joyce – Why is it increased by \$500 from last year to this year?

Bob Ferriere – I don't know why the increase except it takes a lot of testing and evaluation.. The State testers come down and that all costs money and everything gets more expensive with time.

Christina Goodwin – They asked for this amount last year and the S.B. just submitted what we have always submitted. This year we put it up to the voters whether they wanted to pay the full request or not.

David Leone – As a licensed well installer and septic installer; our water quality is very important. Not a lot of things we need but our water should be clean.

Article 19 passes.

Point of order: On pages 72 through 84 are other non-profit entities that are just paid out of our general budget. Why are only two of these on Warrant articles and the rest just paid?

Christina Goodwin – We've always had NLRA and the Historical Society on Warrant articles and the others have just been in the budget but that's a good point.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3000)** 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 raise from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0

Motion made and seconded to accept article 20 as written.

John Rescigno – This is coming from fund balances and not through taxation. Basically what we're doing is getting a container to be kept at the transfer station and it will be used to house recyclable items and small electronics and various other items to be picked up and taken away for proper disposal.

David Leone – Is this container something that will be considered permanent at the transfer station?

John Rescigno – It will be considered permanent but can be moved.

David Leone – Does the town have permits by the state to alter the transfer station as we have it and add this container? In the past we had to get permits to add the dumpsters because it was an addition to the transfer station. Any changes to be made up there requires a permit to do that. Wiht that being said, when we did the wall last time so we could accommodate the dumpster and that change we've done that twice in the past (name of company) charged us \$21000. The second time it was done, I drew the plans for the town for no cost so if you look into that could you find some price between zero and \$21000 if you need a permit to place this container?

Christina Goodwin – Nothing is being changed. Just a storage container is being added to the space. The reason we're adding it is we want to be able to take electronic there instead of them ending up dumped by the side of the road or having Elizabeth Jespersen take them to Staples.

Article20 passes.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$6,000)** to the highways & streets material budget (line) to insure the adequate upkeep of ALL town maintained roads (Submitted by Petition).

Motion made and seconded to accept article 21 as written.

Jim Joyce – I talked to Glenn a few times in the past about the condition of the culvers and soft shoulders on my road (Edgar Albert), and I'm sure some other. He's been great trying to fix by pushing dirt around in my opinion. Glenn said in order for it to be fixed it would need to be re-ditched and they would need riprap type material to shore up the sides of the road. He's more than willing to help but there's not enough money in the materials line. So normally he gets \$4000 in the past, this year \$5000 so we're asking for an additional \$1000 to bring the total up to \$6000 so he has the material to do what he needs to maintain the town roads.

Moderator – So you're not looking to appropriate and additional \$6000?

James Joyce – No, just enough to bring it up to \$6000. At the time of the petition we didn't know what the amount would be. I thought it would be \$4000 but it turned out to be \$5000.

Moderator – This was submitted by petition which requires 25 signatures.

Christina Goodwin – The petition is in the office.

Jim Joyce – According to the RSA it is a certain percentage of registered voters... 10.

Moderator – Are there any other petitioners present? Do you agree that this is a total of \$6000?

Jim Joyce – Materials budget line was short in 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014 and also because of the washouts on Sculptured Rocks Rd., and Edgar Albert Road... a total of \$7719, so historically he's been short on materials line to take care of town roads.

Ted Yeaton – We just voted for \$20,000 for repair of Groton roads though it says paved roads, Why isn't this just added into that?

Christina Goodwin – This was a "petition article" submitted by the voters. It should be added into the budget but it was submitted as a petition article so needed to be added in here.

Dave Leone – The roads as they're being maintained now I feel as though there's enough money in the budget to maintain the roads that we have. That road has been maintained by being graded and gravel added to it for as long as I've been in town and as long as the town has been obligated to maintain that road and maintain other roads. I feel as though we don't need more money for materials in the budget, we need to maintain the roads we have which means the roads need to be properly graded so that we can use the road. It's not a question of adding more money in materials; it's a question of having the roads properly graded so that we can use what we have.

Christina Goodwin – The way this petition article is written we're going to add \$6000.

Moderator – I've been re-reading it. I think we've clarified what the intent of the petitioners was as long as we have detailed minutes that reflect that the amount looking to be added is not \$6000 it is to make that line a total of \$6000 by adding another \$1000 to the materials line. As long as that's clarified in the minutes I think we're OK.

Bob Ferriere – Should he have that written down amending this? I'm not OK with just changing it. Until just now I thought he was looking for \$6000 more. It needs to be written to say \$1000 more.

Moderator – I don't think that is necessary because you're dealing with what the intent of the article is. They've just explained what that intent was. Whether this was a bit unclear or ambiguous, I think that's been resolved because he's told us what the language was supposed to mean. As long as it's clarified in the minutes so there's no question about what the intent was it doesn't need to be amended. Should the petitioners think differently it's certainly within their right to submit a written amendment to address that.

David Leone (point of order) – You refer to it being recorded in the minutes of the meeting so that it's quite clear as to what the intent was. In the past what I've found by reading the minutes of the meeting is that we read the minutes and it says that the town voted on an

article and whether it passed or it didn't pass. The minutes haven't been written out that actually state what happened in the meeting. I asked our former clerk had she changed what I thought was the proper way to do it and write in the minutes who made the comment and what the comment was so that you can go back and can look and see and you understand why you vote had gone that way. Are our minutes being written so that we can go back and see that this is written into the minutes as to what is being done?

Moderator – I have heard similar concerns raised before that there wasn't sufficient detail in the past minutes, but we now have a new town clerk/tax collector. Would your intent be to produce more detailed minutes?

Ruth Millett – This has been brought up to my attention several times and yes, there will be more detail in the minutes, more discussion.

Moderator – We do record everything as we speak.

Tony Tavares – The best route to take would be for the author of this petition to amend it to \$1000 and then there's no question. I wouldn't want to rely on a recorder to pick up everything that going on here. I think it should be changed in the wording and made clear.

Moderator – I understand your position.

Sharon Nelson – Asked for clarification from the petitioner.

Barrie Sawyer – I look at this and it's quite specific. It didn't say add \$6000. It says that that particular line item the total is \$6000. What's the problem?

Pam Hamel – This warrant article says to me \$6000. The town budget has a line item with money in it. I think it needs to be changed because I think the DRA is going to look at this, I don't care what the intent is, they're going to look at this and say you're adding \$6000.

Christian Goodwin – My experience with the Department or Revenue they are going to add \$6000 to your warrant article. They aren't going to take the intent into consideration.

Petitioner – I want to amend this article.

(writing out the amendment)

Amendment submitted:

Article 21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate this sum of \$1000.00 to the highway and streets materials 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).

Amendment seconded by Elizabeth Jespersen.

Vote on the amended article passes.

Now voting on article 21 as amended

Article 21 passes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Motion made and seconded to accept article 21 as written.

Sharon Nelson – Asks if Miles will come back as moderator for the year.

Moderator - Didn't realize so many years have passed since 2008 when a vacancy came up on the S. B. and he took that position and Lou Lieto became moderator. He has been doing this for almost 8 years. It didn't seem like that long to me. Lou is a man I have great respect for. He's so much smarter than I will ever be. Unfortunately he couldn't be here today. I think he's done an excellent job as Moderator. Even though he's not here Marilyn is, if we could give a round of applause in thanks. (Applause)

Christina Goodwin – I want to thank all those who brought in food today and to thank Elizabeth Jespersen. She made a couple of things and has been making coffee. She's always ready to volunteer to do things. (Applause)

I want to also thank Ann Joyce. Ann has filled in as interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector since January 1st. She participated in training and provided much coverage for the office and we appreciate Ann and all she has been able to offer. (Applause)

The Old Home Days committee is recommending to the S. B. to combine the Old Home Day and the Groton Recreation Committee. The Groton Recreation Committee has had no one unfortunately on it for a number of years, but the Old Home Day Committee is willing to take over and hopefully plan a few events. We need to check with the DRA to see if they can be combined and it may be on a warrant next year to do that if the S. B. chooses.

We did receive a donation from Groton Wind of \$5000 for the intent to look at cisterns and a dry hydrant. You'll notice that this warrant was not on the warrants this year. The S. B. decided to remove it and put it on our priority list and make plans to move forward and also to be able to use that money to install a dry hydrant somewhere in town. Some places we've already

looked at are up new Spectacle Pond and by River Road because there's nothing over there. We'll be looking at other locations with the Fire Chief.

The S. B. has a priority list of projects so they don't slip through the cracks. We'll be making a plan to move forward on each of these projects. Anything heard today in the meeting we'll be compiling a list of the comments and questions and will be updating during S. B. meetings and hearings.

David Leone – I would ask that the S. B. read the Hazard Mitigation Plan and check the dates. There are several errors that have been written into this plan and the S. B. should take appropriate action to correct the errors that have been written into the plan.

Elizabeth Jespersen – A birthday card for Pam Yinger is out on the S. B. desk for anyone who would like to sign it.

Moderator – Noticed yesterday that the propane tank is listing. Frost could be part of it.

The S. B. can at their discretion change the date of the deliberative session. If the people want to change that and go back to the way we used to do it there must be an article on the warrant.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Town Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Groton, NH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Millett', written in a cursive style.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Resident Death Report

01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

| Decedent's Name | Date of Death | Place of Death | Father's Name | Mother's Maiden Name | Military |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Bixby, Charles | 01/03/2016 | Groton, NH | Bixby, Leroy | Monroe, Eva | Y |
| Smith, Daryl | 02/07/2016 | Plymouth, NH | Smith, Edward | Matthews, Vikki | N |
| Falchetta, Stephen | 03/01/2016 | Lebanon, NH | Falchetta, Joseph | Notarnicola, Cosimina | Y |
| Yinger, Pamela | 03/12/2016 | Groton, NH | Yinger, Clement | Humphrey, Aileen | N |
| Bryant, Clarence | 03/25/2016 | Groton, NH | Bryant, Clarence | Jacobus, Christine | N |
| Copp, Jodi | 07/26/2016 | Plymouth, NH | Main, George | Unknown, Shirley | N |

Resident Marriage Report

01/01/2016- 12/31/2016

| Person A's Name | Residence | Person B's Name | Residence | Town of Issuance | Place of Marriage | Date of Marriage |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Charon, Erik S. | Groton | Johnson, Megan L. | Groton | Groton | Groton | 07/23/2016 |

Resident Birth Record

01/01/2016-12/31/2016

| Child's Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Father's Name | Mother's Name |
|------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Wagler, Caleb J. | 01/04/2016 | Plymouth, NH | Wagler JR, Gregory | Wagler, Heather |



Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!

All dog licenses are due by April 30th. If they are not licensed by June 1 there will be a forfeit of \$25.00 and a fine of \$1.00 monthly.

License Fees are:

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| 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 |

Groton Town Pound

New Hampshire laws, even as far back as the pre-Revolutionary War era, required that towns provide a pound to house stray animals. Normally the towns placed the pounds in a central location such as near the Town House. Rarely were these pounds mentioned in deeds. Groton's records indicate that the first town pound was built sometime between 1779 and 1787. The first warrant article mentioning a Town Pound was on February 22, 1779. It is unclear if that article passed. However, in March of 1787, the Town voted to build a pound and appointed Henry Phelps as the pound keeper. He kept that position, with the exception of one year, until at least 1793. Joshua Heath was keeper for one year, 1790. The location of this pound is unknown.

Groton's current Town Pound is located near the crest of Rolf Hill, across the road and just south of the Transfer Station. In March 1808, the Town "voted to build a Stone Pound, said pound is to stand within three quarters of a mile of the Meeting House, choose Capt. (Asahel) Buell, Eleazer Ball and William Powers a committee to look out the place and agree how large said pound shall be and report at the next meeting." In May, the Town "voted to accept the report of the Committee with regards to building a pound which is as follows namely: Pound to be built on Mr. Rolfe's land near his house on the upper side of the road at the brow of the hill and to front the road. To be 30 feet square within, wall four and a half feet thick at the bottom, and six feet high faced perpendicular on the inside and sloping on the outside to one-foot-thick at the top, and also a cap piece of timber of a three square from one-foot-high together with a suitable gate, with iron hinges and a good lock and key." The building of the pound was to be awarded to the lowest bidder at auction, built within one year, and payment to be made once the work was complete and approved by the Selectmen. E. B. Bayley won the bid for \$42.70. The Town also agreed

to pay the property owner, William Rolfe, four dollars for the land and the stones to build the pound.

1808 Warrant

Voted to build a stone pound, said pound is to stand within three quarters of a mile of the meeting house, & those Capt. Buell, Dr. Ball and Mr. Powers, a Committee to look out the place, and agree how large said pound shall be and report at the next meeting.

Voted to accept of the report of the committee with regard to building a pound which is as follows, namely—
Pound to be built on Mr. Rolfe's land near his house on the upper side of the road at the brow of the hill, and to front the road—
To be 30 feet square within, wall four and a half feet thick at the bottom, and six feet high, said perpendicular on the inside and sloping on the out side to one foot thick at the top. Also add a cap piece of timber of a three square form one foot high together with a suitable gate, with iron hinges and a good lock and key.

Signed
Richard Buell
Mr. Powers
E. Leary, Ball & Powers } Committee

Voted to set said pound up at once, and to the lowest bid.
Voted that said pound be built within one year and the money paid when the pound is accepted by the select men.
Said pound was struck off to Mr. Bayley at forty two dollars and seventy cents— Exp. paid Ebenezer Willoughby as bondman.
Voted to allow Mr. Rolfe four dollars for the land to set said pound on, and for stones to build it with.

There were a number of pound keepers over the years. These included Capt. Henry Phelps (son of the Henry Phelps listed above), Samuel Blood, Frank Blood (son of Samuel and father to Cyrus, Parker and Samuel), Russell Cheney, Asa George and David Hobart. GHS will continue to research the various Town Pounds.

Interesting facts:

- ❖ March 9, 1799 the Town voted to build a pound, “near the crotch of the road that comes from Mr. Ames to the Coledge Road.” There is no further mention of this pound.
- ❖ February 26, 1787: “to see if the town will allow sheep to run on the common.” March 13, 1787: voted not to let the sheep run on the common.
- ❖ July 6, 1791: “To see what method this town will take to prevent rams running at large and to act thereon as this town may think fit at said meeting.” This article was crossed out.

HEBRON FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2016 the Hebron Fire Department responded to 197 calls. That compares with 185 for 2015 and 182 for 2014. The calls break down as follows:

- 107 medical calls
- 45 requests for mutual aid
- 3 building fires
- 4 wildland fires
- 12 power lines down
- 26 calls for everything else.

A spreadsheet detailing all the calls for 2016 is available on request.

To analyze the statistics showing activity between Hebron and Groton one needs to take out the 32 mutual aid calls. These are calls for assistance to neighboring towns excluding Groton, which is part of our primary response district. The split then shows:

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| Groton | 59 | The percentage of calls between Hebron and Groton |
| Hebron | 93 | (not counting mutual aid to other towns |
| Mutual aid | <u>45</u> | is Hebron 61.2% - Groton 38.8%. |
| Total | 197 | |

This percentage was reversed from 2015 when Groton had 54.2% of the calls.

The big news for 2016 was the delivery of the engine that was voted on at the 2015 Town Meeting. The new Engine 2 was delivered in February and put into service on the first of March.

Because this is our mutual aid engine, it responded to more calls during the year than any of our other engines. All this activity has proven the specifications for this apparatus were right on the money. It has served in the roll of cover engine, source pumper, and tanker truck shuttling water from the source to the scene. In all its rolls it has performed admirably.

Other major equipment purchased this year was a new Ford F-250 crew cab 4x4 pick-up truck. This vehicle has been used to transport firefighters

and EMT's to the scene of incidents as well as transport equipment to and from incident scenes. It has also been used to transport personnel to and from required training events.

Another major purchase was a new cardiac monitor/defibrillator. Our old model had reached the end of its service life and was beginning to give us problems. This equipment is required for licensing our ambulance.

Both of these purchases were funded out of their respective capital reserve accounts.

As I have often said, running a Fire Department is like juggling three glass balls. One is labeled equipment, another is labeled personnel and the third is labeled training.

With the delivery of the new engine, Hebron has first-rate equipment for a town our size. Along with having good equipment is maintaining that equipment. To that end I have to tip my hat to Chief Engineer Maynard Young, Capt. Tony Albert, and Lt. Roger Comeau for putting in a half a day every week to keep everything in ready to go condition.

I am also pleased to report that the department has added new personnel to its roster. It is heartening to see the number of younger people (under 70) so enthusiastic about serving as firefighters and EMT's. I do not say that lightly since five of our most active EMT's are 70+. It is a reflection of our community. This fact will have serious consequences in the coming years as the department tries to figure out how provide the necessary trained and licensed personnel.

Training is the third glass ball that one has to keep from hitting the floor. Fire training is going to be very important for the new members of the department. Some training can be done in house. But for certification those individuals will have to take the State Firefighter I course. While at this time there is no requirement for recertification for firefighters, EMT's must recertify every two years. This requires a certain number of continuing education units in specific areas of emergency medicine.

EMT's in the department are attending classes every couple of weeks to get the required CEU's to maintain their National Certification and State license.

As always, I want to thank the members of the Department for their dedication and commitment. Their resourcefulness makes it possible to meet the many demands of our active communities. And, I want to thank the community for all its support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. FISCHER
Chief, HFD
Commanding

Hebron Fire Department (HFD) 911 Reflective Sign 2016 Report

Imagine your family or your neighbor's family has an unexpected medical emergency. You call 911 and Hebron Emergency Services is generally enroute to you within three minutes. They are traveling fast with lights and siren, while looking for the address. Unfortunately, the first address that is clearly visible along the road is past yours. They look for the first place with room to turn the equipment around and head back at a slow speed to try and locate your address. During 2016 of the 59 calls in Groton there was a minimum of three calls when this happened. HFD is concerned this possibility exists in your community. You can eliminate the possibility of lost time from address location confusion. Order your 911 Reflective Sign. HFD will install it for you, just \$15.00, which is our cost for offering this service.

Groton has approximately 707 taxable parcels, 423 of which have buildings. In 2016 the Fire Department installed 57 red reflective signs in Groton bringing your total in Groton since the beginning of the project to 76 almost 14% of properties with buildings. The Fire Department wants to thank those of you who have already participated and urges those of you who haven't to do so at your earliest convenience

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Tony Albert
Hebron Fire Department

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Executive Council

JOSEPH D. KENNEY
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR
DISTRICT ONE



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107 NORTH MAIN STREET
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ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE

As I start my 4th year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District I, I am grateful, committed 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 Council has supported over \$25 million in contracts for prevention, treatment and recovery programs. In addition, the Council supported several millions of dollars for Law Enforcement Operation of Granite Hammer to interdict and prevent drug smuggling.

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 worked to form a nine member Laconia State Property Committee to support the Executive Branch with the future sale of that property. Good news stories include the expansion of Vermont NSA manufacturing into Groveton to create over 70 jobs, the expansion of River Valley Community College into the old Lebanon College building in Lebanon and the new addition of the \$7 million Marine Patrol Headquarters Building in Gilford.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter 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 was completed upon passage by the Legislature and signature of the Governor in June. 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.

The 2017 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, sustainment of Medicaid expansion, federal health care opportunities and funding, business and workforce development. Again, I'll 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 Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Meagan Rose Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8787. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at 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 to be added to the list if you would like at Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov. Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you,
Joe

Entire Counties of Coos and Grafton, the incorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Comish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot, and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia.

TOWN OF GROTON

SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS

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

*closed to the Public on Tuesdays

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SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Every other Tuesday Evening: 7:00 pm

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

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Sara Smith

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Ruth Millett
Ann Joyce – Deputy

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Saturday: 9:00-5:00
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744-3623

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