



*Town of Groton, New Hampshire
2018 Annual Town Report*

Dedication of the Town Report

The Select Board has chosen to dedicate the 2018 Town Report in loving memory of Pamela Ferriere. Pamela was born in Ware, Massachusetts on October 3, 1946. She grew up in the Connecticut area and graduated from Griswold High School, in Jewett City Connecticut, class of 1964. She resided most of her life in Connecticut. She became a permanent resident of Groton after summering in Groton for many years.

Pamela worked most of her life in the health care field. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant, and a Medical Coder for the Hubbard Hospital, in Webster, Massachusetts and Speare Memorial Hospital, in Plymouth, New Hampshire. She most recently was a volunteer for the Day Away Program in Bristol, NH.

Pamela was an avid Bible student and dedicated her life to church work and ministering to others. She attended the Rumney Baptist Church.

Pamela was married to her husband of twenty years, Robert A. Ferriere who lives in Groton. Both Robert and Pamela were very involved in the community and in the Town of Groton. Pamela served as a Supervisor of the Checklist as well as assisting other committees in the Town.

Pamela passed away on September 12, 2017 and is missed by everyone in the community. Pamela is survived by her husband Robert A. Ferriere, her sons Lloyd Frink, Travis Frink, Seth Frink, Bert Congdon, her grandchildren, her brothers, Wayne, Paul, George and Glen, her sisters, Malissa, Jean, Marilyn and Pauline, and many nieces and nephews.

Hopefully you had the opportunity to meet Pamela. She was the sweetest person, had a smile that could light up any room and was a genuine, caring, loving and giving person. She will never be forgotten and the Town is thankful for her dedication, commitment and loyalty to the Town.



Pamela E. Ferriere
October 3, 1946-September 12, 2017

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Annual Report

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(Incorporated December 7, 1796)

New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2018

Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2018

Administrative Assistant Sara Smith	Health Officer Select Board
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elizabeth Jespersen	Deputy Treasurer Pamela Hamel
Police Chief TBH	Fire Chief/Fire Warden Roger Thompson
Police Officers TBH	Deputy Wardens Bill Oakley Norm Willey Jeremy Haney
Emergency Management Director TBH	Deputy Emergency Management Director TBH
Transfer Station Superintendent Norm Willey	Transfer Station Attendants Richard Cross
Public Works Director Robert Ellis	Equipment Operators Fred Brooks Norm Willey Jeremy Haney Ron Madan
Custodial Gina Rescigno	Ballot Clerks Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Helen Santoro Vickie Kimball- (sub)

Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2018

Select Board Kyle Andrews 2020 John Rescigno 2021 Ron Madan 2019	Moderator Tony Albert 2019
Treasurer Darlene Andrews 2020	Trustees of the Trust Fund Bernard Dauphinais 2019 Michele Lacroix 2020 Gina Rescigno 2021
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ruth Millett 2021	Library Trustees Elizabeth Jespersen 2019 TBH 2020 Ruth Gaffey 2019
Planning Board Deb Johnson 2020 Glen Hansen 2019 Russell Carruth 2020 Dave LaBar 2021 Forest Blake 2021 Dave Madden 2019 Kristina Brodie (alternate) John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison)	Zoning Board Glen Hansen 2019 Ann Joyce 2019 Robert Ellis 2019 Gary Easson 2019 TBH 2019
Cemetery Trustees Elizabeth Jespersen 2021 TBH 2019 Jim Gaffey 2019	Supervisors of the Checklist Pamela Hamel 2022 Anne Tobine 2024 Gina Rescigno 2020
Local Auditor TBH 2019	

Letter from the Groton Select Board

The Select Board would like to start out by thanking all board members, elected officials and committee members for their continued support, dedication and commitment to the town. For without these loyal community members, we would not be a town. We would also like to thank Ron Madden for filling in the vacant spot on the Select Board.

Bubba and Sara have been working closely with FEMA throughout the year ensuring the town is reimburse for all of the money spent on the storm damage of 2017. This has not been an easy task, they worked hard though meetings, e-mails and phone calls in order to receive the money that was due to the town. While Province Road may not be completely repaired from the 2017 storms, the Highway Department along with the help from an outside contractor, took a road that was impassable and created a road that allowed access to its previous end point. The Highway Department, once again with the help from an outside contractor, replaced many of the culverts on River Road. They also cleaned and reshaped many of the ditches on the Road, thus creating a better flow of run-off water.

Phase one of North Groton Road was completed in 2018. Part of the road was grounded and a coat of asphalt applied, the sides were finished and ditching completed. In 2019 we would like to see the top coat applied, finishing this part of the road. In order to maintain proper water flow in the ditches, yearly maintenance will be needed.

The town also saw the completion of the Atwell/Orange Bridge. The bridge was listed in the Hazardous Mitigation plan and was in need of replacement. The replacement started in early 2018 and saw its completion in December of 2018.

Although the town did not approve the new Town Garage, a new committee was formed. This committee is working hard to create new plans to replace the garage that is in an area prevalent to flooding. The garage is prone to flooding due to its proximity to the river and has seen

flooding in recent events. This is problematic, as it creates an array of issues for the town.

The Citizens Planning Committee was formed in conjunction with the Planning Board in order to create zoning to uphold the Master Plan and to safeguard the town's rural settings. (Zoning to be voted on at the March 2019 Town meeting)

Although the Police Department did not disband, the Police Chief struggled to find the needed part time help to fully staff the department. In 2018, EJ Thompson, the Police Chief, resigned creating an even larger void in the department. The Select Board continued its search for part time police officers and a new chief. Unfortunately, we were unable to fill any of the needed positions. The Select Board reached out to the Sheriff's Department and State Police for part time patrolling of the town. Due to issues with the state's contract, the town employed the Sheriff's Department to conduct patrolling of the town on select days and times.

The Transfer Station saw improvements in 2018 as well. The building was painted and the electronic container moved. Moving the container created easier access to the open containers enabling town citizens' greater ease in throwing trash out.

Progress was made in 2018 with the money that was so graciously given to the town by the wind farm for fire protection. The Select Board along with Emergency Management decided that it would be in the town's best interest to install a fire pond. We looked over several sites, looked in to easements and wetland regulations. We have narrowed the sites down and plan on beginning the work in 2019.

The Select Board would like to especially thank Sara Smith for all of her hard work and dedication to the town. Sara spends countless hours gathering the information needed so the Select Board can make educated decisions. She sets up every meeting, keeps us in tune to deadlines, and controls the calendar by setting up meeting dates and times and much more. She is also a resource for our departments and committees. She is

willing to work outside of normal business hours in order to support the Select Board for special assignments. Sara is a true asset to the town and Select Board.

We look forward to servicing the town through 2019 and ask that more town citizens become involved in town meetings, elected positions and committees.

Respectfully submitted,
The Groton Select Board

Notes

**Town of Groton Warrant
2019 Annual Meeting[®]**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF GROTON**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Articles 1 and 2, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 16th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

**BALLOT ARTICLES
MARCH 12, 2019**

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

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and the repeal of the 2007 (ratified in 2009) Zoning Ordinance, the 2015 Ordinance for Large Wind Energy Systems - LWES and the Flood Plain Development Regulations of 2007?

The effect of a yes vote can be summarized as follows:

1. Replace the current zoning with the proposed Zoning Ordinance, known hereafter as The Town of Groton Zoning Ordinance that will:

- a) Establish zoning districts and uses within each district (Rural Residential, Forestry and Conservation, Renewable Energy and Forestry and a Floodplain & Aquifer Overlay),
- b) set lot size and lot dimensional requirements and
- c) create performance standards

2. Integrate and revise the Flood Plain Development Regulations of 2007 in Article 8.

3. Integrate and revise the 2015 Ordinance for Large Wind Energy Systems in Article 9

Should the proposed Zoning Ordinance fail to receive an affirmative vote, the 2007 Zoning Ordinance, the LWES and Floodplain Zoning, will continue in their present forms as Groton's zoning.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION
MARCH 16, 2019

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred thirty-five thousand, two hundred eighty-two dollars (\$735,282)** for the purpose of the Sculptured Rocks Road culverts project with the amount of **five hundred fifty-one thousand, four hundred sixty-one dollars (\$551,461)** (75%) being offset by a federal Hazard Mitigation Grant the Town applied for and the remaining town's share of **one hundred eighty-three thousand, eight hundred twenty-one dollars (\$183,821)** (25%) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required.)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty thousand (\$130,000)** for repair/reconstruction of North Groton Road to continue work on the section that was reclaimed and paved in 2018. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty-six thousand (\$86,000)** for the Town's 25% portion of the cost to repair damages to Town Roads from the October 2017 storm which we are working with FEMA. It is anticipated that the remaining costs will be absorbed by FEMA.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Truck/Sander CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$13,588.55): \$5,000
Town House CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$41,252.02): \$5,000
Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$29,197.88): \$5,000
Heavy Equipment CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$55,828.43): \$5,000
Atwell/Orange Brook CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$4,113.03): \$2,000
Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$20,123.54): \$7,000
Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2018 balance: \$25,837.37): \$25,000
Total Capital Reserve Funds \$54,000

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 roads. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)** for a firework display at the 2019 Old Home Day Celebration. (submitted by the Old Home Day Committee)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$1,350)** for signs and posts for the Town Pound.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1

ARTICLE 10: 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 11: 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 12: To see if the Town of Groton will vote to abolish the police department.

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 1-2

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Groton will vote to contract Police Services with the State Police and/or Sheriff's Department for police coverage.

**In the event Article 12 passes the Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0
In the event Article 12 fails the Select Board Does Not Recommends This Article**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Groton will vote to stop recycling at the Transfer Station.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-0-1

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Hebron Public Library, pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-b Contract for Services, for a period of one (1) year to provide library services to Groton residents. (submitted by the Library Trustees)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred sixty-six thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars (\$766,652)** 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 17: 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 11th day of February 2019.

GROTON SELECT BOARD



John Rescigno, Chairman



Ron Madan

TOWN OF GROTON - 2019 Proposed Budget & 2018 Expenditures					
			Proposed 2019 Budget	2018 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget
II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)					
OPERATING BUDGET					
SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
			1,251,502	1,035,625.33	1,137,769
			766,652	627,838.26	728,384
			484,850	407,787.07	409,385
1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130		EXECUTIVE	60,933	57,458.28	59,944
	4130.1	Administrative Assistant Wages	44,533	42,974.83	43,244
	4130.2	Selectmen Stipend	9,600	8,250.00	9,600
	4130.3	Moderator/Assistant Salary	150	674.65	450
	4130.4	Other Town Meeting Expense	50	50.00	50
	4130.5	Contracted Services(Web hosting)	150	99.50	150
	4130.6	Workshops & Seminars	400	60.00	400
	4130.7	Telephone/Internet	1,200	1,202.56	1,200
	4130.8	Mileage	400	300.51	400
	4130.9	Supplies	1,000	955.62	1,000
	4130.10	Postage	900	864.22	900
	4130.11	Furniture / Fixtures	50	50.00	50
	4130.12	Office Equipment Maintenance	600	600.00	600
	4130.13	Hiring Expenses	400	40.00	400
	4130.14	Other Expenses (CJ recordings, etc.)	200	28.00	200
	4130.15	Computer/maintenance/software	1,300	1,308.39	1,300
4140		ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS	55,304	52,582.24	56,107
	4140.1	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary	29,714	28,848.00	28,848
	4140.2	Deputy Wages	9,000	7,543.24	9,000
	4140.3	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues	60	100.00	60
	4140.4	Town Clerk Expenses	1,000	854.60	1,000
	4140.5	Tax Collector Expenses	2,500	3,013.94	2,500
	4140.6	Workshops & Seminars	2,000	1,300.22	2,000
	4140.7	Telephone/Internet	1,450	1,442.44	1,450
	4140.8	Computer Maintenance/Software	1,500	1,409.65	2,000
	4140.9	Advertising	150	35.25	150
	4140.10	Supplies/Advertising Election	1,550	39.61	400
	4140.11	Supplies-General	1,300	1,277.95	1,300
	4140.12	Postage	1,350	1,374.26	1,350
	4140.15	Ballot Clerks	600	1,452.30	1,650
	4140.16	Checklist Supervisors	1,330	2,084.71	2,599
	4140.17	Mileage	1,800	1,806.07	1,800
4150		FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	24,160	21,370.24	19,560
	4150.1	Financial Reporting (Town Report)	1,200	1,153.36	1,000
	4150.2	Auditing	4,750	3,750.00	4,750

4194		GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		24,105	20,623.91	23,705
	4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:		4,000	1,066.72	4,000
	4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages				
	4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance		1,800	1,372.07	1,800
	4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance		4,250	4,423.28	4,250
	4194.5	Cleaning Supplies		2,200	1,565.84	1,800
	4194.6	General Supplies		200	106.65	200
	4194.7	Contracted Services(Security Monitoring/Elevator)		500	462.55	500
	4194.8	Town House Electric		2,355	4,179.46	2,355
	4194.9	Town House Heat		2,800	2,432.08	2,800
				6,000	5,015.26	6,000
4195		CEMETERIES		6,151	4,547.29	7,126
	4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance		2,500	2,300.00	2,500
	4195.2	Salaries/Lawn Care		2,000	1,777.25	1,500
	4195.3	Supplies		500	388.29	1,000
	4195.4	Mileage		100	81.75	75
	4195.5	Fuel		1	0.00	1
	4195.6	Advertising		50	0.00	50
	4195.7	Site Work-River Road Cemetery		1,000	0.00	2,000
4196		GENERAL INSURANCE		15,294	14,040.00	14,040
	4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance		8,838	8,108.00	8,108
	4196.2	Workers' Compensation		5,956	5,432.00	5,432
	4196.3	Unemployment Compensation		500	500.00	500
4197		ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC		2,425	2,320.24	2,775
	4197.1	Advertising		500	462.00	800
	4197.2	Dues		1,925	1,858.24	1,975
4199		OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		9,651	3,160.00	5,071
	4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances		1	0.00	1
	4199.2	Forestry		1,200	160.00	1,200
	4199.3	Tax Mapping		1,450	500.00	1,370
	4199.4 *	Grants		7,000	2,500.00	2,500
						off set by revenues

4210		2 - PUBLIC SAFETY	210,001		136,906.81	190,514	
			107,748	72,426.46		115,815	
		POLICE	50,000	35,612.00		58,067	
	4210.1	Police Chief Wages	1	0.00		1	
	4210.2	Police Officer Wages (FT)	18,750	8,201.38		18,750	
	4210.3	Police Officer Wages (PT)	2,500	2,206.84		2,500	
	4210.4	Telephone/Communications	700	700.00		700	
	4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions	1,500	398.54		1,500	
	4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint	1,500	896.80		1,500	
	4210.7	Office Supplies	3,000	3,000.00		3,000	
	4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit	5,500	5,406.56		5,500	
	4210.9	Dispatch Service	9,896	9,896.09		9,896	
	4210.10	Prosecutor	2,000	2,642.94		2,000	
	4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance	600	0.00		600	
	4210.12	Cruiser Equipment	2,500	0.00		2,500	
	4210.13	Uniforms	100	17.00		100	
	4210.14	Books/Periodicals	1,500	89.10		1,500	
	4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammo/taser etc.)	400	0.00		400	
	4210.16	Mileage	50	40.94		50	
	4210.17	Postage	3,000	1,802.82		3,000	
	4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser	250	415.70		250	
	4210.19	Advertising	2,500	1,004.75		2,500	
	4210.20	Training	500	95.00		500	
	4210.21	Animal Control	1,000	0.00		1,000	
	4210.22	Special Detail	1	0.00		1	
	4210.23	SOU Stipend	101,350	64,162.22		73,796	
4220		FIRE/AMBULANCE					
	4220.1	Stipend	500	500.00		500	
	4220.2	Communications/Training	300	105.55		300	
	4220.3	Equipment	400	0.00		400	
	4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron	73,000	50,000.00		50,000	
	4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney	15,000	2,110.73		11,000	
	4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid	12,000	11,445.94		11,446	
	4220.7	Dues	100	0.00		100	
	4220.8	Mileage	50	0.00		50	
4290		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	903	318.13		903	
	4290.1	Supplies	200	184.38		200	
	4290.2	Workshops/training	1	0.00		1	
	4290.3	Equipment	1	0.00		1	
	4290.4	Equipment Maintenance	200	133.75		200	
	4290.5	Mileage	1	0.00		1	
	4290.6	Wages (emergency)	500	0.00		500	

		3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	160,618	138,139.00	146,776	offset by Highway
4311		ADMINISTRATION	79,217	66,414.05	70,775	Block Grant
	4311.1	Road Agent Wages	41,860	37,288.52	37,310	
	4311.2	Assistants Wages	30,000	22,374.23	27,000	
	4311.3	Telephone/Internet	1,232	873.33	1,040	
	4311.4	Training & CDL Testing	400	390.50	400	
	4311.5	Electricity	1,100	1,206.92	900	
	4311.6	Heating Fuel	3,600	2,965.24	3,600	
	4311.7	Mileage	500	718.83	100	
	4311.8	Membership/Dues	25	25.00	25	
	4311.9	Supplies	500	571.48	400	
4312		HIGHWAYS & STREETS	80,301	70,590.75	74,901	
	4312.2	Vehicles-Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	15,000	18,397.17	15,000	
	4312.3	Contracted Services/Equipment Rentals	15,000	9,520.00	15,000	
	4312.4	Material	7,500	5,227.85	5,000	
	4312.5	Signs	500	907.65	600	
	4312.6	Uniforms	500	267.82	500	
	4312.7	Tools & Equipment Purchases	2,000	2,270.23	2,000	
	4312.8	Gas	5000	627.91	500	
	4312.9	Diesel	10,000	9,415.48	15,000	
	4312.10	Salt, Sand, Deicer	20,000	20,651.98	18,000	
	4312.11	Hydrants	1	0.00	1	
	4312.12	Culverts	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	
	4312.13	Safety	800	804.66	800	
	4312.14	Tree Maintenance	2500	1,000.00	1000	
4316		STREET LIGHTING	1,100	1,134.20	1,100	
	4316.1	Utility Charges	1,100	1,134.20	1,100	



2019
MS-636

For the period beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 11, 2019

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.

[illegible]

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:
<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2019
MS-636

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2018	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2018	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	16	\$57,458	\$59,944	\$60,933	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	16	\$52,582	\$56,107	\$55,304	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	16	\$21,370	\$19,560	\$24,160	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	16	\$11,023	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	16	\$62,494	\$78,550	\$87,750	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	16	\$20,591	\$23,552	\$5,777	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	16	\$20,624	\$23,705	\$24,105	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	16	\$4,547	\$7,126	\$6,151	\$0
4196	Insurance	16	\$14,040	\$14,040	\$15,294	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	16	\$2,320	\$2,775	\$2,425	\$0
4199	Other General Government	16	\$3,160	\$5,071	\$9,651	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$270,209	\$301,430	\$302,550	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	16	\$75,426	\$115,815	\$107,748	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	16	\$64,162	\$73,796	\$101,350	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	16	\$318	\$903	\$903	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$139,906	\$190,514	\$210,001	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	16	\$66,414	\$70,775	\$79,217	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	16	\$303,271	\$308,901	\$80,301	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	16	\$1,134	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$370,819	\$380,776	\$160,618	\$0



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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2018	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2018	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	16	\$3,700	\$6,875	\$6,375	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	16	\$64,234	\$61,385	\$65,261	\$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
Sanitation Subtotal			\$67,934	\$68,260	\$71,636	\$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
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	16	\$1,493	\$1,588	\$1,588	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	16	\$4,211	\$4,211	\$4,655	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$5,704	\$5,799	\$6,243	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	16	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	16	\$2,043	\$2,043	\$2,043	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	16	\$1,064	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$3,107	\$7,044	\$7,044	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	16	\$4,315	\$5,989	\$5,989	\$0
4550-4559	Library	16	\$90	\$501	\$501	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	16	\$86	\$100	\$100	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$5,491	\$7,590	\$6,590	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2018	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2018	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	16	\$1,346	\$1,971	\$1,970	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$2,346	\$2,971	\$1,970	\$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
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$15,635	\$15,635	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$40,635	\$40,635	\$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
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$766,652	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$54,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: add to previously established CRFs</i>				
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$54,000	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4312	Highways and Streets	07 <i>Purpose: Repair of Groton roads</i>	\$25,000	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04 <i>Purpose: North Groton Road Repair</i>	\$130,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	08 <i>Purpose: Old Home Day Fireworks</i>	\$2,500	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	10 <i>Purpose: Support of Groton Historical Society</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	11 <i>Purpose: Support for Newfound Lakes Region Association (NLR)</i>	\$1,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	03 <i>Purpose: Hazard Mitigation Grant match</i>	\$735,282	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	09 <i>Purpose: Signs and posts for Town Pound</i>	\$1,350	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05 <i>Purpose: FEMA Match for October Storm</i>	\$86,000	\$0
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$982,132	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2018	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2018	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	16	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	16	\$8,779	\$10,701	\$10,701
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16	\$593,741	\$597,384	\$597,384
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	16	\$14,417	\$11,750	\$11,750
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$619,187	\$622,085	\$622,085
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	16	\$140	\$140	\$140
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	16	\$130,958	\$120,000	\$120,000
3230	Building Permits	16	\$355	\$280	\$280
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	16	\$4,021	\$3,315	\$3,315
3311-3319	From Federal Government	03	\$0	\$0	\$551,461
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$135,474	\$123,735	\$675,196
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	16	\$30,693	\$30,693	\$30,693
3353	Highway Block Grant	16	\$26,670	\$26,685	\$26,685
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	16	\$351	\$351	\$351
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	16	\$343	\$1,000	\$1,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$58,057	\$58,729	\$58,729
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$11,775	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other		\$61,596	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$73,371	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2018	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2018	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019
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		\$12,635	\$12,635	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$12,635	\$12,635	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$898,724	\$817,184	\$1,356,010



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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2018	Period ending 12/31/2019
Operating Budget Appropriations		\$766,652
Special Warrant Articles	\$220,385	\$54,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$264,000	\$982,132
Total Appropriations	\$1,219,019	\$1,802,784
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$846,504	\$1,356,010
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$372,515	\$446,774



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Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year)** or **September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
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For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

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: 2017	Year: 2016	Year: 2015	
Property Taxes	3110		\$230,608.65	\$6,498.07		
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185		\$204.92			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$158.33)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2017	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,065,944.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$2,250.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$14,719.16		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$738.44		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2017	2016	2015
Property Taxes	3110	\$239.88			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,182.95	\$11,557.46		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$1,084,916.10	\$242,371.03	\$6,498.07	\$0.00
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2017	2016	2015
Property Taxes	\$956,696.35	\$175,785.90		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$2,250.00			
Yield Taxes	\$14,719.16			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,156.30	\$9,887.36		
Penalties	\$26.65	\$1,670.10		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$54,996.48		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2017	2016	2015
Property Taxes	\$334.00	\$31.19		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded	\$397.00		\$6,498.07	



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2017	2016	2015
Property Taxes	\$110,589.46			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax	\$738.44			
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$1,991.26)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$1,084,916.10	\$242,371.03	\$6,498.07	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$109,336.64
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$57,892.92



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2017	Year: 2016	Year: 2015
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$32,598.44	\$14,456.09
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$61,636.22		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$646.97	\$3,531.68	\$4,641.67
Total Debits		\$0.00	\$62,283.19	\$36,130.12
				\$19,097.76

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2017	2016	2015
Redemptions		\$17,227.38	\$17,550.66	\$13,732.27
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$646.97	\$3,531.68	\$4,641.67
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$896.73	\$666.97	\$723.82
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$43,512.11	\$14,380.81	
Total Credits		\$0.00	\$62,283.19	\$36,130.12
				\$19,097.76

For DRA Use Only

Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$109,336.64
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$57,892.92



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GROTON (193)

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

RUTH

Preparer's Last Name

MILLETT

Date

01/09/2019

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

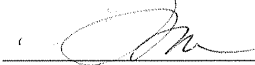
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

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.

 TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR
Preparer's Signature and Title

Town Clerk Report

JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

Account	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$127,509.00
Title Fees	\$390.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$2,402.50
Building Permit Fees	\$355.00
Candidate Fees	\$6.00
Select Board Copy Fees	\$67.00
Town Clerk Copy Fees	\$14.00
Current Use Recording Fees	\$32.98
Dog Licenses Town & State	\$1,049.50
E-Reg. Fees	\$25.35
Junkyard Permits	\$140.00
Pistol Permits	\$20.00
NSF Check Fee	\$35.00
Recycle Income	\$2,819.38
Town House Rental Fee	\$175.00
Welfare Reimbursement	\$278.25
Transfer Station Fees	\$2,296.00
Vital Records Town & State	\$270.00
Refunds	\$155.50
Driveway Permits	\$30.00
Total	\$138,070.46

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018	\$	534,149.80
Total Deposits	\$	2,172,091.89
Total Orders Paid	\$	(2,354,718.87)
Total Bank Interest	\$	40.33
Deposits:		
Tax Collector	\$	1,214,750.71
Town Clerk	\$	138,070.46
Treasurer:		
Donations	\$	15,970.80
Fema	\$	95,556.38
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$	351.16
Groton Wind Pilot	\$	593,741.40
Highway Block Grants	\$	26,669.78
Insurance Claims	\$	42,940.56
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	10,663.92
Refunds	\$	609.96
Revenue from Sales	\$	1,111.11
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$	30,692.87
Training Reimbursement	\$	627.78
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$	135.00
Voter Checklist	\$	200.00
Total Treasurer Deposits	\$	819,270.72
Adjustments:		
Bank Error	\$	(12.00)
Bank Error Refund	\$	12.00
Capital Reserve Contributions	\$	(132,750.00)
Capital Reserve Transfers	\$	341,525.00
NSF Checks	\$	(49.50)
Pdip Contributions	\$	(341,000.00)
Pdip Transfers	\$	355,000.00
Voided Checks	\$	2,864.69
Total Adjustments	\$	225,590.19
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	\$	<u>577,153.34</u>
On Hand in Meredith Village Savings Bank		

Public Deposit Investment Pool

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$ 65,979.91
Total Contributions	\$ 341,000.00
Total Withdrawals	\$ (355,000.00)
Interest Earned	\$ 5,049.10
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 57,029.01</u>

Groton Conservation Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018	\$ 7,441.99
Total Deposits	\$ 88.00
Total Checks	\$ (1,085.00)
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.79
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 6,445.78</u>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018	\$ 2,985.42
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.36
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 2,985.78</u>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

Police Department Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018	\$ 1,262.65
Total Deposits	\$ 137.00
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.16
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 1,399.81</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Groton Yield Tax Account

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018	\$ 4,328.05
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ (4,157.64)
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.10
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 170.51</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Old Home Day Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018	\$ 973.83
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ -
Ending Balance on December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 973.83</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Local Auditor's Report

I have recently 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

2018 MS-5

The 2018 MS-5 will be compiled by April 1, 2019. The Final Report should be ready for the public in April 2019. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website, www.grotonnh.org and at the Town office.



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Trustees

Name	Position	Term Expires
Michele Lacroix	Trustee	3/31/2020
Gina Rescigno	Trustee	3/31/2021
Bernard Dauphinais	Trustee	3/31/2019



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Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Assessment/Revaluation		10/1/2012		\$20,123.54			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$12,600.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,600.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$215.11	\$308.43	\$0.00	\$523.54			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Atwell Bridge		3/1/2006		\$4,113.03			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$245,100.00	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$311,090.00	(\$990.00)
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$2,752.19	\$2,350.84	\$0.00	\$5,103.03			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Cemetery General Maintenance		10/1/2011		\$775.57			
Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)		Purpose: Cemetery Trust (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$11.45	\$14.12	\$0.00	\$25.57			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Common Fund		7/1/1963		\$2,567.95			
Type: Trust		Purpose: Cemetery Perpetual Care		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$767.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$767.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$1,754.24	\$46.71	\$0.00	\$1,800.95			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Conservation		7/1/2007		\$107.55			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$5.59	\$1.96	\$0.00	\$7.55			



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Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Disaster Relief	12/1/2004	\$29,197.88

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Public Deposit Investment Pool
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$36,689.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,800.00	\$23,889.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$4,611.26	\$697.62	\$0.00				\$5,308.88

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Dump Site	7/1/1989	\$6,309.83

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Public Deposit Investment Pool
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$1,382.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,382.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$4,813.05	\$114.78	\$0.00				\$4,927.83

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Electronic Equip/Software	8/1/2018	\$5,043.96

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA **Purpose:** Capital Reserve (Other) **How Invested:** Public Deposit Investment Pool
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$0.00	\$43.96	\$0.00				\$43.96

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Fire Station & Equip	3/1/2005	\$62,883.05

Type: Capital Reserve (RSA **Purpose:** Police/Fire **How Invested:** Public Deposit Investment Pool
34/35)

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$6,739.11	\$1,143.94	\$0.00				\$7,883.05

Fund Name	Date Of Creation	Fund EOY Balance
Groton Recreation Fund	6/1/1995	\$817.31

Type: Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a) **Purpose:** Parks/Recreation **How Invested:** Public Deposit Investment Pool

Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$790.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended				EOY Balance
	\$12.46	\$14.85	\$0.00				\$27.31



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Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Heavy Equipment		3/1/2006		\$55,828.43			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$47,675.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,675.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$2,179.01	\$974.42	\$0.00	\$3,153.43			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Police Cruiser		1/1/1991		\$22,611.21			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Police/Fire		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$16,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$1,241.06	\$370.15	\$0.00	\$1,611.21			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Preambleulation		1/1/2009		\$33,310.58			
Type: Trust		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$32,246.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,246.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$458.62	\$605.96	\$0.00	\$1,064.58			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Public Works		10/1/2014		\$25,837.37			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$573.23	\$264.14	\$0.00	\$837.37			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Town House Fund		12/1/1995		\$41,252.02			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$34,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,500.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$1,042.77	\$709.25	\$0.00	\$1,752.02			



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Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Truck Sander Fund		6/1/1989		\$13,588.55			
Type: Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		Purpose: Capital Reserve (Other)		How Invested: Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$15,000.00	\$10,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,636.00	\$13,114.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$188.31	\$286.24	\$0.00	\$474.55			

Groton Tax Totals

Tax Warrant: 2018P02 of 2

Number of Parcels: 751

Valuations

Non-Utility Land Value: 41,713,900

Current Use Credits: (12,977,110)

Non-Utility Improvements Value: 43,426,800

Utility Value: 11,843,060

Exempt Property Value: (2,891,800)

Valuation Before Exemptions: 81,114,850

Exemptions Applied: (350,000)

Net Valuation: 80,764,850

Net Non-Utility Valuation: 68,921,790

Net Utility Valuation: 11,843,060

Taxes

Total Property Tax: 1,082,417.00

Veterans Credits Applied: (16,484.00)

Commitment Amount: 1,063,305.00

Penalties: 2,628.00

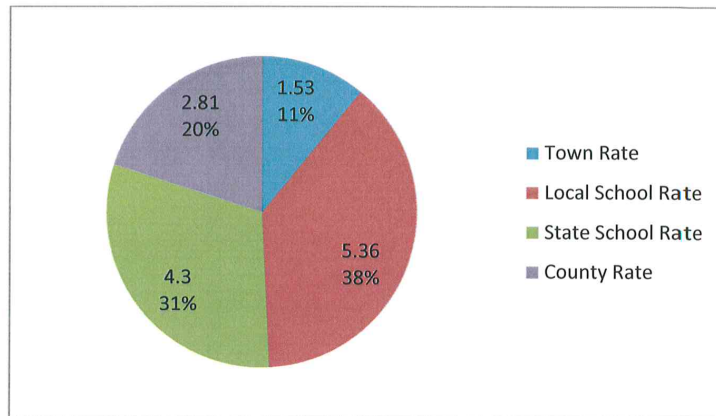
First Bills Minus Abatements: 598,219.00

First Bills Exceeding Total Tax
Needing Refund: (11.00)

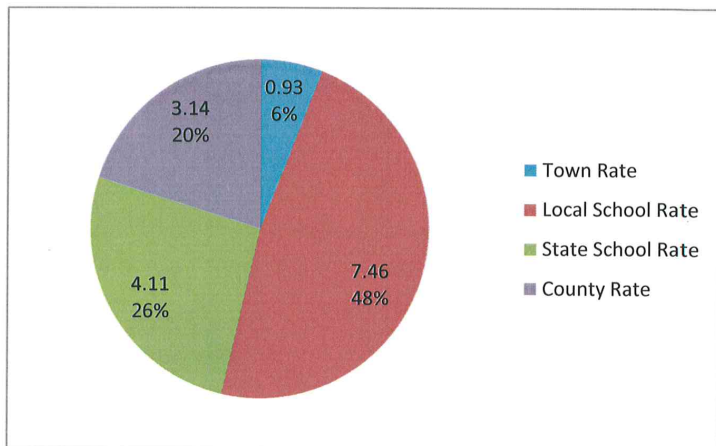
Adjusted First Bills: (598,208.00)

Total Tax Bills: 467,725.00

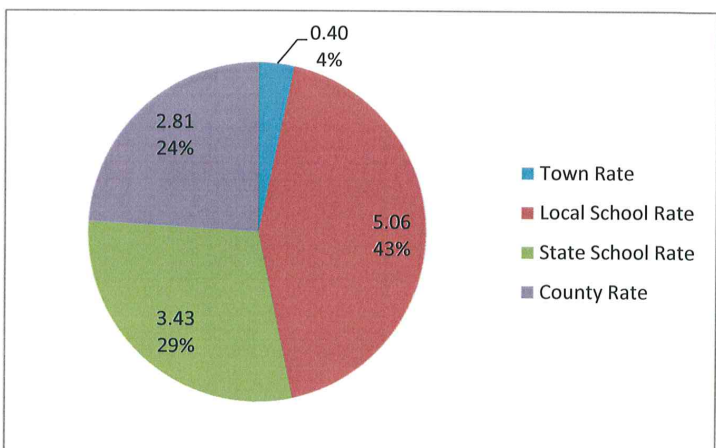
2018 Taxes	
Town Rate	1.53
Local School Rate	5.36
State School Rate	4.3
County Rate	2.81
Total	14.00



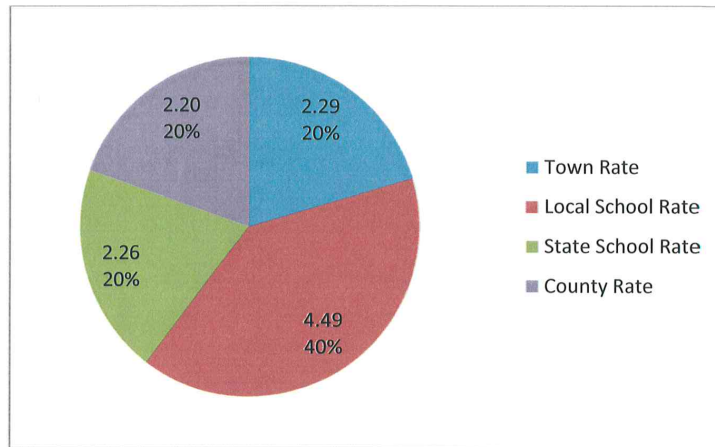
2017 Taxes	
Town Rate	0.93
Local School Rate	7.46
State School Rate	4.11
County Rate	3.14
Total	15.64



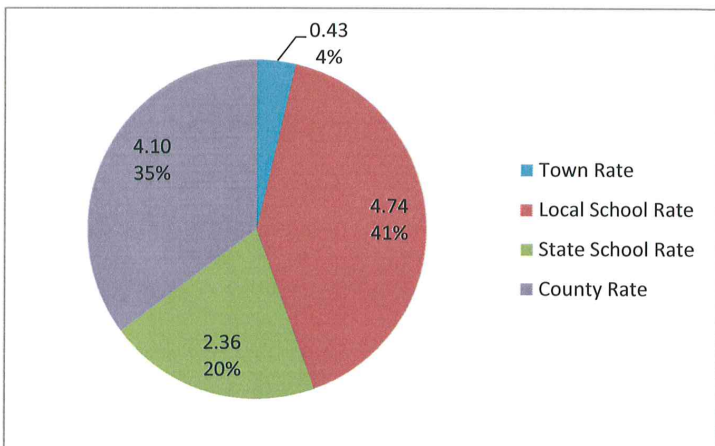
2016 Taxes	
Town Rate	0.40
Local School Rate	5.06
State School Rate	3.43
County Rate	2.81
Total	11.70



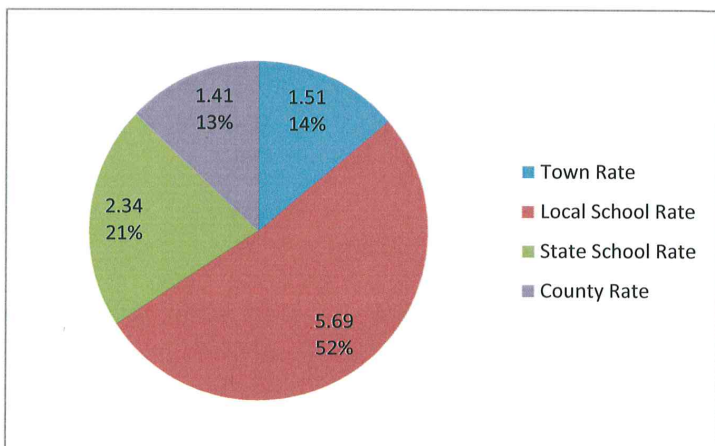
2015 Taxes	
Town Rate	2.29
Local School Rate	4.49
State School Rate	2.26
County Rate	2.20
Total	11.24



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



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2018 Tax Rate Calculation**

TOWN/CITY:	GROTON		
Gross Appropriations	1,137,769		
Less: Revenue	817,184		
Less: Shared Revenues	0		
Add: Overlay	9,615		
War Service Credits	17,500		
Net Town Appropriation	122,950		
Special Adjustment	0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	122,950	TOWN RATE	1.53
SCHOOL PORTION			
Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0		
Regional School Apportionment	728,935		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(0)		
State Education Taxes	(296,180)	LOCAL	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	432,755	SCHOOL RATE	5.36
STATE EDUCATION TAX			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390		STATE	
68,921,790	296,180	SCHOOL RATE	4.30
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
68,870,490			
COUNTY PORTION			
Due to County	227,180	COUNTY RATE	
Approved County Tax Effort	227,180	2.81	
		TOTAL RATE	14.00

PROOF OF RATE

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	68,870,490	4.30	296,180
All Other Taxes	80,713,550	9.70	782,885
			1,079,065

Welfare Assistance Report

In 2018, the Town saw a slight decrease in general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$3,106.68 in Vendor Assistance payments.

2018 Expenditures

Grafton County Senior Citizens		\$500.00
Tri-county Community Action		\$1,543.00
Electric Assistance		\$1063.68
Rental Assistance		\$0.00
Fuel Assistance		\$0.00
Food		\$0.00
Gasoline		\$0.00
Other- Temporary Living		\$0.00
Total Expenditures		\$3,106.68

Holiday volunteers once again collected money, food donations and gifts which were put into gift baskets that were distributed at Thanksgiving and 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
1-91	Land	5.11	North Groton Road	\$ 32,300	2015 tax deed
2-26	Land	8.5	Old Rumney Road	\$ 26,600	2011 tax deed
2-123	Land	47	North Groton Road	\$ 36,400	2006 tax deed
5-61	Land	0.5	adjacent to Garage	\$ 30,800	1992
6-61	Land	2.9	559 North Groton Road	\$ 50,700	2018 tax deed
7-36	Land	3.25	North Groton Road	\$ 32,300	2006 tax deed
10-12	Land	0.55	Halls Brook Road	\$ 500	2006 tax deed
10-22	Land	50	Old Rumney Road	\$ 56,100	1985 tax deed
10-29	Land	5	Halls Brook Road	\$ 8,800	2006 tax deed
10-40	Land	1	Halls Brook Road	\$ 2,600	2012 tax deed
1-50-CEM	Bailey Hill Cemetery	0.1	Bailey Hill Road	\$ 13,000	
2-57-CEM	North Groton Cemetery	0.69	North Groton Road	\$ 41,400	
2-114-CEM	River Road Cemetery	0.232	River Road	\$ 20,100	
2-114-CEMA	Jenny Decoste Smith Annex	0.464	River Road	\$ 35,900	2012
4-1-CEM	Kimball Hill Cemetery	0.1	Kimball Hill	\$ 10,800	
7-54-CEM	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	0.51	North Groton Road	\$ 38,600	
5-62	Town Garage & Former Offices	5	63 North Groton Road	\$ 119,700	
5-62-1	Conservation/ Pond Area	1.6	North Groton Road	\$ 9,500	Entrusted to Cons. Comm. 2008
5-136	Park	6.67	Sculptured Rocks Road	\$ 67,300	
6-1-3	Land- Future Town Garage	6	North Groton Road	\$ 36,700	Purchased from Green Acre Woodlands 2015
6-55	Transfer Station	11.4	677 North Groton Road	\$ 85,500	
7-54	Town Hall	1	754 North Groton Road	\$ 239,500	

GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Once again, the Police Department has experienced changes in personnel and is currently looking at the future of the Police Department.

The Chief of Police, EJ Thompson, retired in July. The Select Board and the Town is very thankful to EJ for his years of service as a Police Officer and for his service to the Town of Groton. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.

After EJ retired, the Town advertised for part time officer positions. We did not have any luck filling these positions. Even though we didn't have luck the Town does always have coverage in case of emergencies. The dispatch number, 536-3566, remains open and State Police responds to these calls. The Select Board also reached out to the State Police and the Sheriff's Department for contracted services for patrol. At this time the Sheriff's Department is patrolling the Town, working alternating shifts so that they are not always in the Town at the same time.

The Select Board held a meeting prior to the 2019 Town Meeting with the Townspeople to discuss their hopes for the future of the Police Department. This discussion will continue at Town Meeting in March so all residents are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and concerns.

We thank the Townspeople for their patience in the absence of our own Police Department but we are encouraged that the Town will make the best decision in the best interest of all.

Respectfully submitted,
The Groton Select Board

Groton Fire Chief's Report

Thank you one and all for all your vigilance where fire safety is concerned. Make sure you maintain your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Good chimney maintenance is very important whether it is LP gas, oil or wood heat. Always clean out around any heating device and if you have auxiliary emergency power, keep the exhausts 10' away from openings (windows and doors) and outside of your residence or garage. Safety is very important so please call if you have any questions.

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.

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
Jeremy Haney	Deputy Warden	254-6037	28 Smith Rd
Bill Oakley	Deputy Warden	236-2269	22 Crosby Lane
Pattie Oakley	Agent	520-4712	22 Crosby Lane
Debra Thompson	Agent	786-2138	72 River Rd

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Thompson
Fire Chief Groton

Hebron Fire Department

Annual Report for 2018

In 2018 the Hebron Fire Department responded to 218 calls. Of that total, 133 were medical emergencies. That compares with 206 for 2017 and 197 for 2016. The calls break down as follows:

- 95 of the calls were in the Town of Groton, 94 calls were in Hebron, and 29 were mutual aid call to other neighboring towns.

As members of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association Hebron has the obligation of providing assistance to the 35 communities that make up Lakes Region Mutual Aid when requested. Of course, that also means the Hebron Fire Department can request assistance from other towns when required. As per the Mutual Aid Agreement there are no bills sent or received for this assistance.

The Hebron Fire Department is a “Call” Department. That means that members are paid when they are called out for an emergency. The department also pays members per diem when station coverage is needed or for maintenance of vehicles and equipment. Members are not paid for meetings or monthly training.

In analyzing the Department’s payroll it is interesting to note where the personnel hours were spent. 906.25 hours were spent handling emergencies in Groton, 805.25 hours in Hebron, and 442 hours on mutual aid calls.

I have often said that there are three main categories when it comes to managing a fire department. Equipment, Training, and Personnel. Managing equipment means acquiring, and maintaining all the “stuff” a fire department needs to do the jobs that are required; from vehicles to pumps, hose, nozzles, protective clothing, SCBA, tools, to IV fluids, defibrillators, and band aids. I have to say, that at the present time the department is in good shape with regard to equipment.

Then there is training. I believe that no matter how good a department’s training is, it could always be improved. This is especially true in a call department. There are no full-time people in our department. There is usually no one at the station. Finding time in their busy lives for training is

always a challenge. That being said, the department has a very good emergency medical training program both in house and taking advantage of all the outside training opportunities. On the fire side we need some improvement. That is one of my goals for the coming year.

It is in the area of personnel that we face the biggest challenge. Of the 12 EMT's on the Department, five of the most active EMT's are over the age of 70, including me! These are the people who are doing the majority of the emergency medical calls, which make up 61% of the Department's activity. It is obvious that the next couple of years are going to bring big changes to the Department when these people retire. The other challenge is that many of the 27 members do not live in Hebron or Groton. Two live in Bristol, 2 in Plymouth, 2 in New Hampton, 1 in Alexandria. These are people who, even when available, cannot make the initial call. In addition, younger members, those under 60, have jobs (you'd think they'd just stay home and be available for calls).

So what are we doing to deal with this issue? For one thing, we are encouraging department members (and anyone else who is interested) who are not EMT's to take the course when it is offered. But it is not for the faint-hearted. It is a six-month course, which includes clinical time at a hospital and concludes with a practical exam and a written exam. Tuition is about \$1,200, which the Town pays. We were able find one person on the Department to take the EMT course in 2018. Still needs to take the practical. This is one of our members who lives in Plymouth. While I do not see big changes coming this year, I can envision the time in the near future when the Town hires EMT's to be at the station.

I believe that the people of Hebron and Groton deserve the best service possible. The challenge going into the future will be just how to provide that service.

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.

JOHN M. FISCHER
Chief, HFD
Commanding

Highway Department

2018 was a challenging year as the new Road Agent.

Major projects accomplished in 2018:

- Reclaimed and paved almost 2 miles of North Groton Road with the finishing coat to hopefully take place in 2019. There were four major culverts replaced during this project.
- Ditched all of River Road and replaced three culverts with the help of Dave Leone.
- Dave Leone was contracted to help the Highway Department replace three major culverts on Sculptured Rocks Road.
- Mike Ethier was contracted to conduct drastic repairs on Province Road including replacing sixteen culverts and ditching the entire length of the road.
- Mike Ethier was also contracted to repair the major culvert where the jersey barriers were located on Sculptured Rocks Road.
- Coursey and Sons assisted with plowing and many repairs to Town equipment.
- New Hampshire Electric Cooperative had contracted companies to cut back growth under the lines on all Town roads.
- T.L.C. Tree and Crane Service completed cutting on Bailey Hill Road.
- Received insurance reimbursement money and used the money to replace the truck, trailer and equipment that was destroyed in the October 2017 storm.
- Cleaned up the Town Garage inside and most noticeably outside.
- The Atwell/Orange Brook Brook Bridge was replaced with some minor details to be finished in Spring of 2019.

For 2019, we will continue to work with the building committee to have meetings to design and develop the new Town Garage across from the Transfer Station and continue to work with the road committee to improve the conditions of the Town roads.

In 2018, we welcomed our newest member Fred Brooks to the department. Fred has been a hard worker and an asset to the Town. I would like to thank Fred

Brooks, Jeremy Haney, Norm Willey, Ron Madan and Sara Smith for their hard work and continued service and loyalty to the Town.

In closing, I appreciate everyone's patience as I took on the role as the Public Works Director. It has been a trying year with not much down time but has also been exciting. I am available on the nights of the Select Board meetings from 6:30pm to 7:00pm, at the Town House, if any residents have any questions or concerns regarding the Highway Department. I will also provide the Town residents with Department updates at the Select Board meetings. I welcome any and all feedback that you may have.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert "Bubba" Ellis
Highway Department



Assistants:
Fred Brooks
Norm Willey
Ron Madan
Jeremy Haney

Road Committee

In 2018, the membership of the road committee saw resignations and new members. The current Board consists of Tony Albert, Robert Ellis, Jeremy Haney, Dan Tobine, Ruth Millett, James Joyce, Ann Joyce and Roger Thompson.

2018 provided \$200,000 for the repair/reconstruction work to continue from the reclaimed area that was previously completed on North Groton Road. The Road Committee met, discussing different options to complete this project. It was approved by the majority of the board to reclaim 5010 linear feet, fine grade water compact 8625 linear feet, replace culverts, reestablish the ditch line and restore paved surface for 8625 linear feet to 21 feet wide with 2 foot shoulders where applicable. Work was completed on this in September. Of note: Funds were not appropriated to complete shoulder work (8625 x 2) which is estimated to cost \$16,000.

A road maintenance log was reviewed to track the type of road surface, length of road, type of work to be done, culvert location, what is completed each year and the priority level of repairs still needing to be done.

The Select Board approved a recommendation by the road committee to use funds from the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund to have a portion of Sculptured Rocks Road ground, spread and compacted this year due to the storm damages from the previous storms.

Province Road had 14 culverts provided by the town replaced which was paid with FEMA funding. Edgar Albert and Bailey Hill Road had material spread and was yolk raked. Bailey Hill also had tree work done by John Faucher.

For 2019, the Road Committee has worked with the Highway Department to submit a few warrant articles to assist in repairing the roads in Groton.

Finally, the Road Committee would like you to keep in mind that the Town has spent a considerable amount of money repairing storm damage to Sculptured Rocks Road and other roads in Town. FEMA is working with the Town to supply

funding but there is a 75%-25% match which means the Town needs to pay their 25%. If the town does not opt to pay their 25% share, FEMA funding will be lost.

Respectfully Submitted

Road Committee: Tony Albert, Robert Ellis, Jeremy Haney, Dan Tobine, Ruth Millett, James Joyce, Ann Joyce and Roger Thompson.

Transfer Station

2018 was a very busy year at the Transfer Station. We instituted a metal collection dumpster which more than pays for itself in material handling costs and improves the overall appearance of the facility. We also relocated the electronics storage bin to a more favorable position to improve the traffic flow. We have also started to put stone in the areas in front of the containers to reduce muddy conditions and provide better footing for everyone.

For 2019 we are hoping to finish the stonework, apply a second coat of stain to the buildings and pour a cement pad for the metal dumpster.

A reminder that all fees charged for electronics, furniture, tires, batteries, etc. reflect the actual cost to dispose of these items.

At this time the recyclable materials market remains very unstable and we will be monitoring fees closely in 2019.

It is a pleasure serving the people of Groton.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Willey, Transfer Station Supervisor
Richard Cross, Transfer Station Attendant
Ron Madan, On Call Operator





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

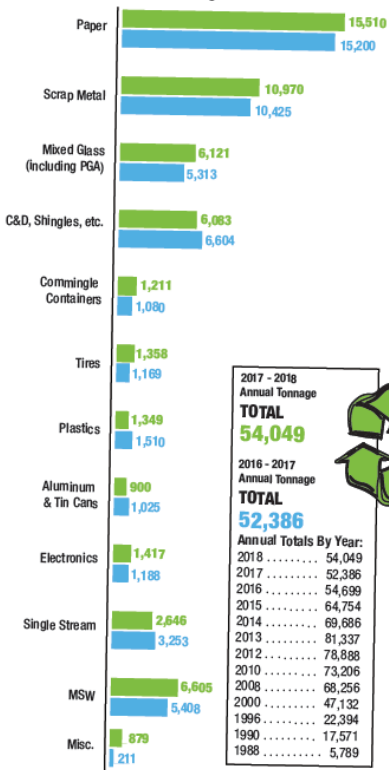
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 E-mail: info@nrna.net Web Site: www.nrra.net

Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 38-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

NRRA MARKETING TONNAGES

■ 2017 - 2018 Annual Tonnage Totals
 ■ 2016 - 2017 Annual Tonnage Totals



2017 - 2018 Annual Tonnage	
TOTAL	54,049
2016 - 2017 Annual Tonnage	
TOTAL	52,386
Annual Totals By Year:	
2018	54,049
2017	52,386
2016	54,699
2015	64,754
2014	69,686
2013	81,337
2012	78,888
2010	73,206
2008	68,256
2000	47,132
1996	22,394
1990	17,571
1988	5,789

- 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;
- **NRRA 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 54,000 tons in fiscal year 2017-2018!

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



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Email: info@nrra.net Web: www.nrra.net

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

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 2018	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Tires	0.8 tons	Conserved 0.5 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.

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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Littleton, NH 03561
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This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 237 households participated in the program. It was estimated that over 8,200 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$23,344.00. 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 \$12,757 (a cost of \$0.46 per resident).

In 2018, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 19th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 29th). 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 27,628 linear feet of fluorescent tubes was collected, as well as 3,247 compact fluorescent bulbs, and 1,644 units of ballasts and batteries. The total cost for this effort was \$4,161.31 covered by district dues.

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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@gmail.com.

Respectively Submitted,
Nicholas Altonaga, Secretary

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Planning Board Report

Your Planning Board ('PB') has many functions, both non-regulatory and regulatory. The obligations and duties of the Board arise through state law.

We were reminded of our obligations, when at a hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance, the PB responded to the question "Why did you bring a zoning proposal forward for resident consideration and why did you include what you did"? For those of you not present at that meeting, our answer is summarized here.

The process started when the PB undertook the state mandated requirement of revising and updating the towns Masterplan. A masterplan is a planning document that serves to examine and then guide the overall character, physical form, growth and development of a community. The PB finalized Groton's Plan in 2017 based on forums to gather resident priorities. A workshop was held on August 15, 2012 and many comments received during public meetings and surveys sent in 2013 and 2015-2017.

One of the conclusions of the Masterplan, Groton is growing and population is denser, with the need for additional services. The only one way to achieve the community's priorities is by being pro-active and passing protective regulations. Yes, it means compromise with your neighbors. However, to avoid the negative impacts associated with unwanted and unmanaged growth; it is worth it.

The process, which led us to community planning, has been as transparent as possible. The PB and Citizen Planning Committee held two Open Planning discussions and many public meetings before choosing the planning tools and designing the proposed zoning to achieve and mirror the expressed priorities of Groton residents for a quiet, small town rural character with a clean environment and low tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Planning Board (Deborah Johnson (Chair), Russ Carruth, Ray Blake, Dave LaBar, Glen Hansen, Dave Madden, Kristina Brodie (alternate), John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison))

Conservation Commission Report

The Mission of the Groton Conservation Commission is the promotion of public awareness and the protection of our natural resources.

In 2018, the Conservation Commission began some new initiatives to assist in the preservation and conservation of Groton's considerable natural resources. In addition, the Commission continued with some of the traditional activities that continue to be popular and well attended.

Working in cooperation with the Citizens Planning Committee, the Conservation Commission offered its input regarding the protection of resources in the zones proposed.

A meeting was held to listen to concerns about a building project on Spectacle Pond and information was obtained through the Department of Environmental Services and the Loon Preservation Committee.

Work has been completed on Phase 1 of the Natural Resources Inventory and discussions begun on Phase 2.

The Commission started a new activity in April, the first of two road cleanups – a natural fit for Earth Day. Another was held before the fall leaves covered all the beer cans and trash. The State DOT contributed plastic bags, safety vests and signs that a cleanup was in progress. Thanks go out to all who helped from 10 a.m. to noon and for a great lunch at the town house when work was done. Watch for upcoming dates in 2019 in local papers and on the town's website.

The Fishing Derby continued to be the success it has been all along. Thanks go out to all who made the goodies for the greatest fishermen and women in Groton. Also, a great thank you to NH Fish and Game for matching the number of trout that the Conservation Commission purchased, and for providing an officer during the event for education and public awareness.

Groton is fortunate to be blessed with an abundance of Conservation Lands. We expect if weather cooperates to conduct public hikes on as many town trails as possible in 2019. These will be posted on the town website and local papers.

There is still room for new members, so come to the meetings anytime on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Groton Conservation Commission
Slim Spafford, Chair
Gina Rescigno, Vice Chair
Ray Blake, Planning Board Liaison
Cindy Carpenter
Ruth Gaffey, Secretary
Respectfully Submitted,

Old Home Day Committee

Old Home Day was another success this year. The turnout was high and the weather held out. As usual, Old Home Day kicked off with the parade. Starting at the town garage and ending at the park, the parade passed many town residence who lined the streets. Thanks to Bubba, the town vehicles shined like new. Also in the parade were town children riding their bikes, classic cars and trucks, first responder vehicles and army jeeps from the past. There was a wide variety of food for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to Bubba and Ron for setting things up and the take down and Gary Easson for taking care of the lighting. The night would not have been a success if not for Janet and Mikayla's help in setting up, helping with the raffles and the take down. A special thanks goes out to Ladders Thrift Shop of Plymouth for supplying many of the deserts and side dishes. The committee would like to specially thank Sara Smith for all of her help and support in gathering the needed information to make Old Home Day a success. Unfortunately there were no fireworks this year due to insurance regulations. However, everyone enjoyed dancing and conversing with their fellow neighbors, the band played until the rain started and the crowd dispersed.

Thank you all again, for taking the time to come out and play and stay tuned for what 2019 will bring.

Respectfully submitted,
Old Home Day Committee

Gina Rescigno, John Rescigno, 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. This still hasn't happened as of yet.

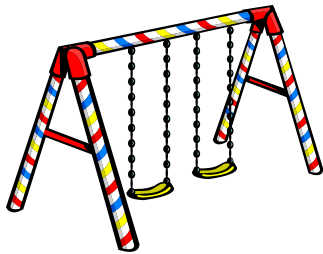
With that said, members are still needed. The Select Board would like to encourage those with interest and passion to contact the Board so that a team of committee members can be formed to ensure that future recreational events and opportunities continue.

We ask for your feedback as we continue to look at ways to keep the community coming together and providing a place for families and friends to gather for events. Please let us know if you have ideas for ways that we can improve the Everett Hobart Memorial Park.

If you are interested in holding an event at the park, please contact the Select Board office at (603)744-9190.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Select Board



GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Groton Historical Society would like to thank its members and friends for their ongoing encouragement and support as we continue to “Preserve Groton’s Past for Its Future.”

For the 2018 Memorial Day Program, George Morrison presented “Vanished Veterans - NH's Civil War Monuments and Memorials.” The program was made possible by a grant from NH Humanities. As in the past, the program was followed by a light lunch supplied by GHS members and friends. There was an excellent turnout and Mr. Morrison has been invited back to present a new program this year.

On October 28, 2018 GHS sponsored a program called: “Mary Baker Eddy-Her Life” presented by two members of Sanbornton’s Historical Society; Linda Salatiello and Evelyn Auger. Unfortunately, the program needs to be rescheduled due to an accident at the Town Office on the day the event was to happen.

The GHS Museum opened on May 15, 2018 with the annual spring tour of students from the Principia School in St. Louis, Missouri.

This year’s display theme was dedicated to our Military. The displays were created with items from the community and the GHS archives. The open house was held on June 23. The museum was also open on July 14 and by appointment.

GHS was at the Hebron Fair on July 29.

Received as donations:

- Numerous items pertaining to the Dunklee family
- Old sign from Groton Hollow
- Diary of a Navy sailor

Items Purchased:

- WWII Navy hat and belt buckle worn by Will Townsend

Unfortunately, we were unable to produce a calendar for 2019. Plans for the winter include pulling together materials for a 2020 calendar, continuing the cataloguing project and developing new displays for 2019.

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

GHS Board Members

Paul Cole (Building Manager)
Pamela Hamel (Treasurer)
Sharon Nelson
Steve “Slim” Spafford

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

Groton Historical Society, PO Box 50, Rumney, NH 03266

grotonhistorical@yahoo.com

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

Groton Public Library

In 2018 Groton residents have continued to enjoy free access to books, magazines, DVDs, as well as downloadable books, audios and programs through the Hebron Public Library. This has been made possible by a Memorandum of Understanding between the two towns that was passed as a warrant article in 2017.

Groton Library Trustees have ensured this arrangement will last throughout 2019.

Much loved Librarian Robin Orr has been absent for several months for medical reasons. Groton Trustees helped Hebron keep the library open through that time. Paula McKinley, MLS, has been hired as Interim Librarian.

Much work has been accomplished and new programs such as book discussion groups have begun. There are public computers, a printer and copier available to all. Paula will help anyone who is interested in finding out more about downloadable books get started.

Throughout the year, free WiFi as well as a computer and printer have been available for public use at the Groton Town Hall during business hours.

There is also an active Friends of the Hebron Library group which exists to plan programs and help support the mission of the Library. We urge Groton residents to join this creative and lively group which meets at the Hebron Library on the first Monday of each month at 4:00 pm.

Groton still has boxes of books to remove from the Town House. Any books still remaining after the Great Groton Give Away will be donated or discarded in the best way possible.

At present there are 21 Groton residents with library cards. Each card may have multiple users in the case of families. The Hebron and Groton

Library trustees have agreed that they will work on ways to publicize and promote the Library and its services for Groton residents in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gaffey, Chair
Elizabeth Jespersen, Trustee



Regional Planning Commission & Economic Development District

As the Regional Planning Commission serving 50 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:

- Continue to play a key role in the administration and compliance of federal regulations for funding received for infrastructure improvements at the former Wausau paper mill site in Groveton.
- Administrator for the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District.
- Provided technical assistance and staff support to the Town of Littleton Parking Commission for a study and plan for management of parking in downtown Littleton.
- Provided grant writing and technical assistance to assist communities, highlight of this work is the awarded \$500,000 CDBG to retain and create 27 jobs at the Friendship House in Bethlehem and a feasibility study for to identify the need for expanded care in the Cottage Hospital service area through Grafton County.
- Administered and provided technical assistance to communities and organization seeking Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grants within the region.
- Coordinated household hazardous waste collection events serving 19 towns in the region.
- Assisted NH Fish & Game, White Mountain Community College, and the Androscoggin Watershed Council with assessments of stream crossings in the Androscoggin River Watershed, as well as outreach to municipalities to help them use the information gathered to prioritize and plan culvert improvement and replacement projects.
- Completed 199 traffic counts (160 for NHDOT and 39 locally-requested counts) throughout the region to provide consistent and reliable data for use when planning infrastructure improvements.
- Facilitated the efforts of the North Country Scenic Byways Council to steward, improve, and promote the North Country's system of scenic byways." Make the second sentence a new bullet, change to "Performed pavement condition assessments of local roads for the Towns of Groton and Wentworth to assist with planning and budgeting for roadway maintenance.
- Assisted communities in the region with the development and submittal of proposals for roadway and bicycle and pedestrian safety and improvement projects to be considered for funding through the Statewide Ten Year Transportation Plan, the Transportation Alternatives Program, and the Federal Lands Access Program.
- Assisted the Town of Littleton with development of Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvement Plan.
- Provide technical mapping services to various communities in the region, including assistance to the Bath Conservation Commission for an Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund grant application and to the Town of Bethlehem for a map of public parking areas.
- 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 improvement programming. 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.
- Facilitated bulk purchase by communities of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books.
- In economic development we continue our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. This year's highlight of our work with EDA include continuous work with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee meeting on a bi-monthly basis to complete the five year update by December of 2018. This effort in 2019 will take a deeper dive into the regions communities the Council will host regional roundtables

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focused on better understanding the needs and unique assets of the regions communities. Through this funding North Country Council Staff is able to provide various types of technical assistance and project development support around the region.

All of us here at North Country Council look forward to serving your community. The Council is your organization. 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,



Michelle Moren-Grey
Co-Executive Director & CEO



Kathleen Frenette
Co-Executive Director & COO

TAPPLY-THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER - 2018 Year in Review

We are so very grateful for the amazing support we receive from all of you as donors, volunteers and cheerleaders of the TTCC.

2018 has been a great year for us and we continue to be awed by what an amazing community we live in. Our Afterschool program numbers have increased to an average of 60 youth each day. The Teen Council, under the wonderful leadership of Regina Richford, has doubled in numbers this year with 38 teens. Last year this group raised \$19,000 for our gym renovation which is due to be completed by the end of February. They have implemented new programs such as Parents Night Out, offered the Haunted Basement at Halloween, coached sports teams and come to volunteer in After School. We work closely with the High School and meet weekly with students at school to plan activities and fundraisers. This group has volunteered thousands of hours to run our teen dances, volunteer at all events and make improvements to our building. They are in the process of planning the replacement of the windows in the front of the TTCC.

We are very proud to have been able to bring swim lessons back to the community. With the collaboration of the Town of Bristol we offer lessons at Cummings Beach for six weeks during the summer. This is so important for our kids that live in our lake community.

Our Board held a Strategic Planning Workshop this year and are looking at what we need to do to continue our success. The Board and staff have built strong collaborations in our community and we are so fortunate to have the support of our eight Newfound Towns as well as the Newfound Area School District which allows us access to the school buildings for our many programs. Another major collaboration is with our NH Marathon event. This event is sponsored by the TTCC but the profits support not only our program but the Circle and Mayhew Programs as well. We are on track to provide over \$30,000 in program scholarships to our local kids this year. No child is ever denied access to a program for lack of financial means.

The Westward Bound Teen Expedition traveled to California in August and were able to visit the Redwoods, Muir Woods, the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. The 14 High School students receive a ½ credit for their participation in this educational trip to National Parks and other areas each year.

With the support of the Town of Bristol and our Newfound Babe Ruth League Commission we were able to install scoreboards at the Kelley Park Baseball & Softball fields. The Baseball Scoreboard was named in Memory of Ron Bucklin, a longtime Baseball Coach in our area. New steps were also installed at Wells Field through an Eagle Scout project by JW Cantwell. This year we also replaced the stairs and railings in the front of the building. The old concrete steps in front of the TTCC began to crumble last winter and we were able to replace them with granite steps that should last for many years to come.

We are so grateful that so many choose the Tapply-Thompson Community Center as an organization to support. We promise you that your donations will make a difference to the youth and families in our Newfound Region.

Thank you for believing in us. We are grateful for our Newfound Community!



Request for Groton Allocation in Fiscal Year 2019: \$400.00

Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), formerly Genesis Behavioral Health (GBH) is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving the 24 towns that make up Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. LRMHC provides Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large, psychiatry; nursing; community support programs for people with severe and persistent mental illness; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families. LRMHC owns two handicapped accessible vans and provides transportation services to patients in the greater Plymouth and Laconia areas as a means to enhance access to care in this rural area.

Founded in 1966, LRMHC provides comprehensive, integrated mental health treatment for people living with - and recovering from - mental illness and/or emotional distress. In Fiscal Year 2018, LRMHC's 190 employees served 4,067 children, adults and families. During this same time period, we provided over \$1.2 million of charity care.

In Fiscal Year 2018, 9 **residents** of Groton received services from Lakes Region Mental Health Center, and 2 of these individuals utilized Emergency Services. LRMHC provided **\$488.00** in charitable care to Groton residents. The age breakdown is as follows:

	Patients Served-Agency	Charitable Care in \$	Patients Served-ES
Children (0 to 17 years)	5	\$488.00	1
Adults (18 to 61 years)	4	\$.00	1
Elder (62 + years)	0	\$.00	0

LRMHC is requesting **\$400.00** this year; which is a level funded request from last year. Your continued support will help us ensure the provision of 24/7 Emergency Services to people in crisis, as oftentimes emergencies are attributable to lack of health insurance and/or the financial resources necessary to seek preventative care. For many, Emergency Services at LRMHC are the gateway into treatment. Access to timely and effective treatment supports recovery, and minimizes further harm to the patient, the community, and other systems of care.

An Investment from Groton will be leveraged with appropriations from other communities to offset the tremendous cost of staffing the Emergency Services program round the clock. It will help us expand mental health services and increase awareness. Similar to a municipal police or fire department, Emergency Services is a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Your appropriation will ensure the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduce the burden on your town.

What is a Mental Health Emergency?

A mental health emergency is a sudden change in the mental status of an individual due to a one-time event or as the result of a pre-existing mental illness. Events causing a mental health emergency can include loss of job, divorce, natural disaster or the sudden loss of a loved one. **A mental health emergency can occur at any time to anyone, regardless of age, gender or class.** Symptoms of a mental health emergency can include, but are not limited to:

- Suicidal or homicidal thoughts
- Feelings of desperation or anxiety
- Delusional thoughts
- Risk of harm to self or others

What are Emergency Services?

Emergency Services are provided by LRMHC in accordance with regulations governing community mental health centers in the State of New Hampshire. Services include access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals of all ages, hospitals, schools, police and others experiencing or dealing with a mental health emergency. The goal of Emergency Services is to reduce the individual's acute psychiatric symptoms, decrease risk of harm to self and others and assist in returning the individual to pre-crisis level functioning. Emergency Services are provided through a 24-hour emergency hotline, mobile crisis response, crisis stabilization, assessments and evaluation and voluntary/involuntary hospitalization. Services are provided in person, over the telephone and via telehealth to ensure rapid access to care.

How does the town benefit? Why should you invest in Emergency Services?

Sadly, today we have a greater understanding of the devastating effects of a mental health crisis. We may get a glimpse of it in when a tragic event affects our own community: a horrific crime, a suicide, the aftermath of an accident. The role of the LRMHC Emergency Services team is not simply to work with the individual in crisis, but to work with the community in its wake. This may include meeting with emergency responders as they cope with a difficult case or with school children and teachers as they mourn the loss of a classmate and student.

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Supporting Aging in Community

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 603-787-2539)

Lin-Wood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 603-745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 603-444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 603-523-4333)

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 603-744-8395)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 603-353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 603-536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 603-448-4213)

Sponsoring

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

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

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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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's 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 2017-18, 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; 12 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 142 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- Frail older adults in Groton received 254 hot, nutritious home delivered meals, brought to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Groton residents benefited from two visits with a trained outreach worker and 70 contacts for assistance from ServiceLink.
- Groton citizens volunteered 41 hours of their time and talent to GCSCC during the past year.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents in 2017-18 was \$5,801.40.

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.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director

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2018 Annual Report

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

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 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, town funds and grants 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
- ⌘ **Palliative Care** (nursing, therapy, social work, and LNAs) – in the home setting
- ⌘ **Outpatient Therapy** (Physical, Occupational, and Aquatic Therapy) – available on site

Supplemental Programs offered:

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| ⌘ Drop In Bereavement Group | ⌘ Foot Clinics |
| ⌘ Mindfulness & Meditation for Grief & Loss | ⌘ Blood Pressure Clinics |
| ⌘ Joint Mobility Classes | ⌘ Children's Swim Lessons |
| ⌘ Tai Ji Quan and Moving for Better Balance | ⌘ Nutrition Classes |
| ⌘ Women's Day of Wellness | ⌘ Health Presentations |
| ⌘ Gym and Aquatics Memberships | ⌘ Aquatics Fitness Classes |
| ⌘ American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/Lifeguarding | ⌘ Programs available in local towns |

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

Voices Against Violence

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September 26, 2018

Budget Committee
Town of Groton
754 North Groton Road
Groton, NH 03241

Dear Budget Committee:

From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 *Voices Against Violence* worked with 647 individuals who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. We have provided free services to all male and female victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations in your town.

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

Voices reached an additional **4,516** 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.

I submit this annual budget request in the amount of **\$550,000** for the 2019 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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Community Contact Offices are the Outreach Offices of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (TCCAP) Energy Assistance Program, providing access to apply for fuel, electric and weatherization services.

Community Contact Offices provide outreach services to households applying for energy assistance programs; Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance and Weatherization. Households have the option to apply in person at the office, or through a convenient method of their choice; phone, mail, internet (downloading and mailing completed application). The various methods of applying provide households with the opportunity to apply for the necessary assistance to meet their households most basic needs, while not having to incur additional costs or inconvenience; missed work, gas expenditure, child care, etc. TCCAP's Energy Assistance Program has found that the greater majority of clients are now utilizing the alternative methods of applying for assistance versus the old method of a face-to-face intake appointment.

During the agency's fiscal year 2018; July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, Community Contact Offices throughout Coös, Carroll and Grafton Counties provided services to 5,984 households through \$6.1MM in Fuel Assistance, \$2.1MM in Electric discounts, \$1.2MM in Weatherization, and \$296,000 in food value distributed to local food banks; totaling \$9.6 MM in total assistance distributed to our neighbors in need. Community Contact does not charge a fee for services provided, and services are available for all income eligible households.

TCCAP and our Community Contact Offices are dedicated to provide services all residents of Coös, Carroll and Grafton County's residents. The agency thanks all communities we serve for their financial support of the program, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wight

Sarah Wight

Energy Assistance Services Program Manager

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Town of Groton

Mid-State's mission is to provide high quality health care services to the community, regardless of a person's ability to pay. Mid-State's sliding fee scale program ensures everyone has access to health care, especially those who might go without due to cost. Through our sliding fee scale program, Mid-State provided \$1,030,530 in uncompensated charity care to the region in the past year. Local support is essential to ensure we are able to continue to help the under and uninsured in your community.

Mid-State's services go beyond medical care by offering a wide variety of options to help patients reach their best health. Mid-State now offers onsite infusion therapy and expanded oral health prevention services to its Plymouth location. Mid-State continues to offer a school-based oral health program in the Newfound Area schools providing onsite oral health education and hygiene services. Mid-State is also working to address the opioid epidemic by offering outpatient substance use disorder treatment in both its locations, including for those community members with Medicaid or who need a sliding fee scale.

Service we offer:

- Primary Medical Care for all ages
- Behavioral Health Services – counseling for individuals and families
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment – including Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid dependence
- Dental & Oral Health Care (Bristol office)
- Dental Hygiene (Plymouth office)
- Onsite Pharmacy in Plymouth
- Financial Assistance – Sliding Fee Scale is available for all services for those eligible
- Enrollment Assistance for the Marketplace, Medicare and Medicaid

Mid-State's Year in Review (June, 2017 - July, 2018)

- Number of unduplicated patients served:
 - Medical: 10,564
 - Dental: 1,447
 - Behavioral Health: 853
- Number of Visits:
 - Medical: 32,037
 - Dental: 3,441
 - Behavioral Health: 5,121
- Total cost of uncompensated charity provided: \$1,030,530



**2018 Annual Report to Newfound Watershed
Towns**

Newfound Lake Region Association
(603) 744-8689 / www.NewfoundLake.org

In 2018, the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA) continued working with watershed towns, businesses, summer camps, partner organizations, and permanent and seasonal residents to steward Newfound's clean water and healthy forests. Highlights for 2018 include:

- Completed our 32d consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake. Lake remains better than average, but non-invasive algal blooms becoming more common due to increasing water temperatures.
- Continued sampling tributaries and headwater streams at 35 locations. The extensive, healthy forests covering the hillsides that form the upland drainages are the reason for our clean water.
- Worked with NHDES and local partners to evaluate lake level management and how to reduce shoreline erosion.
- Funded materials to repair road culverts and drainage in Alexandria and Groton. Completed North Shore Rd. and Sleepy Hollow drainage improvements with watershed grant funds and \$210,000 from NHDOT. Remaining grant funds of ~\$25,000 committed to Town stormwater projects through 2019.
- Provided ~\$22,000 to Bristol, Groton, and Hebron to assist with land-use planning and Master Plan revisions.
- Coordinated Lake Host program to prevent milfoil and other invasive species from entering Newfound Lake. In 2018 paid and volunteer personnel inspected over 3,000 boats.
- Completed extensive restoration landscaping at our Grey Rocks Conservation Area, including multiple volunteer work days and our professional partners. Provided public access to Lake and land for 100s of visitors.
- In partnership with Newfound Audubon, hosted over 300 passengers on our educational Newfound Eco-Tours, a two-hour narrated expedition around Newfound Lake on our pontoon boat *Madelaine*.
- Coordinated fourth annual Lake Week, providing fun outdoor educational experiences to families and individuals. Co-sponsored fourth Watershed Outdoor Week (WOW!) with Tapply-Thompson Community Center.
- Hired three local youth students for second year of Newfound Youth Conservation Corps. NYCC works with homeowners to reduce stormwater pollution and flooding.

You can help protect clean water, the local economy, and your property values by preventing stormwater pollution on your own property, encouraging Towns to adopt low-impact development ordinances, and conserving land. NLRA can assist you with any and all of these positive actions.

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



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

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215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director

2018 Town Meeting Minutes

Meeting comes to order at 9:10 am on March 17, 2018 at the Groton Town House Community Room.

Tony Albert, Moderator

Select Board Members present: Christina Goodwin, Chair; Kyle Andrews; John Rescigno

Town Clerk: Ruth Millett

Supervisors of the Checklist: Pamela Hamel; Gina Rescigno; Anne Tobine

45 Registered voters in attendance, Two Non-registered property owners were present.

Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

Moderator reviews the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting.

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

The Moderator reads the list of those who were elected this year at the Town Elections March 13, 2018

- Select Board - 3 years – John Rescigno
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3 years – Ruth Millett
- Trustee of the Trust Fund - 3 years – Gina Rescigno
- Trustee of the Trust Fund - 1 year – Bernard Dauphinais
- Town Auditor - 1 year – Otto Jespersen
- Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 years – Anne Tobine
- Planning Board - 3 years – Forrest “Ray” Blake and David Labar
- Planning Board - 1 year – David Madden
- Zoning Board - 3 years – Charles “Chuck” Stata
- Cemetery Trustee - 3 years – Elizabeth Jespersen
- Cemetery Trustee - 2 years – James Gaffey
- Library Trustee - 3 years - Elizabeth Jespersen
- Library Trustee - 1 year – Ruth Gaffey

Not all were read at the Town Meeting as they had not yet accepted their nominations.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred thirty four thousand, six hundred thirty four dollars (\$734,634)** 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 to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina Goodwin: Christina went over changes that were made in the Budget Public Hearing and the following Select Board Meeting pointing out changes that were made at that time. The overall increase over last year comes to \$19,597.

Ann Joyce: Proposes an amendment to this Article as follows –

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred ninety four thousand, six hundred thirty four dollars (\$694,634) which represents the operating budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.”

Motion to move amendment made and seconded.

Ann: This is a decrease of \$40,000. Every year for the past 10 years the money left over from every budget has been up from \$32,495 to \$104,721. Last year money not spent was \$86,843. In 2009 when the budget was decreased by 5% there was \$91,284.29. My whole goal of taking money away from different lines is to put it towards something else I can't speak about right now. With the increase in the taxes this year there were 117 parcels that were late paying, compared to 110 last year. The total outstanding taxes as of February 28th were \$181,350.99 and at the same time last year were \$134,773.02. We have to start reining in the budget. I realize it's not the Select Boards fault; it's the school board and the County. The current trajectory is starting to be unobtainable.

Kyle Andrews: Any idea of where that money can come out?

Ann: No, that's up to you.

Lou Lieto: Did the money that was not spent come from the same line items, or different ones?

Ann: I did not go line-by-line. I can't speak to that.

Lou: If they were the same line items, then that speaks to poor budgeting. If they were different ones it speaks to our inability to predict needs. There needs to be some degree of surplus giving us flexibility to react.

Christina: In the last 2 years we've had to have a freeze on spending in October, November, and December because we can't pay the county bill. Any money that goes back into the general fund is money we use to offset the taxes. This past year \$200,000 went to offset taxes to keep the Town's tax rate down. If this amendment passes we will find the money in the budget and remove it.

Miles Sinclair: I was concerned with the overall trajectory not necessarily of the Town budget as it was apparent that the Select Board had closely scrutinized the existing budget and adjusted appropriately. The school issue and the County issue were also addressed in the budget hearing. The increases for both were double digits. The school went up about 25 percent and the county 13 or 15 percent which to me is unthinkable. The tax jump on my property was \$700 per year. I also have some potential reductions which I did bring up in the budget hearing. As a retired police officer, I support our police. I also expect our government to be efficient and economical. I can't say what Ann's proposed \$40,000 will go to but I can say where we can painlessly come up with \$6,250 and that would be from the line dealing with police part-time wages. I addressed this at the budget hearing. I asked that the Select Board answer today where we are in the hiring process. We are almost a quarter of the way through the year and we probably will not be hiring a part-time office before the end of this year. My suggestion would be to deduce that \$25,000 by \$6250 representing wages that would have been paid from January 1st through March 3rd.

Stephen "Slim" Spafford: I have an amendment which I will submit when it is appropriate on line item 4210.3, the part-time line Miles was referring to. Last year we agreed to reduce the police officer wages. E.J. is doing a great job. The FBI recommends one officer per 500 population is optimum. The National Association of Accrediting of Police Departments recommends one to one thousand. I don't see any reason why we should spend money trying to recruit. Our Select Board spends substantial sums for advertising. I have a motion when it's appropriate.

Dave Leone raised a comment about the training for sexual harassment and visibility of a police cruiser. He asked if Chief Thompson has received this training and if money had been spent for that.

Chief E.J. Thompson replied he had received this in other jobs and in other towns.

Christina: Primex has come and done training with employees.

Ruth Gaffey: How do we vote for \$40,000 less when we don't know what that means? Does that mean that I'm not going to see improvements to the road?

Christina: If the amendment passes it's up to the Board where we take the money out of the budget. This doesn't affect the other warrant Articles. We will need to review the budget and find out where to take it out based on conversations at town meeting today.

John Rescigno: We need good attendance at School Budget Meetings. It's where the bulk of money goes. It would be good to see a good turnout for School Board Meetings as well.

Moderator: We will be voting on the amendment. This is the amendment to change the budget amount. (Moderator reads the amendment as proposed)
Count of cards yes 19, no 22 - the amendment is defeated.

Slim proposes an amendment to Article 2 as follows –

“Motion to amend the Town of Groton 2018 proposed budget: Line 4210.3 Police Officer (PT) wages from \$25,000 to \$1.00. Ballot Requested”

Motion to move the amendment made and seconded.

No discussion, no questions.

Moderator calls the vote after reading the amendment.

Although a ballot was requested, there were only five who requested this, so cards were counted. Count of cards. Yes 16, No 25 - the amendment is defeated.

Miles proposes an amendment to Article 2 as follows –

“Article 2 – reduce appropriations to \$728,384.”

Motion made to move the amendment and seconded.

Miles: This money represents what would have gone to the part time officer from January 1st to March 31st. This is painless and doesn't draw from any other areas.

Moderator calls for further discussion and there is none.

Moderator repeats the amendment

Moderator calls for a vote. The Amendment passes.

Moderator reads the Amended Article as follows:

Amended Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty eight thousand three hundred eighty four dollars (\$728,384) which represents the Operating Budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Amended Article passes.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to establish an **Electronic Equipment and Software Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing and maintaining electronic equipment such as computers, copiers, printers, software and other electronic equipment as needed and to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion is made to move the Article and seconded.

John: This Article is proposed in order to maintain as needed our electronic hardware and software to repair and or replace as needed. This will also help to maintain security and be sure systems are up-to-date.

Dave: Is there money in the budget to do these repairs or not enough money?

John: There is not enough money in the budget to do repairs. There is only a small amount, not enough to maintain.

Ann: proposes an amendment to Article 3 as follows –

“I make a motion to amend Article 3: to see if the Town will vote to establish an Electronic Equipment and Software Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:1 for the purpose of replacing and maintaining electronic equipment such as computers, copiers, printers, software and other electronic equipment as needed and to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.”

Motion made to move the amendment and seconded

Ann: I realize this is a good fund, but do we need to put \$5000 away? Start off with \$1000 and then add a little bit each year.

Pamela Hamel: I think we should start out with \$5000 and then lessen the amount. The nice printer we have upstairs was actually a gift from the Windfarm. When I worked here, my computer crashed and we didn't have money to replace them. We need to stay up with the times. Start out with a nice little fund and each year, depending on how much we draw from it will determine how much we put in.

Celine Richer: How did you come up with that figure?

John: We have a couple of quotes on maintaining our equipment and what it would cost to replace a computer would be around \$560 plus software another \$204 or about \$783 per computer. Many of our computers are outdated.

Celine: How many computers to you have?

John: About 10.

Christina: The copier was donated by the Windfarm/Avangrid and was over \$5000. We don't have a server in the building either and we need to think eventually of having a server sometime down the road that can host from more than one location and hook into all the computers. We don't have that capability right now.

Chuck Stata: Is this a one-time \$5000 charge not to repeat itself next year?

John: No. It will be repeated, but as stated the amount will be based on how much we will be using from it.

Chuck: Why is it not in the budget rather than an individual expense? We shouldn't need to do a Warrant Article every year.

Pam: It's going into a savings account. Not saying they will use it this year, but if they need it, it will be there for that purpose.

Sara Smith: We can't predict when a computer or copier will crash. But if money goes into the budget, that money will be gone and we'll have to re-budget for the same money next year if it is not used. The money in a fund for this purpose will be available when we have a problem.

Miles: I was on the Select Board when Pam's computer crashed. The world didn't stop. We had money in the budget. It was a day or two before things were back to normal. The risk of a crash is always there. I spoke at the budget hearing asking similar questions. How far is this going to go? There has always been money in the budget up to this point to deal with these issues. Maybe the budget line should be increased, but I don't see the need for an additional capital reserve fund. Where does that lead to with additional capital reserve funds being established targeting specific issues? These issues should be addressed in the overall budget.

Lou: We have capital Reserve for other kinds of things for the anticipation of costs that might seem large for one budget year. As we get experience, if it turns out we only need \$1000 then we can put \$1000 into that fund. We don't know what we'll need yet and the cost of hardware and software does not decline.

Peter Smith: Why aren't the radios in Article 16 included in this capital reserve fund? This is the same type of electronic equipment and will be requiring service.

John: The reason we recognized we needed radios is that during the last storm our analog system was not able to communicate with many people. We are looking to purchase radios that are both analog and digital so we can communicate with one another and also operate some of our old radios along with

today's technology. It's a separate Warrant Article because Article 3 speaks to what we currently have and repairing or replacing those items. Article 16 is purchasing something that is needed for the Town.

Peter: Will maintaining those radios fall under this account?

John: Yes, that's right.

Moderator reads the amendment again and a vote is taken. The amendment fails.

Moderator reads Warrant Article 3 again.

No more discussion so a vote is taken. Article 3 passes.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for support of The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire's acquisition and permanent protection of the 2,709 acre Kimball Hill Forest, Map 3, Lot 14; Map 3, Lot 6; Map 4, Lot 1.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article is made and seconded.

Jeff Lougee, Director of Land Management for the Nature Conservancy is approved by the body to speak on this Article.

Jeff: The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit organization working in New Hampshire since the mid 1960's. We currently own and manage 29 conservation areas around New Hampshire and we hold conservation restrictions known as conservation easements on about another 120 properties. The summary of how this project came to be; late last summer the owner, Timbervest, decided to put the land up for sale through its forest management company Landvest through a closed bid auction. The property was brought to our attention and it aligned real well with our priorities and so we decided to act quickly and put together a bid on the property. We met with the Select Board. I wasn't part of that meeting. We met to talk about our interest in the property, the vision we had for the property at the time and to learn a little of the Town's interest in the property. We placed our bid and ended up being the high bidder, so they accepted our bid. This is a little different for us because normally we structure it so we have enough time to raise the money before we close. In this case the seller required that we close within 60 days of accepting the bid. In order to acquire the 2700 acres we had to take out a loan to do that. We are currently raising funds to pay back the loan. Thanks to many generous supporters out there maybe some who are here, we've raised about \$725,000 towards the \$2.1 million we need to raise. We're making great progress, but still have a way to go.

A few highlights on the conservation values and the benefits of this project. This was not the first go at this property. Others have worked on it before, trying to conserve the property and paving the way for us to be where we are right now. This is a 2700 acres lot in town that will never be developed. If any of you have been out there you've seen that it's really excellent wildlife habitat. There is lots of sign of black bear, moose and deer. It's actually quite impressive. There's 10 miles of river and stream frontage; six miles on the Cockermouth and its tributaries. Eleven miles on snowmobile trails which will remain open and maintained by Hardy Country Snowmobile Club. The land will continue to be open for hunting and fishing. It's a great place to get out in the woods; hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and many other outdoor activities.

Some on the long-term disposition: we are currently having conversations with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to eventually transfer this property to them to become the State's newest wildlife management area. Under this scenario, Fish and Game will own and manage the property, and we will hold a conservation easement on it. The easement will restrict any kind of development in perpetuity. It will assure sustainable forestry and wildlife habitat management on the land. Under Fish and Game ownership it will still be open for hunting and fishing and other kinds of public use. I want to emphasize that right now we're in negotiations with Fish and Game on the terms of this agreement, but we have not finalized that yet. If we're successful and all goes well with that process and I expect that it will, we anticipate transfer to Fish and Game before the end of the year. That will need to be approved by the Governor's Council in order for that to happen.

The donation by the Town is a significant amount and will really help towards that fund raising goal that we have. It is also helpful to say we have financial support from the local community when we're out raising money from foundations and donors. It is also powerful when we go before the Governor's council and Fish and Game to show we have that financial support. That's about all I have and thank you to the Select Board for advancing the Warrant Article and thank you all for considering it.

Slim: It was emphasized at a previous meeting with the Nature Conservancy at the Newfound Inn that the conservation easement would prohibit anything like Northern Pass putting utility lines and no more wind towers going up there which currently there's a plan for straddling the line between Orange, Alexandria and us. Also there won't be any solar. Those things are important to the residents of Groton as well as the people who don't live in Groton.

Sharon "Sherry" Nelson: Miles, when did you and other Selectmen work so hard with the owners of Kimball hill, 3 or 4 years ago? This is a much better deal; being asked for only \$25,000 as a Town. Of course we can donate more as individuals too.

Miles: A committee formed for 2-3 years and at the end they appeared to have accepted the offer for purchase of Kimball Hill. The Town Meeting appropriated \$50,000 to further the process only to have Timbervest come and renege on the deal and that was essentially the end. Nothing developed till earlier this year when two conservation organizations became interested. While my hope was for the Town to acquire this property and use it as a Town Forest which could produce revenue for the Town going forward, this is the second best option in my opinion and I would like to stress that these folks have provided a great benefit to the Townspeople of Groton by permanently conserving this property. I have one question; when the Nature Conservancy had last come before the board at the budget hearing I got the impression the Fish and Game was less of a sure thing in acquiring the property than I had initially believed and I would like you to clarify. Is it headed in the right direction now or is there still some level of uncertainty?

Jeff: I think it's headed in the right direction now. The papers still need to be signed. It needs to be approved by the governor's Council. There are two steps along the way. This is not our first time working with Fish and Game in a scenario like this. We did this with them on the Connecticut lakes and long time ago no... 20 years ago. We have some other projects that we're working on with Fish and Game smaller than this. We're confident that it will happen, but there are steps we need to go through before it's done.

Slim: I did ask at the meeting at Newfound Inn; Fish and Game is always pleading broke because their money comes from hunting and fishing licenses and they don't get money from the legislature. You're right, but there's a federal fund, from the Pittman-Robertson Act, that authorizes excise tax revenue

from the sale of firearms and ammunition products be apportioned to State Fish and Game Agencies on a variety of projects related to wildlife, conservation efforts and shooting programs. New Hampshire gets a large cut of that and that's where this money will come from. This money can be used for acquisitions.

Lou: How will you do forest management? Do you anticipate commercial cuts? What sort of activities do you anticipate for forest management of this tract?

Jeff: It's tricky for me to speak on behalf of Fish and Game who are likely to be the long-term owner, but from conversations I've had with their wildlife biologists that would be their focus, managing the property for wildlife habitat. They have an updated plan for forest management called Nash Brook online. This might be a decent indication of the approach they would take on the Kimball Hill Property in terms of structure they'd be looking to create. They would be looking to do a mix; older stands, younger stands, and early successional. The timber resource of the property is significantly depleted and they will probably give it some time to recover before they start doing active management.

Dave: You mentioned the different users of the land. There's another conservation land in Town that doesn't allow anybody with bicycles to ride on their property or horses to ride on the property. Would horses be able to ride on the property and bicycles be able to ride on the property as well?

Jeff: I think there is discussion right now on those two uses. That is to be determined. I don't have a better answer than that right now.

Dave: I think doing the conservation land is a great thing to do. Personally, I ride horses, so for me to spend \$25,000 on something where I would no longer be allowed to ride over that property isn't worth it. I think it would be nice if we could continue to do that. Along those lines, this great place to have a loop that goes around the whole Town of Groton; a multi-use trail system and this has been looked at and a study had been done in the past. I'm sure Deb Johnson can remember that was quite an extensive study which would be profitable to the Town of Groton.

Chuck: When we tried to acquire this lot of land 4-5 years ago, the timber company backed away from it and we lost our grants, we lost the money that had been put up for that. One of the reasons it's a prime lot is there's a corridor that starts down in Massachusetts and there has been a 30 year attempt to obtain conservation easement properties all the way from there to the White Mountains. This piece is a critical component of that "through stretch". It's not just for Groton, but it has a regional importance as well.

Dave: It's a non-profit organization but the people that work there get a paycheck. Everyone who worked on this project made money from it.

Sharon: I'm glad they do, otherwise we might not have the opportunity to get the land. I might not be riding a horse on the land, but I want the land for our Town and the \$25,000 we're asked to pay is key. I've heard from people on the lake who say, "Oh Groton's getting it purchased for them. They don't even have to put any money into it." The \$25,000 is a small request and I think we should pay and say we have a stake in this.

Dave: I think it's a great thing to have this land and I'm not opposed to doing it. I'm all in favor of doing it; I just think it's unfortunate that they present themselves as a non-profit organization. They make

money off it, and then they don't allow people on bicycles or people on horseback to travel across their land, yet they allow snowmobiles to travel across it which I think stinks.

Lou: Part of the reason there is a discussion around certain kinds of vehicles, including horses is because they do particular damage and cause erosion, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't be there. I think that they should be there but you should consider carefully how and when they should be there to minimize the negative affects they could have. There are dirt bikers who are very responsible and others who aren't. People need to think that through and I think it's good that they do. There aren't many non-profit organizations where people work for free.

John: Conserving this land helps to preserve the vision of Groton according to the Master Plan and I think this is something we all believe in.

Moderator moves the question and it is seconded. No more discussion.

Voting on Article 4 the **Moderator** reads the Article again. The Article passes.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** for the repair/reconstruction of North Groton Road to continue work on the section that was reclaimed in 2017. (Submitted by the Highway Department)

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion made to move the Article and seconded.

Christina: We are proposing to do another section of the road mainly the section that is now gravel. We're not sure how much of that section we will be able to do. This money is not enough to do the complete section if we continue to do the project the way we've been doing. We're working to increase the Road Committee membership. We have a meeting in two weeks and we'll be discussing what we're going to recommend to the Select Board for the project but this \$200,000 will do only a section of that gravel area.

Ann: 1700 feet will bring you within 500 feet of Regos. What will you do about the Rego property? You won't go to that point where it's nasty.

Christina: When we talked about the road project at the public hearing we talked about continuing the way we've been doing it. There are some alternative we've been looking at to try and stretch out the number of feet. That is what the Road Committee is going to do on March 26th to discuss these alternatives. If we continue the way we've been doing the project we won't be able to finish the section but only 1700 feet of it.

Ann: You were talking about digging it downs and doing a 2" overlay. How much money would it be to do the 9/10ths mile that still needs to be done?

Christina: We've received one quote and I believe it was around \$400,000 to do the whole thing.

Robert "Bubba" Ellis: Yes.

Ann: He measured all the way through to 118 which is in Dorchester not stopping at the Town line.

Christina: We received two quotes for \$400,000 just to do the area that is gravel now, proceeding the same way we have been doing it. We received another quote for continuing the grinding all the way to the Town line by 118 with a 2" overlay...

Bubba: Grinding and a 2" binder course this year the amount would be under the \$200,000 and the money would cover us paving all the way to 118.

Christina: There are multiple quotes for several methods, think overlay, reclaim and pave. I can't really explain all these, but based on what Bubba has calculated if we do a grind and 2" overlay that will take us almost all the way to 118. There are concerns which need to be discussed among the Road Committee and then recommendations given to the Select Board for a final decision. Will that cause problems for us to stop doing the road projects the way we have been doing them? If it won't, then this might be a better alternative to give a bit smoother ride on the other side of North Groton Road. We need to look into those alternatives. Right now we're asking for \$200,000 to do something to fix that area. How far we're going to be able to go, I can't tell you right now, but the intent is to get as much as possible fixed.

John: While at the same time making sure that what we do is not just a "band aid". When we look at alternatives it maybe what we are doing right now is not the best, so we're getting ideas from others who do road reconstruction to stretch the dollars as far as it will go and also serves the purpose of maintaining the road into the future.

Christina: We don't want to spend \$200,000 and then come back in two years because the road fell apart. We're trying to make sure that what we will be doing is the right thing getting the most out of your money.

Dave: Your asking for \$200,000 to at least work on that section that has already be ground? You're not sure yet what process you will use to do that, you're going to look into other alternatives. Will you hold another special meeting for that or will it just be something that is discussed at the Select Board meetings? Will that be between the Select Board and the Road Committee?

Christina: It will be discussed among the Select Board and the final decision will be made with the Select Board based on the Road Committee's recommendations. We wouldn't have another public hearing, but we would discuss this at the Select Board Meeting so everyone would hear what decision has been made and everyone would know.

Peter: Bailey Hill Road also known as Afghanistan. I appreciate what is done, but I think it's crazy not to appropriate a bond or whatever it takes to do the whole thing. Sections of road that were done 4-5 years ago are already in my opinion starting to fall apart. Wherever there's a culvert under the road, there's a big dip. It would be much more cost effective in the long run to do the whole thing. It's a major thoroughfare, the only major road in Town that traverses the entire Town. It should be better. People coming into Town that are directed that way by GPS... their chiropractor bills are unbelievable. Serious thought needs to be put into this "band aid" approach which in my opinion it is; using different techniques every time, you won't end up with a good road surface.

Miles: The roads do need vast improvement. We need to do it within the ability of the townspeople to fund it. Beginning with this article there's only been one other article that dealt with additional appropriations and that was the donation to the Nature Conservancy. On this page, if you look at it

there are substantial sums being recommended for appropriation. I just want to point out that last year's Warrant Article appropriations versus this year's there is a 54% increase year over year so we had quite a surprise when we opened our tax bills. It's going to be worse if these all get funded at the level that they're being recommended and I wanted people to consider that.

No more discussion.

Moderator calls the vote and reads Article 5 again. Article passes.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000)** for deposit into the **Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** for the remaining costs to complete the bridge replacement. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$247,852.19).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: Last year the Select Board came to the Town with the preliminary cost for doing the bridge. When we went out to bid, there was only one bid out of the eight received that was anywhere near those costs. This amount is what we need to finish the project. As of 2016 we had \$56,000 and we added \$225,000 and the balance to pay off the project is \$65,000. I can tell you what the quotes were... the lowest \$292,000 then \$398,000 up to \$709,000. One individual was low enough and the reason being they have their own temporary bridge. The total will be \$292,390 to complete this bridge project.

Dave: Will you have a lump-sum of money to work with moving forward to complete this project? Have monies already been spent out of that fund on this project? If so, how much money is there in the fund to complete this?

Christina: We have spent approximately \$36,500 which included the engineer, the permitting with the state, and the plans. We have awarded the project based on funding. We are not tied into the project. If we don't get the money we don't finish the project. We've had to do easements with the property owners and that's why there has been a slight delay.

Dave: Have you already picked a contractor to do the job and will work with him as long as you have the money?

Christina: Yes. We opened the bids at a Select Board meeting and we did announce then that we didn't have enough money and we awarded the bid conditional on funding from Town Meeting.

Ann: On 12/20/2016 K.B. Partners submitted a proposal of \$36,500 which included the survey, base plan, geotechnical, preliminary design, final design, and bidding assistance. We've billed our \$36,500. What's the other \$17,100 for? During the work session it never said "estimate of \$36,500. The \$36,500 took us through the bid.

Christina: There was an additional contract given to us to finish the process which includes Administration of construction services and Mileage and other things like that all coming to \$17,100 which completes the project up through this year. This is the explanation. The \$36,500 did not include "Construction Services" He added this to the estimate thinking it was clear and unfortunately we did not know that at the time, so that was our mistake, or it would have been in the minutes. I thought the

\$36,500 covered the whole thing. We reached out to him and he explained that it did not. The \$36,500 only took us through the bidding assistance.

Slim: This bridge is the only bridge that the Town owns. All the others are on State highways. This is the only one we're responsible for so we won't get hit with another bridge coming up.

Christina: When we came to the Town last year we did state that it was a preliminary estimate. We never anticipated that it would cost this much for this bridge. We've been talking about bridge replacement for 5, 6 or more years during Town Meetings. We've talked about \$80,000 for bridge replacement. When we got the actual bids and saw them come in it was a shock. We did not anticipate that it would cost this amount of money. Once it is fixed, we won't be coming back to the Town for a long time. This bridge is supposed to last for 75 or more years aside from general maintenance.

Cindy Carpenter: The \$17,100 is a 50% overrun of the \$36,000. I was under the impression that you said the Warrant Article we're voting on is to complete the bridge. What assurance can you give the Towns people that there won't be a 50% cost overrun on that construction? I know there are no guarantees in life.

Christina: We already have a contract we are in with a set price on it with the construction worker. He cannot exceed that unless something drastic happens. I can't give you a 100% assurance, but I can give you a pretty good guess we aren't going to overrun this because the contractor had guaranteed that cost.

Cindy: But did you not also have a contract for the bidding? Was that not a contract for \$36,000?

Christina: Yes, but there were additional services added each year. We didn't think of the oversight of that project. We need the engineer to provide that oversight.

John: The engineer comes in, he can quote you on his work and gives you an estimate on what the bridge builder is going to charge for the bridge. We don't know what the builder will charge for the bridge until they come in and actually say "here's your estimate" These were the estimates that we received \$225,000 through \$800,000... that's what you get afterwards. It's done in sections, not in one complete package. There's a cost to each process along the way. It's hard to get someone to bid on something. The engineer goes out and gets those people to bid on the project. The contract that we have now is for the bridge. So there should not be any additional costs unless the unforeseen happens.

Miles: The design that's being presented for appropriation, what is the weight rating on that bridge? Has this been addressed?

Christina: It was addressed. It's supposed to be more than an E-2 bridge.

Miles: E-2 being 80K lbs.? Don't truckers tend to do more like 110K lbs. or in that range?

Moderator call for a break:

Break

(Not on recording) - The bridge is rated over 100K lbs., **Christina** called the contractor who confirmed this.

There is no more discussion so the **moderator** calls for a vote.

Moderator reads Article 6 again, voting, Article passes.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty four thousand dollars (\$34,000)** for the repair of Groton paved roads, with fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to come from the general fund balance and the remainder to be raised by taxation.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: The reason for the \$34,000 this year is last year we asked for \$25,000 and we did not spend all of that. We only spent \$10,500 and we would like to get more out of our projects this year and try to do more work on other roads. So we've asked for \$14,000 to come from the general fund balance and keep the appropriations from tax to \$20,000. This is the same amount we've been asking for multiple years.

Bubba: There are a lot of repairs other than the main road we've been talking about. There's a lot of ditching, especially along River Road that hasn't been touched in a long time. There are many things we need to address. We're going to try to keep some sort of schedule so we will be addressing issues as they come up. It will be a while to get there.

Lou: Maybe the Town would consider some sort of feed-back mechanism. Perhaps that could be on the website, for people to leave messages, concerns, conditions and then you could look at that to help you.

Christina: Sara has talked to the North Country Counsel and they will be coming out to do a "Road Surface Management Survey". This may help the Road Committee and the Select Board and Bubba to determine what priorities there needs to be. This is at no cost to the Town.

No more discussion so moderator calls for a vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Article passes.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$10,750)** to be added to the **Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund** with ten thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$10,750) to come from the unassigned fund balance. (December 31, 2017 balance \$15,187.31). This amount represents an insurance payment received by the town for the loss of the 2006 Ford F350.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: We had a flood at the Highway Department Garage and the 2006 Ford F350 was out and was damaged. The insurance gave us \$10,750 for the vehicle so we want to take those funds and put them into the Capital reserve so we may use it towards future purchases.

No more discussion so moderator calls for a vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Article passes.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate with **twelve thousand six hundred thirty five dollars (\$12,635)** to purchase a new truck with plow for the highway department with twelve thousand six hundred thirty five dollars (\$12,635) from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (SB38 funds of \$22,365 received in 2017 will complete the \$35,000 purchase.)

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: The Dodge has been down a lot. For the last two storms we had to contract out to have someone come plow. We were down to one vehicle and could not keep up with the snow. The proposal is to use it for plowing and to do runs to the parts store and not to use personal vehicles. The SB38 funds came in last year and cannot be used for the North Groton Road project, but you can use it for equipment. It will not be money from taxation. This is money from the Capital Reserve and from those funds only.

Bubba: This vehicle is to replace the 2006 Ford F350. We're looking for a one ton pickup with a plow to check and work on roads to help out during storms when snow is heavier than usual and to plow when the other truck is broken down. Without that truck we've had to use GFC and Sons / Charley Coursey who has been unbelievable to help when the truck has been broken down. The plow has been broken down 31 days out of the last 91 days. For pick up we've had to use our own vehicles. I think over the years Glen used his own vehicle a lot which didn't really help us in the long run.

Dave: How many trucks will the Highway Department have after they purchase this new truck, and what is the make of the truck?

Christina: We'll have 3 trucks, The big truck and then the two small trucks. We are looking at a Ford but we'll not be held to that.

James Joyce: Have you thought about turning in that Dodge?

Kyle: We have talked about it.

Christina: We have talked about getting rid of the Dodge, but we've also talked about getting rid of the bigger truck and just working with the small trucks. There are a lot of things we're trying to determine what we'll go forward with.

No other discussion so the **moderator** calls the vote.

Moderator reads Article 9 again. The Article passes.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** for deposit into the **Public Works Capital Reserve Fund**. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$573.23).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: The intent of the Board and the Building Committee for this year was how to plan the regards to the Public Works Building being moved out of the flood zone and up onto the hill. At first we thought it was being rushed so we drew back from it. Now we're asking for \$100,000 to be put into the Capital Reserve Fund. Building is going to be a lot more money than that at some point, so we're asking for that money to be put into the Reserve Fund. We have spent money out of the Reserve Fund. We have contracted with Turnstone, a company to design a building and we're still working with them currently and will be meeting with them after Town Meeting to discuss the plans because we haven't yet determined what we needed. We're asking for this money to be put in the Reserve Fund in anticipation that we will be coming back to the Town at future Town Meetings to build a building. Obviously we do need to move the building. The building was flooded out this year and we sustained substantial damage. We lost a vehicle and substantial damage in the building. We are pushing to get this done as soon as possible, but we don't want to rush a plan and then come to you with something that is not feasible.

Dave: The current company that you're dealing with now as far as getting plans to build this building is this a block contract that you're into? Do they charge a percentage of the building that will be built? Are you open to other contractors giving you proposals to do the work?

Christina: This went to bid last year and we received two bids and did award this to Turnstone. Are we locked into it? We contracted with them to give us a design. We are reviewing if we will continue with them or not.

Peter Smith: I've heard a lot about the building and I know there have been engineering studies and proposals. To my knowledge there have been no examples or artist's rendering as to what this building would be. Is this something that will continue; that we'll have no idea what we're looking at for a facility and what will be included and what won't be included etc.? I have no idea what this facility will look like. I wondered if there will be a little bit of transparency.

Christina: We haven't gotten a plan to present to the Town.

John: So far we've met with them. We explained to them what we were looking for. They came back with a proposed building. Not something that would be within our budget. We sent it back to them. If we actually had something we could show you, we would have asked them here to present it to you, but we're not at that stage yet. Once we get to that point you will definitely be involved.

Peter: How much money had been expended on this project already?

John: It works somewhat the same as the bridge. You hire a designer, they sketch everything out, then they send it out to get bids on it.

Christina: We've completed the survey. We've worked with them to get a design. We rejected it. We've spent \$47,000 which included the design, testing the lot across from the Transfer Station and site plan and all the permitting for the driveway. That's what we've spent so far. The first estimate was \$2.2 million. We asked them to go back, we cut some things out and told them they needed to come back with a better number, but that was only down \$1.9 million, so we are going back to meet with them again. After we established this Capital Reserve Fund, we established a Building Committee and the Building Committee had members or the public on it, the Highway Department, the Select Board, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief. We met together as a group to determine what we needed and we came up with an idea of what we wanted and so far we've been chipping that away. We went to bid to get a construction firm to come up with a plan because you need someone who can manage the plan and come up with a design that will work, to do all the permitting and do all that needs to be done. We put it out to bid for a contractor and we're trying to get a plan to present to you. We're just not there yet. It's just too high.

John: We have an idea of what we're looking for, no bells and whistles, a place to store our trucks, an office space which is needed, all the bare essentials, a rest room etc. There are state laws and guidelines you must follow which were not there in the past which ups the price. You can rest assured we are not looking for the Taj Mahal to be built. It is basically what the Town needs.

Frank Grelle: Can you tell us the size you're looking to build?

John: We started with 120x80 and it's been cut down to half that size. We went with the initial plan to get an idea of what it would look like and a couple extra pieces and now we're starting to pull some of that back. When we did go down to the bare essentials, a place for 3 or 4 trucks and small area for offices, breakroom and restroom, their quote didn't change much. They changed the direction of the building which I thought was odd. If they hadn't changed the direction there wouldn't have been as much excavating that had to take place which was a large part of that dollar amount. We haven't had a chance to go back to them and question why.

Christina: It's not just the building. You have to store salt and sand, you need a septic and water. There are a bunch of things incorporated into the cost. We haven't gotten to a final plan at all right now.

Pam: That cost includes the entire package, septic, water, salt shed, sand shed, whatever was needed and it would be a done deal?

John: For \$1.9 million, yes; and the building itself.

Pam: And I agree that's way too much money.

Kyle: It was going to be done over two years and when we told them we wanted it spread out over the two years, they added on \$500,000 for the second year.

Sherry: Christina said earlier we have to move the old road shed, not destroy it, move it.

Christina: I changed my wording. We cannot move that building.

Ann: Are you still planning on doing the bond next year?

Christina: We're going back to the drawing board with them, but we obviously don't know.

Ann: I have an amendment to this Article.

Moderator reads the following amendment:

"I make a motion to amend Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero dollars (\$0.00) for deposit into the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. (December 31, 2017 balance \$573.23)."

Motion is made to move the amendment and seconded.

Ann: No more comment.

Helen Martynzyn: If that garage isn't feasible anymore, did we collect insurance money for that? Can that money be applied to the new building?

Christina: Any insurance money has been applied to fix the old building. The insurance paid for damages.

Ruth G.: If the \$100,000 is not in the budget, does that affect anything you are going currently?

Christina: No, it will not stop us from getting a plan, but it just means we are not putting money towards that project.

John: It could slow down the progress of the building that has needed to be replaced for many years. That building is now starting to cost the Town money. It needs roof repairs, the garage door motor needed to be replaced. We're putting money into a building that just needs to be razed.

Miles: My opinion is that Ann's motion is premature. It will negate any opportunity for the Select Board to move forward. If this amendment fails, there's a number of questions that I have for the Select Board of all the amounts involved which I would like to have the opportunity to ask.

John: To keep the project moving forward we could cut \$50,000 out of it, but it's just money we will need to collect later. We've been putting \$5,000 per year into this building for several years now which is kind of comical. When you think if how much a building will actually cost it's like taking cups of water out of the ocean and expecting to drain it. More money than this will needed to be put into this account. If we had we wouldn't be in the position we are today.

Dave: It's obvious we need the building. If we put money into it now maybe we can move forward. I hope the plans that we get are what we need. I think we should move forward.

Ann: I am not against the Public Works Building. I just want the Building Committee to get their ducks in a row and get this bond and show us what the building is, what way it will go, and the dirt-work all figured out and make sure everything is up to date so we can do it.

Slim: When I saw the plans, I was surprised at the amount. I don't really think we need a new Police Department in there with two or three jail cells which was in the plan. I think that's ridiculous and I think that should be taken into consideration by people here who don't know that.

John: Like I said, the only think in that building is space for two or three trucks... it's basically a rectangle with garage doors and a small area for an office, small break room and a bathroom and a salt shed.

Peter: I know the site is a great spot right across from the Transfer Station, but it seems from what I've seen, the site work costs are really excessive on that spot. Maybe that's why it hasn't been built on previously. Is there any thought about this building on a lot that would cost quite a bit less? Isn't there someone in Town that builds commercial buildings that would be a lot cheaper?

John: That's part of the reason we want to get back with them. When we lopped off half the building which was supposed to take away the part of the building that was closest to the area that required the most site work, it should have cut back on the site work but instead they took the building and turned it so we would still need to do the site work. They didn't leave it and just remove this part of the building and we haven't gone back to talk with them about that yet.

Christina: For clarification on the site work costs... that quote is not just digging up the ground, it includes the salt shed and the digging for the foundation. The site work includes the foundation and the salt shed. I'm not saying that I agree with that \$400,000 cost, but it does include those things.

No more discussion so the **moderator** calls for a vote on the amendment to Article 10.

Moderator reads the Amendment again. Amendment fails

Moderator reads Warrant Article 10 again and discussion resumes.

Miles: I agree that the building must be moved. I agree that the estimates received are absolutely absurd. I would like more specifics on what exactly we're going to do with this \$100,000 and what it is going to get us.

John: the money is primarily to pay for the building. That will go towards the \$1.2 million plan, once we get it down to an amount we feel is reasonable.

Miles: So we don't have a plan and we've spent \$47,000 already?

John: We have. That has been spent on the site plan and the preliminary work that needs to be done before we can start building. The site plan had to be done. It is the building we need to now get under control.

Miles: How much more money will we need to spend... best estimate... to have a final set of plans?

John: What they will charge if we have them turn the building the other way? It's hard to say. We did pay for a site plan and a rendering of what this building might look like.

Miles: So at this time we have no idea of how much this is going to cost us additionally.

Christina: The estimate they gave us for the site plan was \$65,000. That's what we had in the Capital Reserve Fund at the time. It's that amount we have on retainer with them to finish up the services. We have about \$18,000 in that account right now.

Miles: How much of the \$100,000 would be expected to be used for future payment on the building?

John: If we feel things are getting out of control with this engineer, needlessly creating plans that need to be altered and collecting money from us, we can take a different route. The plan is to use all this money for the construction of this building.

Christina: Our best safe guess is that all of this money is going to the building, period, without any more work from the contractor/engineer.

Miles: We should be able to get final plans without tapping into the \$100,000?

Christina: Yes, that is what we're trying to do.

Miles: If in the best case scenario the building will cost \$1.2 million, which I still think is ridiculous, is the reality not that we will be looking to bond that? Kyle had mentioned phases of the building process, but if we're going to wind up having to bond, I wouldn't think it would make sense to bond a portion of the purchase price. If it makes sense to bond it then I suggest there's no need to phase it.

John: The plan was to not do a bond and to build it in phases with x amount of dollars this year we can do the foundation, next year build the structure and then finish it in the third year. However with inflation the price just keeps going up every year. What will cost \$800,000 this year will cost \$1 million next year. So option B would be to simply get a bond to pay for it all in one shot. It will tie up a lot of money for 15 years or so. It would make things really tight if something else were to happen.

Christina: We did look into a bond based on the numbers we received. One of the bonds was \$1.5 million. If we did do the bond then the Capital Reserve could be used for a payment as well. If we don't do the bond and the building is built in phases then the Capital Reserve would be used for the building.

Miles: If we were to build in phase how many years are we looking at?

John: Possibly three years, but we also need to consider if we do it in phases how much more would it actually cost us. The way they first described it doesn't seem that it's feasible to do it in phases because the price goes up dramatically every year.

Miles: Three years was the plan? Even then at \$1.2 million, that's an additional \$400,000 you'd be coming every year asking for this amount understanding we are already spending \$200,000ish on the road work as it is. To me, the reality is that we're looking at a bond whether we want to admit that now or not. I think we already have the wrong firm addressing these issues for the Town of Groton. I would like to think there is recognition of that. The fact that they would look to charge \$500,000 for extending it another year shows where they're coming from. I don't think that's in the best interest of the Town. We need a set of plans and I think we also need a Groton-based solution which is what we did when we first built that building. From my perspective I can see it's in the wrong place, but I don't think we need much more that we already have down there, as far as size on the building, the salt shed. I think we need a Groton-based solution, we need a set of plans, but much like they did with the addition here, we got the plans and I think we spent about \$35,000 because I was part of the Town House Committee. If anyone wanted to do the research they could find out the exact figure. To give Steve Pilcher the credit he is due on this in a stroke of genius made Kenny Martell the Clerk of the Works, over seeing this addition and the man did a fantastic job on behalf of the Town of Groton. We need to look at that same

kind of approach rather than wasting money on an architectural firm that is looking to profit as much as possible. You're waiting for final plans before getting public input. You need that early in the process. What's the point in putting time, energy and expense into a project that the town's going to say "no" to? I think you need to get more people involved earlier on. It doesn't necessarily need to be a public hearing but maybe publish a notice in the paper or on the web site and everything else; having a Select Board Meeting or public hearing for the purpose of getting input into this process. Realistically I think we're looking at a bond. I don't think we have any alternative. The numbers we have are completely absurd. I can't think they spent more than the \$200,000 on the building that's there now. I'd like to know if anyone has any idea of what those numbers were. Almost half a million for site work. I think we can use local excavator companies that can do it for significantly less than that. The things at the top of the hill, drainage will go downhill anyway unless there is a ledge problem that needs to be blasted. I can't fathom how they came up with that figure.

Dave: Is the size of the building adequate?

Bubba: With the backhoe, one ton, and the big truck, there's barely enough room to move around in there.

Dave: The physical size of the building would need to be longer. Including the equipment we have and house now we'd need a larger building to facilitate that. We spent \$170 on that building. I know that, because I drew that plans for that. I gave those plans to the Town at no cost. We used \$35,000 to do the shell. The next year another \$35,000 to do the electrical and insulate and I installed the septic at no cost to Groton. I think there are alternatives to going through an engineering firm that will give us a number that the highest they can come up with. We need to utilize the resources we have in Town and the people we have in Town to move that building to the top of the hill. At the time I wanted the building at the top of the hill and it was voted to put it where it is now. We need to move forward, we need some money to work with. The Board needs to get more local people involved so. I think we need to put money into this fund so we can move forward.

Christina: So people will understand. I do believe we should be using Groton resources. We have reached out for over a year for people to be on these committees; at Town Meeting there was a discussion once. At Select Board meetings every week we are asking people to participate but we aren't getting that participation unfortunately. We would love to have more people on this committee providing feed-back so we should have more information to give the public. We've been asking people to help out for a number of months and we just aren't getting participation.

Bubba: I don't disagree with what Miles has said, but I think we need to remember how long ago was that building built? I think it was about 20 years ago now. Many things have changed since then. There are laws, rules and regulations now that we'd never had then. There is a collection system that needs to be built underneath to collect all the waste off the trucks. It's insane what has to be done and there's no way around it. With the size, even for four vehicle spots you need to look thirty or forty years down the road. We need to make sure the building is big enough so that some of this equipment isn't left outside. I'm not disagreeing with all that you're saying; it is a tremendous amount of money. Many have been asked to come to the meetings, but no one shows up.

Lou: The amount of \$100,000 would be used in one of two ways; either to pay off a portion of a bond if we went that way, or paid directly against the cost of the building, so it seems there's enough information to move forward with a vote.

Christina: I would like to propose an amendment.

Moderator reads the following amendment –

“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 (December 31, 2017 balance \$573.23).”

Motion is made to move the amendment and seconded.

Christina: We’re listening to what you’re saying. There is concern about putting away \$100,000 and how it will affect the tax rate. There’s a concern where the money will be spent. The \$25,000 will allow us to continue to work on the project but not have you concerned with the amount of money that will be sitting there.

Miles: Christina, thank you for your amendment. I’d been preparing an amendment that was not as much of a reduction and will remain secret. I’m glad the Board has been as receptive as they have been. That was one of my main concerns; instead of putting this money towards future expenses. The tax rate will be going up enough this year as it is. I do think what you have done is appropriate. I also think you have gotten people’s attention with the shock value of the figures involved though I can tell you that your participation could be increased by one if you so choose. It’s of that much interest to me. There are past leaders and presidents who try to impose what they think is the right thing to do in a situation. As a former Select Board member I have tried not to stick my nose too much into what the current board does. A lot of it is approach and vision and the mechanics don’t matter that much, that’s the reason I’ve been as removed as I have. I would be willing to participate in that. I do support the amendment.

Discussion is closed and the **moderator** calls the vote.

Moderator reads the amendment again. The amendment passes.

Moderator reads the amended Article as follows-

Amended Article 10: 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. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$573.23).

The **moderator** calls the vote and the amended article passes.

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 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$17,241.06).

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: The purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund is to purchase a new police cruiser. We have no intent to do that at this time. The Impala will most likely not be used after this year. We’re sinking a lot

of money into is for repairs. I believe we've gotten good use out of that car. We aren't suggesting a second vehicle this would be to replace the cruiser when the time comes.

No discussion so the **moderator** calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. The Article passes.

Article 12: 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. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$12,815.11).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: The town completed a revaluation in 2016 and it will need to be done once every five years. The next year we will be doing it is 2021. The Reserve Fund is to offset the cost of a full valuation. \$7,000 goes in each year to pay for that fifth year.

No discussion so the moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. The Article 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 **Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$49,854.01).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

John: This fund was created to purchase any heavy equipment the Town may need such as a backhoe. No discussion so the moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. The Article 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 **Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund**. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$41,300.26)

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: Last year we had a disaster in July and again in October that we had to pay for and we are not done with the repairs from the October storm. There are still a lot of repairs that need to be done. We have applied for FEMA funding but we are not guaranteed that funding to reimburse us. In the public hearing I said if we got the FEMA funding we'd put it back into the Capital Reserve Fund but we can't just do that. The FEMA funding is to offset what we spend. FEMA goes to the General Fund first and then would be on the Warrant Article for the Town to put into the Reserve Fund. I can tell you what we spent so far for the October storm... that was \$46,000 so far and we still have more. We are not done

fixing the Sculptured Rocks Road and we have other areas we haven't fixed yet from the damage. We need to pay for that regardless of what FEMA will give us. We have applied to FEMA claiming we are anticipating \$100,000 in damage. If we are granted that money it will come from FEMA and if we are not granted that money it will need to come from somewhere, from the Reserve Fund for from the budget.

Nicholas Blodgett: Would this money from the disaster fund include the training for any particular people in Town? Would there be someone in charge when there is a disaster because I know personally when we have had disasters it seems like the residents come around to help out. Somebody makes something happen. There's no one in charge of what's going on, just scrambling around to see what's happening. That includes the people who are emergency response hired for the position who didn't have a clue what to do. Would this include having someone trained and paid to go to that training, or is there anything we can do to get someone in charge? Saying the fire chief or police chief are in charge is easy to say. He's in charge, but do they have the training for it? Is there someone designated for disaster relief training?

Christina: We do have an Emergency Management Director and that is our fire chief. We are looking for a Deputy Emergency Director and we don't have one right now. The Select Board members are your emergency contacts. We do have money for training. To be the Emergency Management Director you do need to have training. Roger has that training and there should be more people who are trained to respond. In October we learned a lot from that storm. We learned what we did wrong and what we could have done better. We held a meeting after that storm to point out all of the things we should have done better and that we need to do better in the future and we are moving ahead with those plans.

No more discussion so the moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. Article 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 Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (December 31, 2017 balance: \$35,542.77).

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Kyle: These funds are to work on the building when needed. We noticed this winter that there are shingles that have fallen off. This spring we'll need to assess and see what the roof looks like. We may need a new roof coming up soon. The back deck on the building is rotting and will need to be replaced.

Some small discussion and then the moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. Article passes.

Break

No discussion will be allowed on previous Articles from this point, by vote.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000)** for the replacement of two portable emergency radios to upgrade to digital/analog radios.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Christina: One of the things that we discussed at the October meeting was that our portable radios didn't work all the time we needed them to work and we were having trouble communicating. So the intent is to purchase two replacement portable radios.

Roger: I agree with Christina. We found this problem in October. Emergency Management has four radios and they wouldn't function throughout the community and we found out what part of the problem was. The radios we currently have are analog and if we must communicate with state agencies all of their stuff is digital and we were unable to interact with them. The only radio we have like that is the one in my pick up which is both digital and analog. These new radios will be analog and digital so no matter what's going on we can communicate back and forth and have better coverage in the community and be able to assess what's going on. In October no one knew what was going on till the next morning which put everyone in turmoil because you couldn't get to places in Town. We couldn't establish a base of operation.

Christina: We couldn't establish a base here. We had no phones. Sara had to go to someone's house on Hall's Brook to use their phone in order for us to get in touch with someone from Environmental Services to get them out here because of the spill we had.

No further discussion so moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. Article passes.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for the support of the **Groton Historical Society**.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

Pam: The Groton Historical Society would like to thank the Town of Groton for their support of our organization. It's been about 5 years now that you have allotted a sum of money to us. Last year you voted for \$1,000 and we are asking for the same amount this year. There's a report on page 78 of the Town's Annual Report of just what we have been doing for the past year and some of the goals going ahead. The Historical Society is here for you to continue offering programs, preserving the history of this Town for its future. Thank you for your support.

Slim: When the Select Board goes to demolish the old building, the old Town Office/Library, please take off the Library sign. Don't throw it into the dumpster; give it to the Historical Society as an artifact. We want it to put on display in the museum.

No further discussion so moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. Article passes.

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 **Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA)**.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

John: The NLRA is helping out currently with some culvert replacements on Sculptured Rocks Road. Their services benefit the Town.

No further discussion so moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. Article passes.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Hebron Public Library, pursuant to RSA202-A:4-b Contract for Services, for a period of one (1) year to provide library services to Groton residents. (Submitted by the Library Trustees)

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Elizabeth Jespersen: This is the renewal of our contract with Hebron that we had last year. We again are not asking for any taxpayer money to fund this contract. What's different this year than last year; last year there was discussion about whether we should or should not do it and who would actually use the library. Historically the library here wasn't getting much use. According to the State Librarian we didn't even have a library. We entered into a contract with Hebron Library last year for \$2,000. With that, any resident of the Town of Groton can go down and see Robin and get a library card and use the library for free versus having to pay for that library card. In the past we had maybe five people per year use the library when it was here. In the past year we've had right around fifty people use the Hebron Library. As part of our contract you can get books online and participate in anything the library has to offer. We're asking to continue that again this year. No taxpayer money will be used; it will come from the library savings account.

Ruth Gaffey: I am the newest Library Trustee. If you haven't been to the Hebron Library you should go down and check it out. They have a lot of things you may not even think of. The Librarian, Robin, will help you with things like using your "smart phone", email accounts; she goes the extra mile to help. She will get books for you through inter-library loan. All sorts of things that are free and available for you so please go down and check out the library. In the coming year we will also be doing more with and for the children.

Elizabeth: To keep some of the services here we have a computer and printer and WIFI available to the public which anyone in Town may use.

No further discussion so moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. The Article passes.

Article 20: To see if the Town will approve the demolition of the old library and Town office building.

The Select Board recommends this Article 3-0.

Motion made and seconded to move the Article.

Christina: This is an advisory article. We are looking for input from the Town. Years ago the Select Board asked to Town about demolishing this building and questions were raised about ownership and whether the Town had the authority or not to make that decision and who would be responsible. It has taken a long time to figure out the truth and we finally determined that it is the Town's building and that we do have the right to demolish. We're looking for input from the townspeople on getting rid of this building so we can finally move forward with this process.

No discussion so moderator calls the vote.

Moderator reads the Article again. Voting. The Article passes.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Motion to move the Article made and seconded.

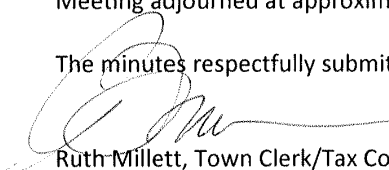
Christina had a few announcements and mentioned again that the Select Board is looking for participation on committees.

Attention was drawn to the dedication in the Town Report for Beatrice "Bea" Fligg written by Sara Smith. Bea is a long time Groton resident and involved in many Town activities.

Miles asked about the status of the Rumney Fire and EMS services. Roger and the Select Board will be meeting with them soon to review their contract and find out the status of the services they are providing for the Town.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.

The minutes respectfully submitted,



Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Special Town Meeting, October 23, 2018

Pledge at 7:03pm

Moderator reviews the order of the meeting.

Moderator reads the Warrant Article in Question:

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000.00 to design and construct a new Department of Public Works building and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,400,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Recommendations required (2/3 ballot vote required)

John Rescigno moved the article, Kyle Andrews seconded

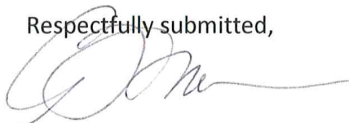
Discussion is open from the floor.

The Moderator allowed plenty of time for comments from the voting body, from our guests from Turnstone Corporation and also from Laura Spector-Morgan our Town Attorney. Finally the vote was called by will of the voters present.

Voting commenced at 8:20pm and closed at 9:20pm.

Result of voting: NO- 124; YES-14; CANCELLED/VOID- 3

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ruth Millett, Town Clerk

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

Resident Death Report

01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Conkey Jr, Albert	02/24/2018	Plymouth, NH	Conkey Sr, Albert	Avery, Irene	N
Latuch, Grace	04/09/2018	Groton, NH	Thibedeau, Charles	Whitcher, Iva	N
Miller, Sheila	06/12/2018	Plymouth, NH	Tyrrell, Purgis	Ewens, Beverly	N
Kirkland, Vera	08/18/2018	Groton, NH	Ziatsev, Unknown	Unknown	N
Spaulding, Robert	09/04/2018	Groton, NH	Spaulding, Albert	Tessier, Theresa	N
Albert, Lewis	10/10/2018	Plymouth, NH	Albert, Edward	Hache, Elise	Y

Resident Marriage Report

01/01/2018- 12/31/2018

Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Pilcher, Timothy	Groton	Musto, Elizabeth L.	Groton	Groton	Plymouth	02/18/2018
Comeau, Samuel H.	Hebron	Erickson, Amanda	Groton	Hebron	Hebron	04/27/2018
Sweet, Emily A.	Groton	Howard, Cody C.	Groton	Groton	Gilford	09/29/2018

Resident Birth Record

01/01/2018-12/31/2018

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Roberts, Hazel Jane	01/23/2018	Groton, NH	Roberts, Franklin	Roberts, Erica
King, Karissa Rose	12/29/2018	Plymouth, NH	King, Derek	King, Caitlin



Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!

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

License Fees are:

Male or Female	\$9.00
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
First Dog for Owner over 65	\$2.00

Current Rabies Certificate should be presented at time of registration.

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

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Annual Report of District One Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney
January 3rd, 2018

Moving into 2019, this will be my last year as your Executive Councilor. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you and working with many great local, county and state officials. I have been honored and grateful to have your trust for the past five years.

The Governor, Executive Council and Legislature have worked on many important issues such as the heroin, fentanyl and opioid crisis, workforce development, infrastructure improvement, school safety infrastructure, youth and family services and protection of our natural resources.

In 2018, I was proud to be a part of the Friendship House dedication in Bethlehem, the Fifth Glen House Hotel dedication near Mount Washington, the State Liquor store dedications in Colebrook and Lancaster and state land transfer near Mascoma Lake Park in Enfield. I have worked with dozens of small business owners to assist them throughout the regulatory process to open their businesses. The State is moving forward in a positive direction to sell the Rumney and Shelburne rest stop areas that have been closed for many years. I remain close to the Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission in the development of the "Old State Property" in Laconia. Many communities such as Newport, Colebrook and Bristol are going through economic development revitalization and I have assisted them with funding ideas and with state and federal contacts.

There are over a thousand volunteers who serve on our State Boards and Commissions. I have had the pleasure to vote for many of them in District 1. The Council has confirmed 6 Circuit Court Judges, 2 Superior Court Judges and 1 State Supreme Judge(s) in 2018. In 2018, there were 1.7 billion dollars in expenditures, 6.4 billion in working capital and the Council passed 1775 contract items.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, working with the NHDOT and the Regional Planning Commissions will commence in the New Year. The new Council will address the needs of the State and conduct hearings later in the summer and subsequently pass on a plan to the Governor for his consideration prior to it going to the NH Legislature. In the past, the plan has focused on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructures throughout the state. Over \$16 million in federal funds was provided to NH for the Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) program of which 16 grant applications were accepted. One of those grants, is the Conway Rec Path Project for \$1.2 million. Contact William Watson at NHDOT for any additional details at 271-3344.

The Governor and Council are looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state 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 Eliot Gault Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8790. A complete list of all state boards and commissions is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

The Executive Council office has available the following informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer protection handbooks, etc. Some Councilors periodically email their weekly schedule and other items of note. If you would like to be included on this list, contact our office at 271-3632. There is also an active internship program for college students and others who might be interested so please contact our office to discuss this with our staff at any time.

Best Regards - Joe

TOWN OF GROTON

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