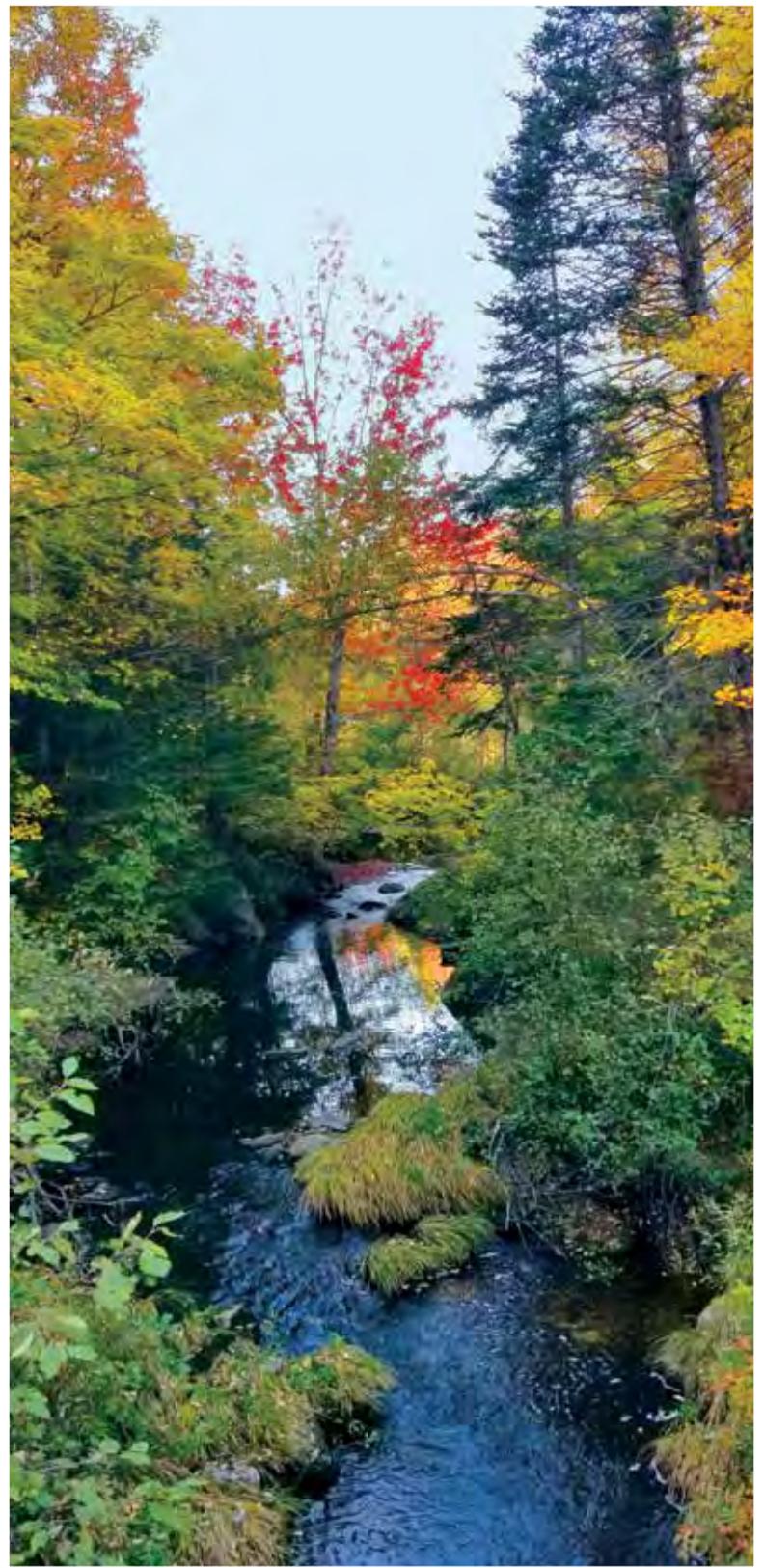


***Town of  
Groton,  
New  
Hampshire  
2021  
Annual  
Town  
Report***



Thank you to John Rescigno for submitting the cover photo!

## Dedication of the Town Report

2021 brought a lot of loss to the Town of Groton. Many of our residents, with the majority of them being longtime residents, passed away this year which has impacted the community. Instead of choosing one person to dedicate the report to this year, the Select Board has chosen to dedicate the 2021 Annual Town Report to all of the residents that we have lost this past year. Please take a moment to honor these residents, who we will always remember and will definitely miss. They may be gone, but will never be forgotten!

- ❖ Jonathan Newton: May 25, 1972- April 10, 2021
- ❖ Jack Heiser Jr: July 24, 1938- July 4, 2021
- ❖ Lewis Chase: May 27, 1936- July 5, 2021
- ❖ Charles “Chuck” Stata: April 6, 1944-September 24, 2021
- ❖ Richard Cross: January 23, 1956- September 26, 2021
- ❖ Paul Norman; December 31, 1962- October 11, 2021
- ❖ Virginia “Ginny” Madan: April 22, 1941- October 30, 2021
- ❖ Walter Kennedy: May 10, 1935- November 1, 2021
- ❖ Beatrice “Bea” Smith Fligg: February 20, 1929- November 3, 2021
- ❖ Dick Clancy: August 26, 1942 - December 11, 2021
- ❖ Marshall Fuller Chapman JR: March 2, 1946- December 21, 2021



This is my final meeting as moderator. I thank all of those who have helped in performing the process of conducting the elections and meetings during the very unusual pandemic period. The annual town meeting of Groton is a true form of democracy and I hope it can continue for many more years---but, more residents need to participate.

Tony Tavares, Moderator

1. Our purpose is to have a meeting that is civil, informative, and as brief as possible
2. A request to change any of these rules may be made at the start of the meeting; and accepted by a majority of the voters present. (Rules listed with an RSA may not be modified)
3. You are a legislative body by law, and only registered voters of the town may participate
4. Registered voters of the town must have a voter card received from the supervisors of the checklist at the start of this meeting; without it you may not speak or vote on the articles.
5. Articles will be considered in the order presented in the warrant
6. Articles will be read as presented; a motion to accept the article and a second will be called for. When seconded, the person moving the article will be recognized to speak for the article; then the article will be open for discussion and debate.
7. Persons that move and second an article or motion must state their name (RSA91A:2)
8. Comments and questions are to be directed to the moderator; not to others in the room.
9. Persons wishing to speak on the article must raise their hand or stand at their seat, showing their voter card, and be recognized by the moderator in order to have the floor. The person recognized must first state their name before speaking. While that person has the floor, everyone else should be courteous and refrain from speaking so that everyone can hear the person having the floor.
10. Everyone wishing to speak on an article will have an opportunity to speak at least once.
11. Non-residents may speak only by approval of the voters

(Continued)

12. If a motion to move the article is made, all persons who, prior to the motion, have indicated that they wish to speak may be allowed to speak, if they have not already spoken to the article, before the motion is accepted. Once the motion has been made no additional voters may request to speak. Once the motion is accepted, a vote on the motion will be taken; a simple majority vote will be required to pass the motion; if it passes, all discussion on the article stops and a vote on the article will be taken.
  13. Articles may be amended; this must be made in writing and not change the intent of the article.
  14. Secret Yes/No ballots can be requested prior to a voice vote; this requires a written request by five voters, present at the meeting: (RSA40:4a).
  15. If a vote is questioned by seven or more voters immediately after the moderator declares a non-ballot vote and before other business is begun, a secret ballot will be taken: (RSA40:4b). The request may be oral or in writing.
  16. A motion to restrict reconsideration of any prior vote taken may be made; if passed, this means that those votes are protected by RSA40:10 at the current meeting. If it is desired to reconsider a protected vote, it will be done at a separate meeting with notice, at least seven days later.
  17. Finally, RSA40:7 requires everyone to “be silent at the desire of the moderator, on pain of forfeiting \$1 for each offense, for the use of the town.” (A potential fund raiser)
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# Annual Report

*of the Officers of the*



*(Incorporated December 7, 1796)*

## *New Hampshire*

### *Year Ending December 31, 2021*

## *Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2021*

<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Health Officer</b>
Sara Smith	Tony Albert
<b>Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>
Joanna Peel	Debra Lindsey
<b>Police Chief</b>	<b>Fire Warden</b>
Michael Bagan	Roger Thompson
<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>Deputy Wardens</b>
TBH	Bill Oakley Norm Willey Jeremy Haney
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	<b>Deputy Emergency Management Director</b>
Bill Oakley	Patti Oakley
<b>Transfer Station Superintendent</b>	<b>Transfer Station Attendants</b>
Norm Willey	George Evirs Ron Madan TBH
<b>Public Works Director</b>	<b>Equipment Operators</b>
Robert Ellis	Fred Brooks Norm Willey Jeremy Haney
<b>Custodial</b>	<b>Ballot Clerks</b>
Gina Rescigno	Judy Demers Bonnie Lane Miles Sinclair Vickie Kimball- (sub)

## *Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2021*

<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
Tony Albert 2023 John Rescigno 2024 Ron Madan 2022	Tony Tavares 2022
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Trustees of the Trust Fund</b>
Pamela Hamel 2023	Michele Lacroix 2023 Gina Rescigno 2024 Virginia Parker 2022
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<b>Library Trustees</b>
Ruth Millett 2024	Gina Rescigno 2022 Bonnie Lane 2023 Virginia Parker 2023
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>Zoning Board</b>
Deb Johnson 2023 Russell Carruth 2023 Dave LaBar 2024 Forest Blake 2024 Dave Madden 2022 Kristina Madden 2022 John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison)	Glen Hansen 2022 Ann Joyce 2023 Peter Smith 2022 Gary Easson 2023 Barrie Sawyer 2023
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b>	<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>
Jim Gaffey 2023 Stephen Spafford 2022 TBH 2022	Pamela Hamel 2022 Gina Rescigno 2026 Virginia Parker 2024
<b>Local Auditor</b>	
Ann Joyce 2022	

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

The 2022 budget has seen challenges like never before, rising fuel prices and inflation created a new challenge in creating the budget. We worked hard to maintain a level budget, while taking in consideration the steady pace of inflation.

Unfortunately, last year's Town Meeting was met with chaos as the Selectboard was trying to explain the town garage. Had the town residences had the chance to hear the Board they would have realized 40% of the money needed for the garage was already raised through a grant and prior unused funds being transferred from their original fund accounts. Plus, bond rates were at a historic low. The yearly payment on the bond would have been substantially less than the amount of taxes raised in the prior years to cover our proportion of the grants used on Sculptured Rocks Road. We respect the right to vote in the manor you wish to vote. It would have been respectable for both sides to have been heard. In the midst of this confusion the town failed to vote on money being put into the Disaster Relief Fund. While this helped to further drive down the tax rate, it created a situation where the town could possibly struggle from a natural disaster.

Over the past two years the Highway Department has done an excellent job at repairing the town roads. For the most part all roads in the town have been serviced in some way. We will now move to a maintenance program on these roads in order to maintain a smooth ride.

We would like to thank all town employees, board members and committees for their hard work in helping to preserve the town we all live in.

Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully submitted,

The Groton Select Board  
(John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Ron Madan)

## Notes

## Town of Groton Warrant 2022 Annual Meeting

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Articles 1 and 2, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 8, 2022

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

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Town of Groton Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance") as proposed by the Planning Board.

The effect of a Yes vote is summarized as follows:

1. Replacing the current one page zoning with the proposed Ordinance, known hereafter, as The Town of Groton Zoning Ordinance will:

- a) Establish zoning districts: A. Residential and Forestry/Agriculture; B. Rural Residential, Forestry/Agriculture; C. Renewable Energy/Other Businesses, Forestry/Agriculture, Conservation Cluster and Recreation
- b) Guarantee personal property uses, and distinguish size and priorities within each district
- c) Integrate the 2007 approved Floodplain Development Regulation as Article 6.
- d) Integrate the 2015 approved Large Wind Energy Systems Ordinance (LWES) as Article 7

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

### DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 12, 2022

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred ninety-nine thousand, five hundred eighty five dollars (\$799,585)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$182,500)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$60,064.44): \$100,000

Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$30,186.57): \$50,000

Police Cruiser CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$5,735.68): \$10,000

Truck/Sander CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$1,020.87): \$10,000

Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$3,002.18): \$7,500

Electronic Equipment & Software CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2021 balance: \$3,432.38): \$5,000

**Total Capital Reserve Funds \$182,500**

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to conduct sitework and plan design at the land across from the Transfer Station which is the potential site for the future Highway Garage. (submitted by the Highway Department)

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000)** for the purpose of purchasing a new Backhoe/Loader for the highway department with **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to come from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, **sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000)** to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021, and **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** from a USDA grant. If the grant is not received, the **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** will be raised through taxation. (submitted by the Highway Department)

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

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to pave the parking lot at the Town House.

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

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000)** to pave the intersections in Groton.

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500)** to recoat and restripe the basketball court at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park.

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

ARTICLE 10: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred ninety-one dollars (\$291)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund. Fund to be offset by **two hundred ninety-one dollars (\$291)** from the unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the Timber Tax revenue for 2021. (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

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

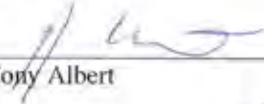
ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

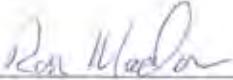
**GROTON SELECT BOARD**



John Rescigno, Chairman



Tony Albert



Ron Madan

TOWN OF GROTON - 2022 Proposed Budget & 2021 Expenditures						
			Proposed	2021	Approved	
			2022 Budget	Actual	2021 Budget	
<b>II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)</b>			<b>1,245,876</b>	<b>883,996.42</b>	<b>947,211</b>	
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>			<b>799,585</b>	<b>731,141.57</b>	<b>791,892</b>	
<b>SPECIAL &amp; INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			<b>446,291.00</b>	<b>152,854.85</b>	<b>155,319.00</b>	
			<b>\$ 303,512</b>	<b>279,614.11</b>	<b>\$ 291,647</b>	
<b>4130</b>	<b>1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>69,408</b>	<b>63,268.13</b>	<b>63,689</b>	
	EXECUTIVE		48,698	48,062.71	47,279	
	4130.1 Administrative Assistant Wages		13,200	9,600.00	9,600	
	4130.2 Selectmen Stipend		500	115.50	160	
	4130.3 Moderator/Assistant Salary		50	180.00	50	
	4130.4 Other Town Meeting Expense		150	150.00	150	
	4130.5 Contracted Services(Web hosting)		400	155.00	400	
	4130.6 Workshops & Seminars		1,560	1,547.08	1,200	
	4130.7 Telephone/Internet		400	72.52	400	
	4130.8 Mileage		1,000	900.42	1,000	
	4130.9 Supplies		900	779.91	900	
	4130.10 Postage		50	0.00	50	
	4130.11 Furniture / Fixtures		600	500.00	600	
	4130.12 Office Equipment Maintenance		400	25.00	400	
	4130.13 Hiring Expenses		200	0.00	200	
	4130.14 Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.)		1,300	1,179.99	1,300	
	4130.15 Computer/maintenance/software		<b>58,693</b>	<b>53,868.21</b>	<b>56,073</b>	
<b>4140</b>	<b>ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS</b>		<b>32,475</b>	<b>31,525.00</b>	<b>31,525</b>	
	4140.1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary		9,500	10,028.33	9,000	
	4140.2 Deputy Wages		140	20.00	140	
	4140.3 Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues		1,400	1,691.90	1,200	
	4140.4 Town Clerk Expenses		2,500	2,156.19	2,500	
	4140.5 Tax Collector Expenses		1,500	1,300.00	2,000	
	4140.6 Workshops & Seminars		2,000	1,828.13	2,000	
	4140.7 Telephone/Internet		1,500	771.23	1,500	
	4140.8 Computer Maintenance/Software		50	0.00	50	
	4140.9 Advertising		200	0.00	200	
	4140.10 Supplies/Advertising Election		1,200	1,090.47	1,300	
	4140.11 Supplies-General		1,400	1,232.00	1,350	
	4140.12 Postage		1,600	448.25	600	
	4140.15 Ballot Clerks		2,428	1,026.00	1,208	
	4140.16 Checklist Supervisors		800	750.71	1,500	
	4140.17 Mileage		<b>24,165</b>	<b>21,256.36</b>	<b>24,160</b>	
<b>4150</b>	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,132.60</b>	<b>1,200</b>	
	4150.1 Financial Reporting (Town Report)		4,750	3,750.00	4,750	
	4150.2 Auditing					





4210		2 - PUBLIC SAFETY		182,236	160,484.95	197,985
POLICE		77,854	60,494.76	95,103		
4210.1	Police Chief Wages	46,350	40,158.16	46,350		
4210.2	Police Officer Wages (FT)	1	0.00	1		
4210.3	Police Officer Wages (PT)	1	0.00	18,750		
4210.4	Telephone/Communications	3,000	2,857.92	2,500		
4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions	700	625.00	700		
4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint	1,500	216.25	1,500		
4210.7	Office Supplies	1,000	563.45	1,000		
4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit	1	0.00	1		
4210.9	Dispatch Service	5,500	4,430.95	5,500		
4210.10	Prosecutor	6,000	5,280.00	6,000		
4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance	1,000	2,790.25	500		
4210.12	Cruiser Equipment	1,500	0.00	1,500		
4210.13	Uniforms	2,000	485.31	2,000		
4210.14	Books/Periodicals	100	0.00	100		
4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammo/taser etc.)	1,000	0.00	1,000		
4210.16	Mileage	400	0.00	400		
4210.17	Postage	50	143.37	50		
4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser	3,500	2,468.11	3,000		
4210.19	Advertising	250	0.00	250		
4210.20	Training	2,500	460.00	2,500		
4210.21	Animal Control	500	15.99	500		
4210.22	Special Detail	1,000	0.00	1,000		
4210.23	SOU Stipend	1	0.00	1		
4220	<b>FIRE/AMBULANCE</b>	<b>103,104</b>	<b>99,115.19</b>	<b>101,604</b>		
4220.1	Stipend	1	0.00	1		
4220.2	Communications/Training	1	0.00	1		
4220.3	Equipment	200	0.00	200		
4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron	74,500	74,285.49	73,000		
4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney	15,000	11,534.23	15,000		
4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid	13,400	13,295.47	13,400		
4220.7	Dues	1	0.00	1		
4220.8	Mileage	1	0.00	1		
4290	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>875.00</b>	<b>1,278</b>		
4290.1	Supplies	200	0.00	200		
4290.2	Workshops/training	1	0.00	1		
4290.3	Equipment	1	0.00	1		
4290.4	Equipment Maintenance	200	0.00	200		
4290.5	Mileage	1	0.00	1		
4290.6	Wages/Stipend	875	875.00	875		









**New Hampshire**  
 Department of  
 Revenue Administration

**2022**  
**MS-636**

**Proposed Budget**  
**Groton**

For the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022  
 Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/7/2022

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
John Rescigno	Select Board Chair	
Tony Albert	selectman	
Ron Maden	selectman	

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/>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2021	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2021	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$63,266	\$63,689	\$69,408	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$53,868	\$56,073	\$56,693	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$21,256	\$24,160	\$24,165	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$13,135	\$11,000	\$13,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$77,201	\$75,700	\$76,400	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$4,227	\$6,816	\$7,061	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$21,890	\$22,900	\$22,000	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$6,707	\$8,152	\$5,152	\$0
4196	Insurance	03	\$12,114	\$14,446	\$15,002	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	03	\$4,558	\$4,450	\$4,450	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$4,069	\$7,261	\$7,281	\$0
	<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$282,314</b>	<b>\$294,647</b>	<b>\$303,512</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	03	\$60,495	\$95,103	\$77,854	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$99,115	\$101,604	\$103,104	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$675	\$1,278	\$1,278	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$160,485</b>	<b>\$197,985</b>	<b>\$182,236</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Administration	03	\$73,253	\$85,230	\$86,396	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$219,297	\$216,301	\$105,301	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$1,187	\$1,100	\$1,300	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$293,647</b>	<b>\$302,731</b>	<b>\$192,997</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2022	
			12/31/2021	12/31/2021	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration	03	\$8,950	\$6,000	\$9,450	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$81,274	\$84,907	\$92,280	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$93,424</b>	<b>\$94,107</b>	<b>\$101,710</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	03	\$1,295	\$1,553	\$1,553	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$4,707	\$4,707	\$4,940	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,002</b>	<b>\$6,260</b>	<b>\$6,493</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	03	\$1,675	\$1,675	\$1,700	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	03	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,675</b>	<b>\$4,676</b>	<b>\$4,701</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$5,572	\$5,739	\$5,739	\$0
4550-4559	Library	03	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$94	\$100	\$100	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,666</b>	<b>\$5,841</b>	<b>\$5,841</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2022	
			12/31/2021	12/31/2021	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	03	\$1,845	\$1,845	\$2,095	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$246	\$246	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,091</b>	<b>\$2,091</b>	<b>\$2,095</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$140,388	\$140,568	\$0	\$0
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$140,388</b>	<b>\$140,568</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
491B	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>				<b>\$799,585</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06 <i>Purpose: Backhoe</i>	\$165,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04 <i>Purpose: add to previously established CRFs</i>	\$182,500	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$347,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4619	Other Conservation	10 <i>Purpose: Conservation Commission 3% Timber Tax</i>	\$291	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05 <i>Purpose: Site Work and Plan Design at Potential Site for Hi</i>	\$30,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	08 <i>Purpose: Paving the intersections in Groton</i>	\$19,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	09 <i>Purpose: Recoating and Restriping the basketball court</i>	\$9,500	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07 <i>Purpose: Paving of Town House Parking Lot</i>	\$40,000	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$98,791</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	03	\$0	\$3,965	\$2,500
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	03	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	03	\$0	\$639,395	\$639,394
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$663,360</b>	<b>\$661,894</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$0	\$140	\$140
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$0	\$145,000	\$145,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$0	\$270	\$270
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government	08	\$0	\$101,895	\$50,000
	<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$251,605</b>	<b>\$199,410</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$0	\$45,073	\$30,867
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$0	\$25,807	\$26,400
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$0	\$425	\$425
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	03	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$72,305</b>	<b>\$58,692</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$0	\$1,470	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,470</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$49,286	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,286</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914C	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	06	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds:		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	08, 10	\$0	\$0	\$65,291
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,291</b>
	<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,043,026</b>	<b>\$1,035,287</b>



**Budget Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 12/31/2022</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$799,585
Special Warrant Articles	\$347,500
Individual Warrant Articles	\$98,791
Total Appropriations	\$1,245,876
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,035,287
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$210,589</b>

## **Notes**



## Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

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

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- 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
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
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### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name  Last Name

Street No.  Street Name  Phone Number

Email (optional)



<b>Debits</b>						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2020	Year: 2019	Year: 2018+	
Property Taxes	3110		\$156,012.05			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$3,332.25			
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187		\$49.80			
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$365.91)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2020	
Property Taxes	3110	\$919,150.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$1,240.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$10,290.49		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$55.20		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2020	2019	2018+
Property Taxes	3110	\$15,075.65			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$987.71	\$7,888.70		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$946,433.14</b>	<b>\$167,282.80</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



<b>Credits</b>				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018+
Property Taxes	\$848,271.82	\$101,903.09		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$1,091.70	\$2,963.72		
Yield Taxes	\$9,697.01			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$954.56	\$6,553.55		
Penalties	\$33.15	\$1,335.15		
Excavation Tax	\$55.20			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$54,517.29		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018+
Property Taxes	\$13,402.99	\$10.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$593.48			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018+
Property Taxes	\$75,701.09			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$148.30			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	(\$3,516.16)			
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$946,433.14</b>	<b>\$167,282.80</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$72,333.23</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$54,611.57</b>



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2020	Year: 2019	Year: 2018+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$25,573.34	\$14,242.20
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$59,206.29		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$862.32	\$2,120.52	\$3,557.79
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$60,068.61</b>	<b>\$27,693.86</b>	<b>\$17,799.99</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2020	2019	2018+
Redemptions		\$22,477.90	\$8,268.50	\$13,663.86
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$862.32	\$2,120.52	\$3,557.79
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$36,728.39	\$17,304.84	\$578.34
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$60,068.61</b>	<b>\$27,693.86</b>	<b>\$17,799.99</b>

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$72,333.23</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$54,611.57</b>



**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

Jan 5, 2022

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

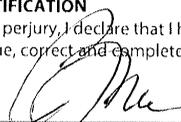
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**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, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

Account	Amount
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$180,328.20
Title Fees	\$432.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$2,743.50
Building Permit Fees	\$895.00
Candidate Fees	\$2.00
Copy Fees	\$105.30
Current Use Recording Fees	\$176.49
Dog Licenses Town & State	\$689.00
E-Reg. Fees	\$55.30
Junkyard Permits	\$140.00
Sale of Municipal Property	\$49,985.51
Recycle Income	\$2,896.70
Transfer Station Fees	\$4,001.00
Vital Records Town & State	\$625.00
Refunds	\$5,438.25
NSF Check Reimbursement	\$89.00
Cemetery Fees	\$75.00
Fines	\$1,394.63
<i>State Wash Account *</i>	<i>\$54,737.41</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$304,809.29</b>

\*State Wash Account are monies that are transferred from the Town of Groton to the State of NH DMV. This began in October 2020 with the beginning of the “One Check” status with the State DOS.

The monies are deposited into the Town of Groton and then an ACH transfer is made to the State of NH for the Town portion of the auto registrations. These transfers are done daily at close of day.

Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

# Treasurer's Report

## January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>499,672.99</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,273,473.33</b>
<b>Total Orders Paid</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,287,178.38)</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21.11</b>
<b>Total ACH Bank Fees</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(300.00)</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>		
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,019,592.67</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>304,809.29</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>		
Hazard Mitigation	\$	8,756.52
Fema	\$	154,079.44
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$	425.19
Groton Wind Pilot	\$	639,394.92
Highway Block Grants	\$	25,800.17
Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$	31,145.17
NBRC Reimbursement Grant	\$	42,511.02
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$	45,072.83
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$	240.00
Voter Checklist	\$	425.00
OHD grant	\$	1,200.00
<b>Total Treasurer Deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>949,050.26</b>
<b>Adjustments:</b>		
Returned Checks	\$	(560.18)
Assessment/Reval CR Fund	\$	31,800.00
Deposit Error (corrected 1/2022	\$	20.00
ACH State Motor Vehicle Pmts	\$	(55,986.93)
Pdip Contributions	\$	(625,000.00)
Pdip Transfers	\$	350,000.00
Voided Checks	\$	31,779.80
Stop Payment	\$	432.52
Fire & Equip. CRF dissolved	\$	64,656.04
Peramb. CR Fund dissolved	\$	34,249.77
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(168,608.98)</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>317,058.96</b>

## Public Deposit Investment Pool

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 106,053.26</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 625,000.00</b>
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ (350,000.00)</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>\$ 93.70</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2021</b>	<b><u>\$ 381,146.96</u></b>

## Groton Conservation Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 6,688.14</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	Balance of unused funds from 2020 general fund	<b>\$ 1,866.00</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>		<b>\$ 0.84</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2021</b>		<b><u>\$ 8,554.98</u></b>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

## Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 2,987.79</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Checks</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	<b>\$ 0.30</b>
<b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2021</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,988.09</u></b>

On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank

## Police Department Revolving Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2021</b>	\$	1,670.48
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$	180.00
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$	0.18
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2021</b>	 \$	 <u>1,850.66</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank		

## Groton Yield Tax Account

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2021</b>	\$	170.53
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$	0.03
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2021</b>	 \$	 <u>170.56</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank		

## Old Home Day Fund

<b>Beginning Balance on January 1, 2021</b>	\$	4,601.06
		Balance of unused funds from general fund and Wind Farm donation, proceeds from OHD
<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$	1,341.02
<b>Total Checks</b>	\$	(3,400.00)
		Fire works and band
<b>Total Bank Interest</b>	\$	0.37
 <b>Ending Balance on December 31, 2021</b>	 \$	 <u>2,542.45</u>

## **Local Auditor's Report**

The local auditor's report for the Town of Groton should be available by March 2022.

### **2021 MS-5**

The 2021 MS-5 will be compiled by April 1, 2022. The Final Report should be ready for the public in April 2022. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website, [www.grotonnh.org](http://www.grotonnh.org) and at the Town office.



**2022**  
**MS-9**

**Groton**

*For reporting year Jan 1, 2021 through Dec 31, 2021.*

**Trustees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Michele Lacroix	Trustee	3/31/2023
Gina Rescigno	Trustee	3/31/2024

**Ledger Summary**

Number of Fund Records	16
Ledger End of Year Balance	\$223,650.90

*This ledger was reviewed for accuracy and submitted electronically under penalty of perjury on January 21, 2022 by Michele Lacroix on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Groton.*



**Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds**

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Assessment/Reevaluation		10/1/2012		\$3,002.18			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$33,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,800.00	\$1,800.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$1,200.42	\$1.76	\$0.00	\$1,202.18			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Atwell Bridge		3/1/2006		\$8,262.14			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$3,010.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,010.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$5,250.41	\$1.73	\$0.00	\$5,252.14			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Cemetery General Maintenance		10/1/2011		\$797.50			
<b>Type:</b> Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)		<b>Purpose:</b> Cemetery Trust (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> 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			
	\$47.38	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$47.50			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Common Fund		7/1/1963		\$2,640.74			
<b>Type:</b> Trust		<b>Purpose:</b> Cemetery Perpetual Care		<b>How Invested:</b> 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			
	\$1,873.16	\$0.58	\$0.00	\$1,873.74			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Conservation		7/1/2007		\$110.58			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> 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			
	\$10.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.58			



**Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds**

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Disaster Relief		12/1/2004						\$30,186.57
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$24,389.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,389.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$5,791.29	\$6.28	\$0.00					\$5,797.57

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Dump Site		7/1/1989						\$6,488.57
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool				
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
	\$5,105.21	\$1.36	\$0.00					\$5,106.57

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Electronic Equip/Software		8/1/2018						\$3,432.38
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool				
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value	
	\$3,258.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,258.30	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$173.37	\$0.71	\$0.00					\$174.08

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Fire Station & Equip		3/1/2005						\$0.00
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Police/Fire		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool				
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	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended					EOY Balance
	\$9,650.96	\$0.00	\$9,650.96					\$0.00

Fund Name		Date Of Creation						Fund EOY Balance
Groton Recreation Fund		6/1/1995						\$840.45
<b>Type:</b> Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)		<b>Purpose:</b> Parks/Recreation		<b>How Invested:</b> 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
	\$50.29	\$0.16	\$0.00					\$50.45



**Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds**

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Heavy Equipment		3/1/2006		\$67,491.39			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$62,675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,675.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$4,802.37	\$14.02	\$0.00	\$4,816.39			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Police Cruiser		1/1/1991		\$5,735.68			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Police/Fire		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$5,655.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,655.30
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$79.20	\$1.18	\$0.00	\$80.38			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Preambulation		1/1/2009		\$0.00			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> 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	\$32,246.00	\$0.00
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$2,001.08	\$0.00	\$2,001.08	\$0.00			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Public Works		10/1/2014		\$60,064.44			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$59,779.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,779.98
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$271.97	\$12.49	\$0.00	\$284.46			

Fund Name		Date Of Creation		Fund EOY Balance			
Town House Fund		12/1/1995		\$33,577.41			
<b>Type:</b> Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)		<b>Purpose:</b> Capital Reserve (Other)		<b>How Invested:</b> Public Deposit Investment Pool			
Principal	BOY Balance	New Funds	Unrealized Gains	Realized Gains	Cash Cap Gains	Withdrawals	EOY Fair Value
	\$33,298.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,298.85
Income	BOY Balance	Income	Expended	EOY Balance			
	\$271.59	\$6.97	\$0.00	\$278.56			



**Groton**  
Tax Totals

Tax Warrant:	2021P02 of 2
Number of Parcels:	753
<b>Valuations</b>	
Non-Utility Land Value:	51,234,300
Current Use Credits:	( 17,946,096 )
Non-Utility Improvements Value:	64,254,400
Utility Value:	12,762,160
Exempt Property Value:	( 2,697,800 )
Valuation Before Exemptions:	107,606,964
	*
Exemptions Applied:	( 1,192,800 )
	*
<b>Net Valuation:</b>	<b>106,414,164</b>
Net Non-Utility Valuation:	93,652,004
Net Utility Valuation:	12,762,160

\* These values include one or more Religious, Charitable, and/or Educational Exemption(s). When comparing these values to the corresponding values on the MS-1 Report, note that on the MS-1 Report Religious, Charitable, and Educational Exemptions are deducted from the Total of Taxable Buildings and thus the Total Valuation Before Exemptions rather than included as a portion of the Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions.

**Tax Rates**

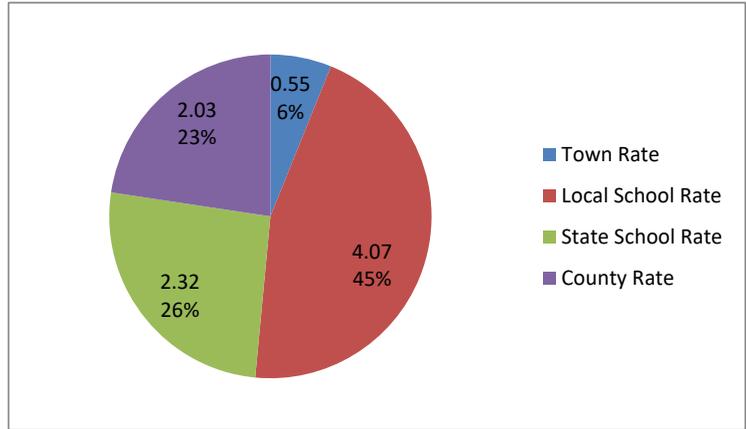
Total: 8.97	Municipal:	0.55	State Education Tax:	2.32
	School:	4.07	County:	2.03

**Taxes**

Total Property Tax:	924,916.00
Veterans Credits Applied:	( 21,240.00 )
<b>Commitment Amount:</b>	<b>903,676.00</b>
Penalties:	2,539.00
First Bills Minus Abatements:	730,919.00
First Bills Exceeding Total Tax Needing Refund:	( 12,935.00 )
Adjusted First Bills:	( 717,984.00 )
<b>Total Tax Bills:</b>	<b>188,231.00</b>

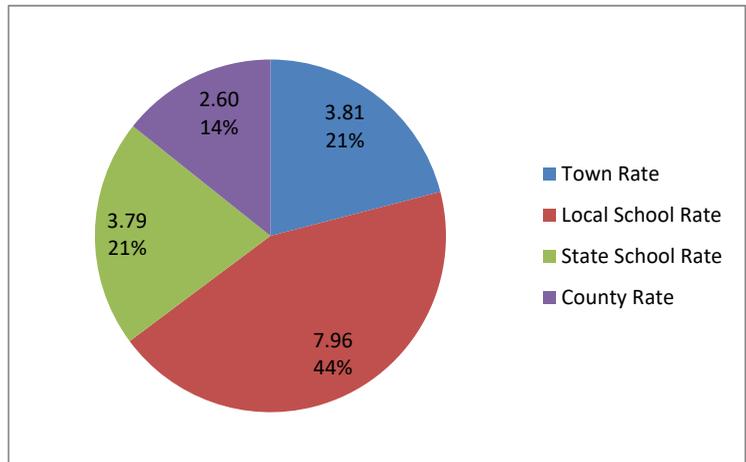
**2021 Taxes**

Town Rate	0.55
Local School Rate	4.07
State School Rate	2.32
County Rate	2.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.97</b>



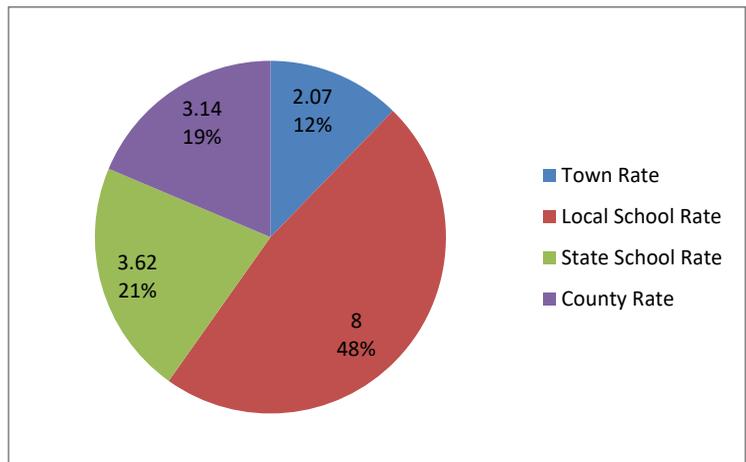
**2020 Taxes**

Town Rate	3.81
Local School Rate	7.96
State School Rate	3.79
County Rate	2.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.16</b>



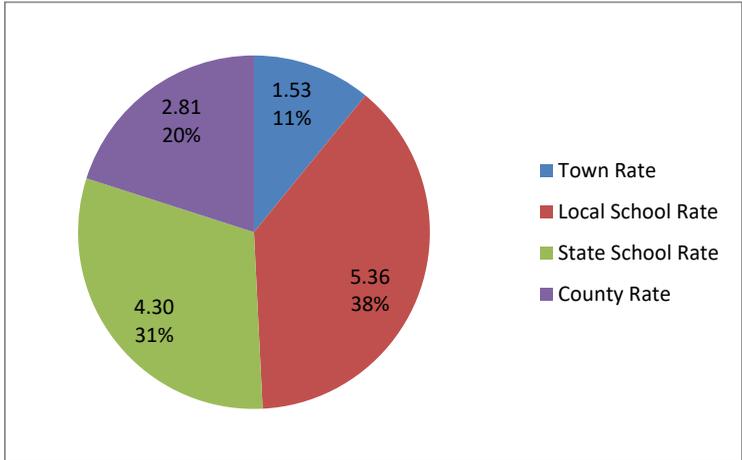
**2019 Taxes**

Town Rate	2.07
Local School Rate	8
State School Rate	3.62
County Rate	3.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.83</b>



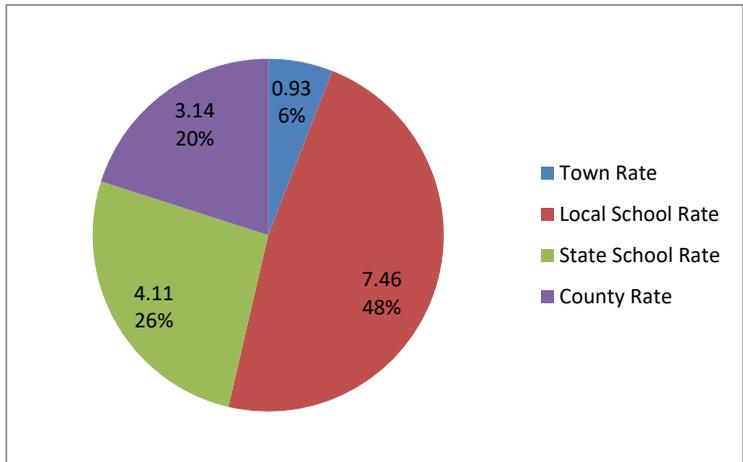
**2018 Taxes**

Town Rate	1.53
Local School Rate	5.36
State School Rate	4.30
County Rate	2.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.00</b>



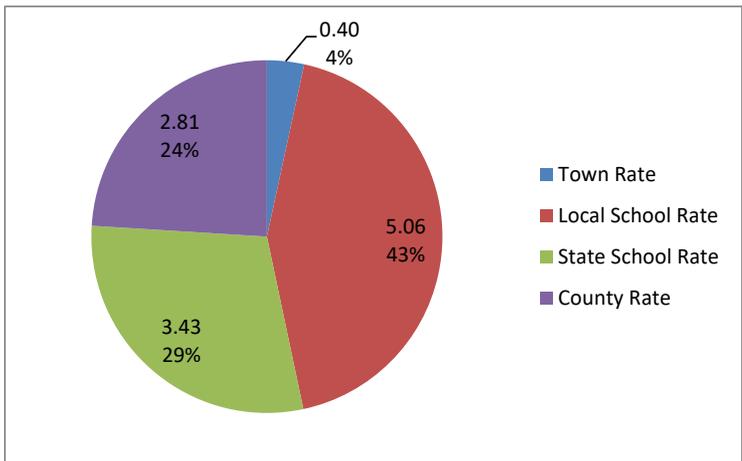
**2017 Taxes**

Town Rate	0.93
Local School Rate	7.46
State School Rate	4.11
County Rate	3.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.64</b>



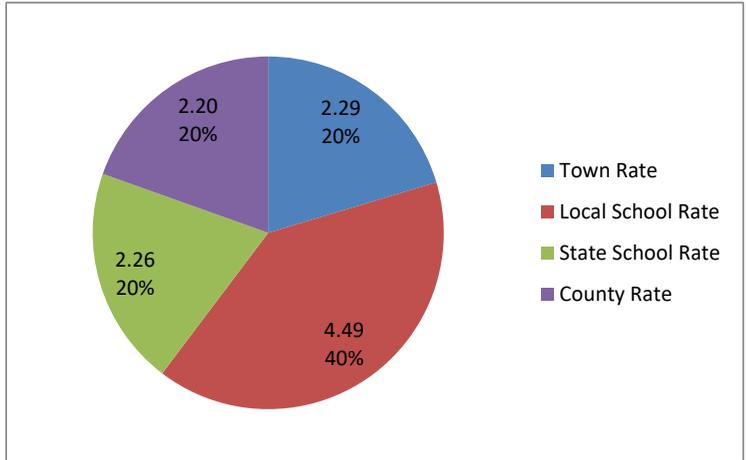
**2016 Taxes**

Town Rate	0.40
Local School Rate	5.06
State School Rate	3.43
County Rate	2.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.70</b>



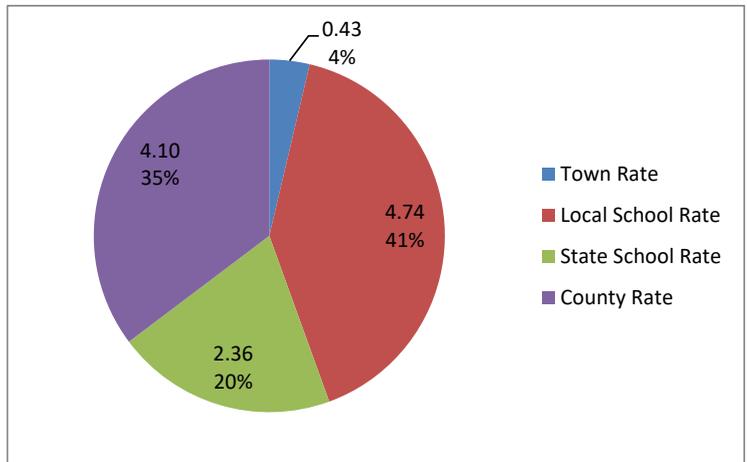
**2015 Taxes**

Town Rate	2.29
Local School Rate	4.49
State School Rate	2.26
County Rate	2.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.24</b>



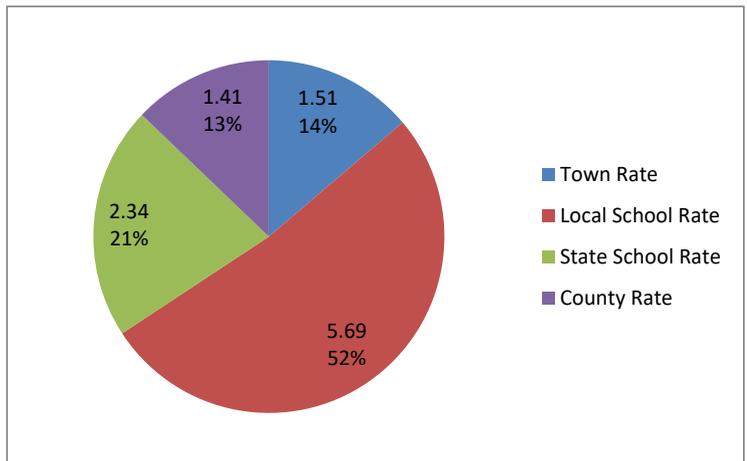
**2014 Taxes**

Town Rate	0.43
Local School Rate	4.74
State School Rate	2.36
County Rate	4.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.63</b>



**2013 Taxes**

Town Rate	1.51
Local School Rate	5.69
State School Rate	2.34
County Rate	1.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.95</b>



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
Municipal Services Division  
2021 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: GROTON**

Gross Appropriations	1,048,906	
Less: Revenue	1,043,026	
Less: Fund Balance to reduce taxes	0	
Add: Overlay	30,330	
War Service Credits	22,500	
 Net Town Appropriation	 58,464	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	58,464	<b>TOWN RATE</b>
		<b>.55</b>

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0	
Regional School Apportionment	890,122	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(240,106)	
 State Education Taxes	 (217,188)	<b>LOCAL</b>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	432,828	<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
		<b>4.07</b>

**STATE EDUCATION TAX**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390		
93,572,104	217,188	<b>STATE</b>
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>
93,572,104		<b>2.32</b>

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	215,730	
Approved County Tax Effort	215,730	<b>COUNTY RATE</b>
		<b>2.03</b>

**TOTAL RATE  
8.97**

**PROOF OF RATE**

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	93,572,104	2.32	217,188
All Other Taxes	106,334,264	14.37	707,022
			<b>924,210</b>

## Welfare Assistance Report

In 2021, the Town saw a decrease in general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$1,675.00 in Vendor Assistance payments.

### 2021 Expenditures

Grafton County Senior Citizens		\$500.00
Tri-county Community Action		\$1,175.00
Electric Assistance		\$0.00
Rental Assistance		\$0.00
Fuel Assistance		\$0.00
Food		\$0.00
Gasoline		\$0.00
Other- Cremation		\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$1,675.00</b>

Organizations in local communities and local residents reached out to the Town of Groton to see if we had any families in need for Thanksgiving. Due to their donations, we were able to assist six families in Groton with either food baskets or gift cards for Thanksgiving.

We also had local residents reach out to donate money for Christmas gifts for kids in Groton.

Once again, the Town collected donations of food for our residents.

Thank you to all who donated and took a part in helping out the families in need in Groton.

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
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
10-12	Land	0.55	Halls Brook Road	\$ 500	2006 tax deed
10-22	Land	50	Old Rumney Road	\$ 56,100	1985 tax deed
10-40	Land	1	Halls Brook Road	\$ 2,600	2012 tax deed
10-41	Land/old building	1	404 Halls Brook Road	\$ 35,000	2019 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	from Green Acre Woodlands
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 2020**

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation to the Groton community for their continued support, without which this department would not exist.

I continue to try and provide as much quality police service as possible while keeping the budget reasonable. That being said there were a couple of moderate budget lines increases as recommended by the select board. An increase from last year's fuel allowance to reflect current escalating fuel prices and vehicle maintenance costs due to the anticipated need for tire replacement added to the regular vehicle servicing cost. I know times are tough with the increased cost of living continually going up due to the ever-increasing inflation rate, with that in mind and the lack of applicants for the police officer position, which I believe is due in large part to the social and political climate chilling any interest. Therefore, I have removed the funding for the police officer position to help reduce the tax burden until such time as there is a realistic chance of filling it. I did not zero it out, the line will remain open with a 1-dollar figure so that it may be refunded in the future if needed.

This year we did have some unlocked vehicles pilfered and several catalytic converter thefts. So please remember to lock your vehicles when unattended and overnight and if possible, park close to the house or in a well-lighted area. Unfortunately, these are the times, let's not make it easy for them. All things considered; in comparison we have been fairly unscathed. I will continue to be vigilant. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or information please reach out to me, I am truly interested in what you have to say.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Chief of Police  
Michael Bagan

Groton call list from Plymouth Dispatch to November 2021 as available when report submitted. Does not contain calls received in-house.

OFF AT COURT: 4	POLICE INFORMATION: 5
911 HANG UP: 2	JUVENILE INCIDENT: 2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT: 6	DAILY LOG ITEM: 187
ALARM: 6	MOTORIST ASSIST/TOW: 9
ANIMAL LOST/FOUND: 3	MEDICAL EMERGENCY: 56
CIVIL COMPLAINT: 4	VEHICLE ACCIDENT: 7
CRIME AGAINST PERSON: 3	VEHICLE COMPLAINT: 3
CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY: 8	VEHICLE INQUIRY: 3
CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK: 9	VEHICLE STOP: 6
CRUISER MAINTAINANCE: 51	NOISE COMPLAINT: 1
CIVIL STAND-BY: 3	ON CALL: 34
DISTURBANCE: 2	SERVE PAPERWORK: 19
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE: 3	MISSING PERSON: 1
FIRE DEPT ASSIST: 11	PARKING COMPL/INQ.: 2
FLOODING: 1	PROPERTY LOST/FOUND: 4
FOLLOW-UP: 37	POLICE SERVICE: 37
FRAUD/FORGERY: 2	SEX OFFENDER REG.:2
HARASSMENT: 5	SUSP. ACTIVITY: 16
HAZMAT INCIDENT: 2	THEFT REPORT:8
HIGHWAY/MUNIC. SERVICES: 4	TRANSPORT: 1

## Groton Fire Information

This is your yearly reminder to make sure you check and test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. You should have carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your residence. Good chimney maintenance is important when it comes to heating appliance devices, whether it is LP gas, oil or wood heat. If you have auxiliary emergency power, the exhaust should be 10' away from doors and windows and should never be operated inside any 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

HEBRON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Annual Report for Groton 2021

In 2021 the Hebron Fire Department responded to 233 calls. That compares with 202 for 2020 and 177 for 2019. Of the 233 calls for 2021, 108 were in Hebron, 84 were in Groton, and 41 were mutual aid calls to other neighboring towns.

Out of all 233 calls 147 were medical emergencies. That is consistent with fire-based ambulances services. Anywhere from 50 to 70 percent are EMS calls.

So much for statistics. The Department came through 2021 in good shape. All of the calls were handled in a professional manner and many people expressed their appreciation for our service.

With that said the challenges remain. The bulk of the calls are handled by a small group of very dedicated members. This comes as no surprise and is consistent with “volunteer” organizations in general (yes, we are paid). The challenge is, as I have stated *ad infinitum* is that we are getting older, and our days responding to calls will, in the not to distant future come to an end. So, what are we doing about it?

Hebron has hired a consulting firm to evaluate what needs to be done to move into the future and continue to provide fire and EMS service to the communities. Their findings were no surprise; however, the challenges are not small. Simply put, we need to build the Department and develop a written transition plan for the future. As part of the plan, Hebron has hired a part-time recruiter. I am working with that person, but the reality is that I am doing the day-to-day work. That work is showing progress. I have four new people signed up to take an EMT course beginning in January 2022. The course runs for 3 months with testing in April. At the conclusion, those who pass will be Nationally Registered EMT’s and qualified for a NH State Ambulance Attendants License. Cost per person to the Town is about \$2,500.

When they are licensed, I plan to begin having people sign up for shifts covering days and/or nights so that we can “spread the load.”

On the fire side we also need to build up the roster with people who are available to respond especially during weekdays. This is going to be a challenge given the demographics of our towns and the fact that most people work away from town.

These are issues that all small towns are facing. What used to be a 1<sup>st</sup> alarm is now a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm not because more equipment is needed, but because more personnel are needed. It is not uncommon for mutual aid apparatus to come with a driver/operator and one firefighter.

The key is, we do not simply need people, we need people who will be dedicated to the job. Since we must be ready 24/7/365, that means being pulled out of bed in the middle of the night, leaving the house just as the dinner was set on the table, and as one of our most active members complained a number of times, being pulled out of the shower just as he started to shampoo his hair. All that goes with the job of being on a “call” Fire Department. You never know when the pager is going to go off indicating some emergency.

If you have ever watched TV shows like *Chicago Fire*, *911*, *Night Shift*, and said to yourself, “I could do that” give me a call.

Let me conclude this report by expressing my deep thanks and appreciation for all those members who respond to and handle the variety of situations that modern Fire Departments are called to. It is their dedication that makes our service to the towns possible.

JOHN M. FISCHER  
Chief, HFD  
Commanding

## **Rumney Fire Department- Groton Coverage**

Rumney Fire Department provides fire coverage for the eastern portion of the Town of Groton through a contact between the two towns. During 2021, the department responded to a total of 156 calls, a lot of mutual aid calls to the surrounding communities as well as within our own coverage area. We responded to 13 calls in Groton with 3 of them fire calls, 3 motor vehicle accidents, assisted at 3 medical calls, 1 propane odor, and 4 wires down. Our involvement with medical calls is strictly to assist EMTS with lifting a patient or a carry-out from the home to an awaiting ambulance. The fire department does not provide medical services.

The cost for this coverage is based on the expenses of the department as well as equipment replacement. We are looking at replacing a fire engine this year. At present two of our engines are over 18 years old (one being close to 30 years old). Our truck committee has been “building” a replacement truck over the course of this year, and are in talks with two companies regarding their options and bids on a new truck. We also have a tanker and a Forestry/Utility truck on line.

This year we have also provided gas and oil permitting to the Town of Groton. Permits can be printed off of the Town of Rumney’s website as well as the Town of Groton’s website.

I feel we have a good working relationship with the Town of Groton and look forward to serving them for years to come.

David Coursey  
Fire Chief  
Rumney Fire Department

# Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Despite a brief flurry of wildfire activity across the state this spring, the summer and fall months saw weather conditions which kept the fire danger consistently at low levels. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

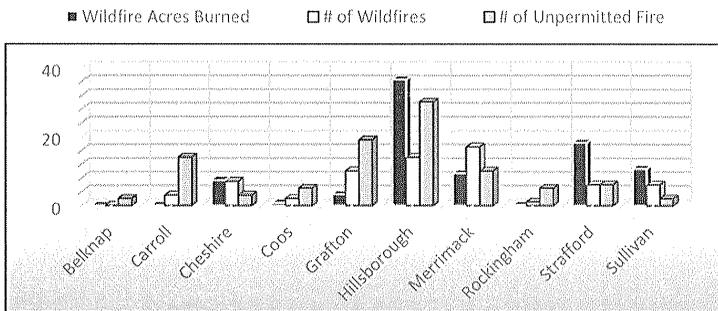
The long lasting drought effects in Coos County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of northern Coos remains in the abnormally dry category with the northeastern portion still remaining in moderate drought. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2022 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/). For up to date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



## 2021 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2021)



\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100

## CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
1	81	25	0	7	1	4	2	41

\*Miscellaneous includes power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc...

## **Highway Department**

2021 was another busy year for the Highway Department.

Major projects accomplished in 2021:

- Finished paving on Sculptured Rocks Road to complete the Sculptured Rocks Road Project/NBRC grant.
- River Road was paved and had culverts replaced.
- Province Road damages from the 2019 storm were repaired and that project was completed.
- Edgar Albert Road was graded and ditched.
- Bailey Hill Road was graded.
- Smith Road was paved.
- River Road received tree trimming.
- North Groton had road side mowing completed.
- Sculptured Rocks Road had road side mowing completed.

In the last five years, 90% of the culverts in Town have been replaced and all roads in Town have seen extensive work to each one. With all roads in great condition, we are now planning on doing continuous maintenance to avoid being in the same position they were in five years ago.

For 2022, we will continue to maintain the roads and look for ways to save the Town money. With a new Town Garage still being a dire need, we will continue to look for other grants, building options, etc. in hopes that we can have a new building in the near future.

I would like to thank Fred Brooks, Jeremy Haney, Norm Willey, and Sara Smith for their hard work and continued service and loyalty to the Town. I would also like to thank the Select Board which is John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Ron Madan for their continued support of the Highway Department and our projects.

I would like to thank some of the companies that are always willing to assist the Town when needed, even if it is short notice. Thank you to Gordon Coursey & Son for always providing exceptional vehicle maintenance and for rebuilding the bridge to the Town Pond. Thank you to Bryant Paving for always taking care of the Towns paving needs. Thank you to Morrison Construction for assistance with road repairs. Thank you to Dave Leone for assisting the Town with the culvert

repairs on River Road. Thank you to M.E. Latulippe for always assisting the Town with road repairs and material when needed. Thank you to TLC Services for taking care of the tree trimming needs for the Town.

In closing, I appreciate the continued support of the townspeople. 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  
Jeremy Haney



## Transfer Station

We would like to dedicate this years write up to Richard Cross, longtime operator at the Transfer Station, who never missed a day in six years unless it was a health-related issue. Richard was an exceptional employee and friend to everyone in Town. He worked right up until the day before he passed away, even though he was in poor health. We will all miss him. Rest in peace Marine.

The concrete slabs for the dumpsters were completed in July by Haney Concrete. They have made that area much easier to clean behind them. This concludes phase I on this project to save the Town money on transportation costs. Phase II will consist of installation of a structure over the dumpsters to keep the rain and snow out of dumpsters which will help since we pay by the actual weight of the material in the dumpsters (tonnage in Waste Management terms). There will be a warrant article for this in the future.

Due to the inconvenience of some people not being able to get Transfer Station stickers at the Town Office, they are now also available at the Transfer Station for the same fee of \$1.00. Please see the attendant if you need a sticker and he will issue you one. This is for Groton residents only. If anyone has one of the old paper temporary stickers, please see the Town Clerk or the Transfer Station attendant and they will issue you a current sticker.

Because of the issues with the State DOT last “mud season” and the weight limit ban in the Spring, we will NOT be accepting construction debris, ANY furniture, mattresses included for the duration of the road bans. This will be posted in advance as soon as we are informed of the dates of the road bans and the postings about this will go up.

Please remember we are recycling aluminum cans, batteries, tires, electronics, waste oil, light bulbs, and scrap metal. Revenues from aluminum cans and scrap metal continue to go up.

Also, a reminder that all fees charged for items reflect our costs to have them hauled away.

We look forward to another year of serving the people of Groton.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Willey, Transfer Station Supervisor  
George Evirs, Transfer Station Attendant  
Ron Madan, On Call Operator  
Jeremy Haney, On Call Operator





# Northeast Resource Recovery Association

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

## GROTON, NH, TOWN OF

### 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	2021 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources.
PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES	1.30 TONS	 You conserved enough energy to fire up 77.95 propane BBQ grills!
TIRES	2.25 TONS	 You conserved the equivalent of 945.00 pounds of coal being burned!

### AVOIDED EMISSIONS



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

By recycling the materials above, you avoided about 1,022.98 tons of carbon dioxide emissions. This is the equivalent of removing 222.39 passenger cars from the road for an entire year.

*\*\*The above data was calculated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM).*

## NRRR Customer Activity Report: 2021 YTD Groton, NH, Town of

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Product Name ↑	Pickup Date	Release #	Net Lbs	Gross/Net Tons	Quantity	Customer Price	Trans. Customer Total	Customer Revenue	Customer Expense
Electronics - Comm Surcharge	11/24/2021	690232	-	-	3602	\$ 0.03	\$ (266.00)	\$ -	\$ 108.06
<b>Subtotal</b>					3602				\$ 108.06
Electronics - Console TV	11/24/2021	690232	420.0000	0.2100	1	\$ 0.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113.40
<b>Subtotal</b>			420.0000	0.2100	1				\$ 113.40
Electronics - Peripheral Low Grade	11/24/2021	690232	456.0000	0.2280	1	\$ 0.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.24
<b>Subtotal</b>			456.0000	0.2280	1				\$ 75.24
Electronics - Projection TV	11/24/2021	690232	344.0000	0.1720	1	\$ 0.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92.88
<b>Subtotal</b>			344.0000	0.1720	1				\$ 92.88
Electronics - TV Cathode Ray Tu	11/24/2021	690232	2,382.0000	1.1910	1	\$ 0.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 393.03
<b>Subtotal</b>			2,382.0000	1.1910	1				\$ 393.03
Tires-Passenger	5/12/2021	385008	4,050.0000	2.0250	162	\$ 2.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 364.50
<b>Subtotal</b>			4,050.0000	2.0250	162				\$ 364.50
Tires-Truck	5/12/2021	385008	450.0000	0.2250	10	\$ 12.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			450.0000	0.2250	10				\$ 125.00
<b>Final Total</b>			<b>8,102.0000</b>	<b>4.0510</b>	<b>3778</b>		<b>\$ (266.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,272.11</b>

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## **Planning Board Report**

During the past year, our lives continued to be impacted greatly by the COVID-19 pandemic. While many government emergency orders were lifted, the Planning Board (PB) adapted our own mask policies that helped us meet safely as a board every month. Life became a bit more “normal” mid-year, and we saw many more building permit applicants and inquiries to the town.

In February, the PB attended a webinar hosted by the New Hampshire Municipal Association covering RSA 674:41 and 231:81-a. All PB and Select Board members were able to attend this webinar and discuss it at our meeting. If you would like a better understanding of these statutes, which control building on non-public roads, as well as your obligations to maintain your private road, the statutes and slides from the webinar are available under the PB tab, click on February minutes.

Your PB received several inquiries via email and telephone whether the Town allows “tiny house” or “yurt” multi-unit rental parks. This new craze has taken place already in several New Hampshire towns and can be completely overwhelming for nearby residents, as well as costly for the towns to provide public services. As of now, Groton could easily be challenged to allow permanent and/or transitory tiny house or yurt multi-unit developments. The town also has no mechanism to address tax loss resulting from these developments and possible increase in public school or policing expenses.

The PB will further explore solutions, including preparing a new draft for a future zoning proposal. The board would very much like to arrive at solutions that are driven from public comment. Should anyone wish to share a concern, idea, or speak with the board, please contact us at [planningboard@grotonnh.org](mailto:planningboard@grotonnh.org).

In closing, we wish to share some of the additional matters that came before us in 2021.

The following building permits were brought before the board:

Approval granted to Map 10, Lot 4 (37 Stage Coach Road)

Approval granted to Map 5, Lot 45 (73 Beaver Pond Road)

Approval granted to Map 5, Lot 134 (18 Hammerhill Road)

Approval granted to Map 6, Lot 79 (Dodge Road)

Approval granted to Map 6, Lot 63 - 4 (Old Fields Road)

Approval granted to Map 6, Lot 2 (Orchard Hill Road)

Approval granted to Map 5, Lot 160 - 6 (2 Vignone Hill Lane)

Approval granted to Map 5, Lot 146 (10 Patterson Lane)

The PB wishes to thank all applicants, professionals supporting applicants, and any other attendees who came before us for cooperating with our safety precautions during meetings. Your flexibility helped us to serve you safely.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Johnson (Chair), Kristina Madden (Vice Chair and Secretary), John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison), David Madden, Dave LaBar, Ray Blake and Russ Carruth.

## Conservation Commission Report

The mission of the Groton Conservation Commission is to promote the public awareness and protection of our natural resources.

In a 2<sup>nd</sup> year marked by Covid-19, masks, and social distancing, the Groton Conservation Commission continued its service to the town. Thanks to the Select Board, the bridge to the Conservation Commission's land and pond was rebuilt so access by foot and bicycle is restored! So, rain or shine our fishing derby took place in 2021 and will again this year in 2022.

We thank the volunteers who cleaned up our roads this spring and fall. Let's all keep trash in our vehicles on the way to the transfer station to make "clean up days" easier.

We were sorry to lose our secretary, Ruth Gaffey; we wish her well in her other projects.

We were able to welcome two new members: Virginia Parker and Justin Weekley, thanks for volunteering with us.

Wetlands applications were reviewed. We have partnered with the Hebron Conservation Committee to monitor the water testing of "Spectacle Pond" since it lies in both towns.

Walks on Open Space trails took place to familiarize the GCC with some of the jewels of the town. Groton Conservation Commission encourages everyone to get out and enjoy the Open Space Land in Groton.

- ❖ Cockermonth Forest – maintained by Society for the Protection of NH Forests
- ❖ Kimball Hill Wildlife Management Area – maintained by NH Fish and Game
- ❖ Province Road State Forest – maintained by the Department of Forests and Lands
- ❖ Sculptured Rocks Natural Area – maintained by NH Division of Parks and Recreation

The Conservation Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, and the public is always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Groton Conservation Commission

Slim Spafford, Chair  
Ray Blake, Planning Board Liaison  
Cindy Carpenter  
Gina Rescigno  
Virginia Parker  
Justin Weekley

## Old Home Day Committee

We were so happy this year to be able to have our annual Old Home Day. It was greatly missed last year due to Covid. The evening started out with our parade including Rumney and Hebron Fire Departments, all of our Town Trucks and of course the vintage cars and trucks. Thank you to all for supporting the Groton Old Home Day Parade.

It was a little harder this year to obtain a band due to so many town celebrations. We felt so fortunate to be able to get the band “The Fog”. They were fantastic and played for extra hours.

Then to the free hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, chips, drinks and desserts. It was all amazing. Thank you to all who donated.

What would the night be without the raffles?!

We want to personally thank all of the town residents who contributed to the Groton Fireworks fund. What an amazing display by Hells Gate Display Fireworks, LLC.

We would like to thank Avangrid Renewables for continuing to donate to our great day.

Finally, we want to thank John Rescigno for all his grilling expertise. Sara Smith for all of her help behind the scenes, you are amazing. Our Road Agent Robert Ellis and his crew for helping with the set up. Ron Madan and Gary Easson for years of help. Joanna and Norman Peel and Russ Coutu for setting up and Janet Wallace for her wit handling our raffles.

Thank you for another amazing year!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Old Home Day Committee  
(Gina Rescigno, John Rescigno, Gary Easson, Ron Madan, Christina Goodwin)

## 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. Due to COVID-19 taking over 2020 and 2021, this still has not 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.”

It was another quiet year for the Historical Society as we continued to follow Covid guidelines in 2021, keeping the times we participated in programs to a minimum. Early in the year we made the decision to not host our annual Memorial Day event with the hope that by 2022 things would be more normal.

GHS held an open house at the Schoolhouse Museum on Saturday, July 17. We had a good turnout with many new faces. We also had the opportunity to answer questions and provide information regarding specific Groton homesteads.

We participated in two events: the Hebron Fair and Rumney Old Home Day. Although there were fewer vendors (by design) the turnout was good.

We are excited to offer our 2022 calendar “Honoring Groton Heroes, Part 1: 1775-1865”. A special thanks to Kathy Sobetzer and Deb Lindsey who spent hours poring over old photos and documents and doing some online research to put together a great calendar. We plan to continue this theme with Part 2 next year.

A few minor repairs were made to the Schoolhouse Museum including work done along the back corner of the building and the new door painted.

We are still working on the Groton Town Pound project. There have been some delays with getting the trees removed. This was discussed at our annual meeting which was held on November 11. Hopefully the trees will be removed by spring and the signs installed shortly thereafter.

A special thanks goes to the Town of Groton for their ongoing support.

## GHS Board Members

Paul Cole (Building Manager)  
Debra Lindsey (Secretary)  
Steve “Slim” Spafford

Roger Daniels (Vice President)  
Sharon Nelson

Pamela Hamel (Treasurer)  
Kathy Sobetzer (President)

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

[grotonhistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:grotonhistorical@yahoo.com)

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

## **Groton Public Library**

Just a reminder that Groton residents voted at the 2021 Town meeting to dissolve our contract with Hebron Library.

Anyone who would like reimbursement for a library card from another facility, please contact Gina Rescigno.

Respectfully submitted,

Groton Library Trustees  
Gina Rescigno  
Bonnie Lane



## Groton Cemeteries

Major steps were taken in 2021 toward the opening of the new Jenny DeCoste Smith annex to the River Road Cemetery. At the annual town meeting, voters approved a warrant article of \$3,000 to retain the services of Cemetery Helpful Solutions of Westwood MA to complete the design and mapping of the one-acre annex. In September, the town received a schematic grave layout for the town's consideration. The layout took into consideration drainage, parking, roadways, and location and width of grave rows. The commission is now in the process of retaining the services of a land surveyor to lay out the cemetery annex according to the specifications of the schematic design.

In addition to the mapping of the River Road annex, Cemetery Helpful Solutions also reviewed our cemetery forms and regulations for compliance with state laws and for the town's protection. The cemetery commission also received valuable guidance pertaining to our procedures for burials and conveyance of burial rights in the future. Several recommendations were included for the updating of our existing documents involving License of Burials, and placement of monuments.

As always, the commission placed flags on the grave of every veteran in each of our four cemeteries. We continue to update our records using the Crypt Keeper online services to which the town subscribes in order to maintain accurate data for the benefit of future Groton residents and families.

Finally, the commission would like to thank the town for its continued support for our efforts to preserve our cemeteries as the solemn and dignified burial grounds that have served the town's residents for over 200 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gaffey  
Slim Spafford  
Cemetery Trustees



North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development District is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established by RSA 36:46. The Commission's region consists of 50 communities and 25 unincorporated places in the northern third of New Hampshire. The Council serves in an advisory role to local governments in order to promote coordinated planning, orderly growth, efficient land use, transportation access, and environmental protection. The Council's professional staff provides transportation, land use, economic development, community and environmental planning services; geographic information services (GIS); data collection and analysis; grant writing; grant administration; facilitation; and project management. For additional information, please contact the staff or visit us at [www.nccouncil.org](http://www.nccouncil.org).

In 2021 North Country Council undertook the following activities in the region:

Coordinated the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and held six (6) meetings to discuss regional transportation issues and identify priority projects for funding opportunities.

Represented the transportation needs of the region in the Ten-Year Plan process, including participation in public hearings and promoting public input opportunities to the region's communities.

Continued the effort to develop and update the Regional Transportation Plan, which will identify the transportation-related needs, and opportunities of the region to support projects.

Supported the work of two Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County and Grafton-Coos) to promote coordination of transportation services for the region's residents, including facilitating six RCC meetings, updating service directories, and assisting with federal grant applications to support transportation services for senior and limited-mobility residents.

Supported the work of the North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) to steward and promote the region's many scenic and cultural byways, including facilitating two NCSBC meetings and developing a website to provide information on scenic touring along the byways. <https://www.northcountrybyways.org/about>

The Council participated in statewide efforts such as Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Alternative Transportation Planning, and the Mobility Management working group and provided input about our communities and needs to be incorporated in plans and considered.

Conducted over 150 state and local traffic counts throughout the region as part of the regional Transportation Data Collection Program.

Completed over 150 stream crossing assessments on a multi-year project in the Saco River watershed aimed at better understanding flood vulnerability and aquatic habitat barriers.

Developed Community Data Profile and several guidance documents.

Coordinated six (6) North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee meetings (CEDS) for the Economic Development District. The meetings focused on connecting pandemic resources into the region, learning about innovative strategies for recovery, and sharing regional information. The CEDS committee hosted six (6) presentations on housing, outdoor recreation, resiliency & recovery, environmentally friendly lighting, funders roundtable, and rural innovation redefined. The Committee reviewed and placed 3 projects on the CEDS Project Priority List.

The Council in collaboration with NH Housing Authority, and Stepwise Data completed the North Country Housing Needs Analysis. Which identified seven (7) key issues and nine (9) recommended strategies to meet our region's housing challenges based on recent data and the experiences of residents, businesses, and housing professionals in the region.

Launched a group effort with all nine (9) NH Regional Planning Commissions and the Office of Planning and Development to create a shared methodology and begin a coordinated update to each region's Housing Needs Assessment. The Assessments aid municipalities

in complying with RSA 674:2, III(I), and will include an assessment of the need for housing for persons and families of all levels of income.

Represented the community and economic development needs of the region in discussions with state agencies and federal representatives to advocate for increased resources and programming to better meet needs and opportunities.

Continued to support North Country Rising, an initiative through the Council aimed at building up our region's community capitals focused on a collaborative approach to recovery and resiliency during the time of COVID.

Continued to implement the Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). For more information on brownfields and the regional Brownfields Assessment.

Provided mapping and data services to communities throughout the region in support of project development and funding opportunities.

Responded to multiple requests for reviews of Development of Regional Impact, prepared comments corresponded with state and local officials.

Continued to assist Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) & State of NH Bureau of Economic Affairs (BEA) in providing development assistance to potential and awarded grantees. In 2021 the Council provided pre-project development coaching to over 20 potential NBRC grantees.

Provided technical support to communities relating to municipal land use regulations, best practices, and planning opportunities.

Continued to assist Coos County with the Coos County Broadband Committee as well as providing technical support to the Carroll County Broadband Committee

Collaborated with other Regional Planning Commissions through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Director meetings in Concord.

Supported efforts and attended the NH Planners Conference and NH Municipal Association Conference.

Bulk ordered and distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to local land use boards (estimated savings of \$75.00 per book).

The Bristol Recreation Advisory Council and Staff want to express their sincere gratitude for the support we received throughout 2020-21.

Sadly, we lost two of our biggest TTCC cheerleaders this year - Melva Day and Bebe Wood. These two dynamic ladies helped to make our TTCC programs and activities successful and could always be counted on to help wherever needed. They are truly missed!

It has been another rewarding year here at the TTCC. Although challenges still exist we have been able to continue to modify programs and events and hold onto our cherished traditions such as Santa's Village, Apple Festival & our Lobster & Chicken Supper!

Our Advisory Council has been hard at work updating our bylaws, personnel policy and strategic planning. We have welcomed new members to the Board and they bring enthusiasm, new ideas and a wealth of knowledge to keep our Staff & Board working as a strong team!

We have continued our Every Child is Ours Program that delivers weekly food bags to students in the Newfound District that may be food challenged on weekends. At this time in 2020 we had just started with the collaboration of the Bristol Police Department. By the end of that school year we had provided 3,462 bags to our students filled with 10 meal items. We have volunteer High School students and staff filling the bags weekly for TTCC staff to deliver to the schools on Fridays.

Our Teen Council continues to shine by volunteering for all events and fundraising for building projects and ways to help in the community. Members recently attended a conference sponsored by CADY (Communities for Alcohol & Drug Free Youth) so that they can be informed about the issues in their school and work as a resource for students that may be facing these challenges. This group is a great example of what a committed group of youth can accomplish with the help of our dedicated Teen Program staff!

We had hoped to bring our 67th Santa's Village back in its original format this year but made the decision to take it outside again in 2021. We held a one day event complete with Ms. Claus Kitchen, the North Pole Railroad, Village Workshop and of course....Santa & Mrs. Claus and elves. We are grateful to the School District for the use of the Middle School parking lot for the event. The event was a success with 425 visitors on that Saturday in December.

It is important to give recognition to the 100+ volunteers that step up to coach our sports teams, work events, join committees, and share our TTCC stories with the community. Without these volunteers and our generous supporter's we would not be successful and able to provide the Newfound Community with the many youth and adult programs and events that make this such a special place to live.

Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy 2022,

The Grateful Board & Staff at TTCC



**Request for Groton Allocation in Fiscal Year 2022: \$400.00 (level-funded request)**

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. In 2022, Our Acute Care and Emergency Services now include a new initiative, Mobile Crisis Response Teams, who can respond 24/7/365 to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis no matter where in the community that person is located.

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 2021, LRMHC’s 200+ employees served 3,956 children, adults and families. During this same time period, we provided \$359,000 of charity care.

In Fiscal Year 2021, **4 residents of Groton received services from LRMHC.**

<b>GROTON</b>	<b>Patients Served-LRMHC</b>
Children (0 to 17 years)	1
Adults (18 to 61 years)	2
Elder (62 + years)	1

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. 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. 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 financial burden on your town.



## GROTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

Groton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) 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.

GCSCC 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 2020-21, 47 older residents of Groton were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through the senior centers or RSVP.

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 179 meals prepared by GCSCC's staff.
- Staff completed 52 wellness calls with homebound Groton residents.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through one visit with a trained outreach worker.
- They also participated in 10 health, educational or social activities.

The cost to provide Council services for Groton residents in 2020-21 was \$3,808.44.

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 102.7% over the past 20 years according to U.S. Census data from 1990 through 2010.*

Groton 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



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health** (PBH&HH) is a non-profit offering a wide range of vital health services to residents of 29 central and northern NH towns. This past year PBH&HH provided almost 15,000 home visits delivering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, hospice end of life care, palliative care, and social work to residents regardless of their ability to pay.

In the 55 years of Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health's existence, we have never experienced such growth in our organization as we are seeing today. The demand for compassionate services in your community has risen steadily and thanks to community support, we have been able to meet the ongoing needs of every resident, in spite of the uncertain financial and regulatory climate in which we operate.

Rising health care costs and reductions in government funding have put needed health care out of reach for too many of our neighbors and friends. As healthcare delivery continues to evolve with the COVID-19 pandemic, advanced training and safety equipment is needed to continue delivery of services to our patients safely. We are following both the CDC and the NH Department of Health's safety recommendations to meet the needs of our homecare and hospice patients.

Pemi-Baker will continue to provide care, regardless of 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. Our agency is dependent upon charitable donations, town funds, and grants to provide services.

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. PBH&HH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy, and with Hospice, we make the end of life journey one of hope and dignity, while putting the patient/family's needs first. Most of our community members choose to heal and recover at home from illness or accident or progress towards the end of life in the comfort of their own home with their family and possession around them. With the support of our team, we help make these choices a reality.

Pemi-Baker Hospice and Home 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, therapies, social work, spiritual care counseling, bereavement services, hospice medical doctors, advanced practicing registered nurses, licensed nursing assistants, hospice trained volunteers, 24/7 on call support, and medications and durable medical supplies in the home setting

**Palliative Care** – advanced practicing registered nurses, social workers and chaplain services in the home setting

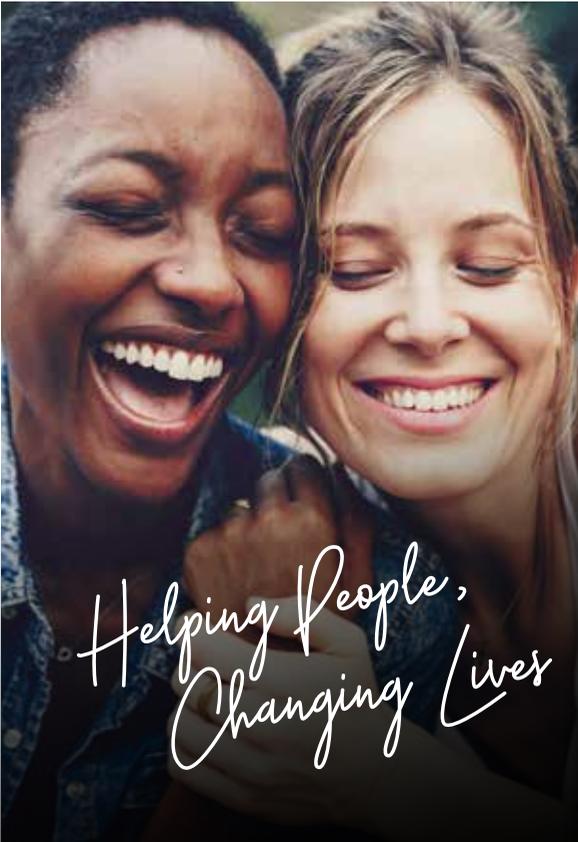
PBH&HH also provides:

- One-on-one bereavement support and monthly group meetings
- In-person and ZOOM Caregiver support groups
- In-person and ZOOM Advance Directive Help
- American Red Cross CPR/First Aid training
- Foot Clinics
- Hospice Care Volunteer Training
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Nutrition & Health Presentations

We are pleased to be part of your community and touching the lives of those in need. Thank you for all your support!



Danielle Paquette-Horne, RN  
Executive Director



### OUR MISSION

Tri-County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.

### OUR VISION

Individuals and families are empowered to create vibrant communities and foster self-sufficiency.

### OUR VALUES

Tri-County Community Action Program values a culture of integrity. This includes:

1. Transparency in all our interactions and communications, stressing accountability to ourselves as an organization and to those we serve.
2. Connection to community. We value our community partners and work to build strong partnerships that unite us all in the common goal of improving the lives of others.
3. Recognition of our mutual humanity. We treat customers, co-workers and colleagues with compassion, fairness, dignity and respect.
4. We value the empowerment of those who seek our services, believing that empowerment leads to improved self-worth and enables those we serve to fully participate in their communities and share their success with others.



#### Health & Nutrition

- Head Start
- RSVP
- Senior Meals
- ServiceLink
- Tamworth Dental Center

#### Economic Supports

- Energy Assistance
- Guardianship
- Transit

#### Housing Stability

- Cornerstone Housing
- Homeless Intervention & Prevention
- Burch House Shelter
- Tyler Blain House Shelter

#### Facilities Administration & Operation

- Weatherization

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## AGENCY EMPLOYMENT

Payroll (No Fringe)	\$6,492,320
Benefits (Fringe, Taxes, etc.)	\$1,463,652
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,955,972</b>

## ECONOMIC SUPPORTS

<b>Energy Assistance Services</b>				
<i>Fuel Assistance</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Households	1,349	1,883	1,664	<b>4,896</b>
Value	\$1,615,792	\$2,297,746	\$2,007,815	<b>\$5,921,353</b>
<b>Groton</b>			<b>22 Households</b>	<b>\$26,765</b>
<i>Electric Assistance</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Households	1,335	2,013	1,562	<b>4,910</b>
Value	\$619,487	\$895,656	\$682,881	<b>\$2,198,024</b>
<b>Groton</b>			<b>18 Households</b>	<b>\$7,721</b>
<b>Guardianship</b>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients	38	30	54	<b>122</b>
Value	\$83,638	\$66,030	\$118,854	<b>\$268,522</b>
<b>Groton</b>			<b>2 Clients</b>	<b>\$252</b>
<b>Tri-County Transit</b>				
<i>Door to Door Service</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients	561	784	445	<b>1,790</b>
Trips	7,461	17,960	2,484	<b>27,905</b>
Value	\$258,306	\$228,119	\$66,950	<b>\$553,375</b>
<i>Flex Route Service</i>		<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Trips		9,879	5,246	<b>15,125</b>
Value		\$71,395	\$65,462	<b>\$136,857</b>
<i>Long Distance Medical Service</i>		<i>Trips</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Value</i>
		749	43,635	\$27,934
<i>All Services</i>			<i>Trips</i>	<i>Value</i>
Total			1,963	\$718,166

## FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

<b>Weatherization</b>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Households	63	153	43	<b>259</b>
Value	\$261,778	\$835,270	\$262,168	<b>\$1,359,216</b>
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Groton</b>			<b>6 Clients</b>	<b>\$29,808</b>
<i>Heating Systems</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Installed	63	153	43	<b>259</b>
Value	\$261,778	\$919,186	\$262,168	<b>\$1,443,132</b>
<b>Groton</b>			<b>2 Clients</b>	<b>\$7,238</b>

## HEALTH & NUTRITION

<b>Head Start</b>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Students	122	67	28	<b>217</b>
Value	\$1,463,024	\$803,464	\$1,463,024	<b>\$335,776</b>
<b>Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)*</b>	<i>Active</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Value</i>	
Volunteers	287	393		<b>\$714,041</b>
<b>Senior Meals &amp; Senior Center</b>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Congregate Meals</i>	<i>Home Delivered Meals</i>	
Served	852	2,509	160,345	
<b>ServiceLink</b>	<i>Coos Clients</i>	<i>Median Call Time</i>	<i>Median Cost Per Call</i>	<i>Value</i>
Total	3,826	00:25:07	\$10.53	\$40,288
<b>Tri-County CAP Family Dental</b>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients	3,381	108	197	<b>3,686</b>

## HOUSING STABILITY

<b>Cornerstone North</b>	<i>Residents</i>	<i>Paid by HUD</i>	<i>Paid by Residents</i>	<i>Total Rent Paid</i>
Coos	12	\$9,252	\$4,140	<b>\$13,392</b>
<b>Homeless Intervention</b>	<i>Clients</i>	<i>Outreach</i>	<i>Loans, Grants &amp; Hotel</i>	<i>Total Value</i>
Carroll	213	\$52,179	\$112,151	<b>\$164,330</b>
Coos	380	\$95,509	\$58,974	<b>\$154,483</b>
Grafton	611	\$142,385	\$221,523	<b>\$363,908</b>
<b>Housing Relief Program</b>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Clients	76	113	226	<b>415</b>
Value	\$198,164	\$241,191	\$569,663	<b>\$1,009,018</b>
<b>Burch House Shelter*</b>	<i>Shelter Clients</i>	<i>Bed Nights</i>	<i>Non-Shelter Clients</i>	<i>Value</i>
Grafton	42	2,422	217	<b>\$221,180</b>
<b>Tyler Blain Shelter*</b>	<i>Shelter Clients</i>	<i>Bed Nights</i>	<i>Value</i>	
Carroll		3	190	
Coos		26	2,243	
Grafton		11	765	
Total		40	3,198	<b>\$357,269</b>
<b>USDA Food Distribution</b>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coos</i>	<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases of Food	10,642	9,894	16,066	<b>36,602</b>
Value	\$339,855	\$651,459	\$487,978	<b>\$1,479,292</b>

\*Numbers are estimates based on FY21 totals



October 1, 2021

Town of Groton

Dear Board of Selectmen,

On behalf of our patients, community-based Board of Directors and staff, I would like to extend our thanks for your support to ensure the economically challenged folks in your community have access primary health care services. As you prepare your budget for the coming year, Mid-State requests that you consider including a **\$200** town contribution to support a portion of the charity health care services Mid-State provides to your citizens in need.

*Mid-State provided **\$270,850** in charity care over the past year to the region. A **\$200** investment by the Town helps support those Groton residents in need. A more detailed report of Mid-State's contributions to your community is enclosed for your review.*

As the only independent, charity-based, primary care practice in the area, Mid-State is guided by its mission of providing sound medical, oral health, behavioral health, and recovery services to the community, accessible to all regardless of the ability to pay. Mid-State and its staff are steadfast in their commitment to deliver essential health services to those in need. When your community helps support our work, our entire community, even our most vulnerable, are able to stay healthier.

As you are aware, many of our neighbors face financial challenges every day. We recognize and value the role the leadership in your town plays in doing its very best to assure responsible taxation in your community. We hope you find our request for support reasonable and responsible in light of the number of charity care visits your community was provided in the past year.

We invite you to view our 2020 Digital Annual Report on our website under the "About Us" tab in the "Community Resources" Section in case you would like additional information about Mid-State Health Center's programs, services, facility and staff.

Thank you for your consideration. Your contributions have a direct effect on Mid-State Health Center's ability to continue giving quality, integrated health care to those in your community who are unable to pay for these services.

Sincerely,

Robert MacLeod  
Chief Executive Officer



## 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 **\$270,850** 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, and their families, reach their optimal health. Mid-State continued to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, offering both testing and vaccination. We continued to help those foods insecure by providing food security resources to those who need it most. In addition, our most recent efforts include the expansion of our childcare center, soon to be Little Antlers Learning Center, with an anticipated slate in the winter of 2021, that will provide many local families with high-quality childcare, and the ability to reenter the workforce.

### ***Services we offer:***

- Primary Medical Care for all ages including pediatrics, family and internal medicine.
- Behavioral Health Services – counseling for individuals and families
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment – including Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid dependence, and Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program
- 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
- Food Assistance – through our Feed the Need program
- Enrollment Assistance for the Marketplace, Medicare and Medicaid
- Same Day Access and Acute Care
- Childcare – offsite location moving to Tenney Mountain Highway in Plymouth

### ***Mid-State's Year in Review (June 30, 2020 – July 1, 2021)***

- Number of Visits:
  - Medical: 26,321 Dental: 5,451 Behavioral Health: 2,677 Telehealth: 11,138
- Uncompensated charity care provided:
  - Total Amount: \$270,850 Number of Patient Encounters: 3,584
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### ***Town of Groton Usage Statistics (July, 2020 – June, 2021)***

- Total number of patients: 51
- Total number of charity care recipients: 0
- Total in uncompensated charity care provided: \$0

**CADY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Town of Groton**

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Groton for your support over the past year. Together we are preventing substance misuse and building possibilities, potential, and promise for our children.

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths continuing to steal the lives of too many of our young people. The most responsible and humane strategy is to stop these tragic situations from occurring in the first place by preventing the use of all addictive substances in adolescence, including alcohol and marijuana.

The ongoing mental health, substance misuse, and child protection crises our state is experiencing have taken a significant toll on New Hampshire’s children and families, impacting all child-serving systems. These crises, and the pandemic we continue to face, are disrupting children’s stability and upending their lives; however, resources remain limited for preventative services and other systems that support children remain underfunded and uncoordinated.

Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such, it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on to ensure that we are supporting the healthy social and emotional development of children in our region. The scary truth is we are seeing surges in childhood anxiety and clinical depression statewide and locally. Additionally, youth substance misuse in our local region has increased significantly, putting our children at an even greater risk of harm. The 2019 Newfound Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicated our children are at higher rates than statewide averages in suicidal ideation, sadness, and feelings of hopelessness. Post COVID-19, these number are expected to grow, as so many of our children are still struggling with the impact of social isolation and uncertainty. Emerging research shows that for youth to thrive, even amidst challenging life circumstances, what they need most is to be encircled by caring adults. This is the essence of CADY’s vital work. We work hard. We are persistent. And we will never give up. There is so much to be done. Collaboration is essential as our community is faced with complex problems that are just too big for a single organization, or level of government to solve alone. The scarcity of treatment services for children makes prevention a crucial first step to addressing their growing needs.

Thankfully, our collective action has the power to transform lives by preventing youth substance misuse through education, skill building, increasing early intervention services and social-emotional supports, and offering opportunities for mentoring and resiliency building. We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. We cannot do this critical work without you. Thank you, Groton, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Sincerely  
Deb Naro  
Executive Director



# 2021 Annual Report to Newfound Watershed Towns

Newfound Lake Region Association

The Newfound Lake Region Association celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the end of 2021. Since 1971, we've accomplished so much in the Newfound Watershed, and we are especially grateful for our collaboration and partnership with watershed towns.

2021 was a great year for NLRA and Newfound Lake. Our accomplishments include:

- We completed our 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of water quality sampling and analysis in Newfound Lake in partnership with University of New Hampshire's Lakes Lay Monitoring Program (LLMP). Lake water quality continues to be better than average, but non-harmful algal blooms are becoming more common.
- We conducted stormwater assessments on properties across the watershed and provided recommendations to property owners on improvements they can make to reduce their impact to Newfound Lake.
- We worked with Newfound property owners and municipalities and employed area youth to implement small scale stormwater mitigation projects that protect water quality in Newfound Lake.
- With the Newfound Land Conservation Partnership, one property was permanently conserved.
- Our Watershed Steward/AmeriCorps members protected waterways from stormwater pollution, connected with visitors of Grey Rocks Conservation Area, maintained the trails and gardens at Grey Rocks ensuring NLRA's property is welcoming to all visitors, led educational programs, investigated key issues through independent projects to help inform future conservation efforts and communicate our initiatives to the community.
- We hosted 23 programs at our Grey Rocks Conservation Area, engaging Newfounders of all ages, including Nature Station programs for children and a StoryWalk on one of the trails.
- Our Lake Hosts at the Wellington State Park boat launch and at the nonmotorized boat launch at Grey Rocks inspected boats and stopped invasive species from entering Newfound.
- Weed Watchers focused on surveying high-risk areas, including areas adjacent to boat launches, and other areas around the lake.
- 47 volunteers contributed over 245 hours to NLRA and Newfound. From gathering crucial water quality data throughout the watershed, maintaining trails, stuffing envelopes, running youth programs, watching for invasive weeds, staffing the donut table, and even more, we rely on the help of volunteers to accomplish our mission to protect and conserve Newfound.

In the last quarter of 2021 we implemented a new strategic plan with the vision of a cleaner, clearer Newfound Lake within the next decade. Our strategic goals include improving environmental health, expanding land conservation, increasing community support, growing watershed stewardship, and boosting our capacity to deliver our mission. We are well on our way towards these goals with a grant from the NH DES to start projects that address critical erosion sites and land protection projects that are key to reducing the amount of pollution that reaches the lake, and we are increasing our staff to grow our core programs. With the continued support of watershed towns and communities, 2022 is sure to be another year of accomplishments and we look forward to the work ahead.

## Annual Report 2021

Since 1915, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNH Extension) has improved people's lives by providing research-based information and non-formal education programs on topics important to people across the state. UNH Extension works in four broad topic areas: Youth and Family Development, Community and Economic Development, Natural Resources and Food and Agriculture. Below are some program highlights for 2021 from the staff at the Grafton County Extension.

- 4-H youth were excited to return to the North Haverhill Fair this year to showcase some of their many projects and animals. The Carved Pumpkin Display at the Grafton County Complex featuring pumpkins carved by nursing home residents and 4-H families was another highlight to the year.
- Chronic Disease and Chronic Pain Self-Management programs continued to be offered online.
- Nutrition Connections, Master Gardener interns and the Pemi Youth Center (PYC) partnered to create a garden space behind the PYC in Plymouth. The youth learned about gardening and cooking the vegetables they grew.
- Work continued with local communities as part of a Building Community Resilience grant, addressing current needs and preparing for new opportunities and challenges.
- Chainsaw safety training and several wildlife workshops were held throughout Grafton County.
- Woodlot visits on over 8500 acres were done to assist landowners with forest management goals.
- The final session of a collaborative 4-part cover crop workshop series was a well-attended farmer meeting in the field behind the farmstand at the Grafton County complex, where cover crops had been planted.
- Contacts with farmers, food processors and restaurants were made at farmers markets where Extension provided resources and information on food safety. Our popular S.A.F.E. online trainings continued to be offered.
- The Spirit of New Hampshire Volunteer Service Award was presented to the Mount Sacred Heart Garden Volunteers, which include several Grafton County Master Gardeners, for their work sustaining a 10,000 square foot garden at their facility in Littleton. The garden provides produce for the North Country's food pantries year-round.

Visit our website, [Extension.unh.edu](https://extension.unh.edu) for more information on programs and upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Lee, UNH Extension County Office Administrator

## 2021 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Meeting comes to order at 9:00am on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Everett Hobart Memorial Park, 115 Sculptured Rocks Road in the Town of Groton, NH

Moderator: Tony Tavares

Select Board Members: Ron Madan; John Rescigno; Tony Albert

Supervisors of the Checklist: Pamela Hamel; Gina Rescigno; Virginia Parker

Administrative Assistant: Sara Smith; Public Works Director: Robert Ellis; Town Clerk: Ruth Millett

Non-residents in Attendance and allowed by the body to answer questions related to their expertise – Groton Police Chief: Michael Bagan and our Town Council: Laura Spector-Morgan

Moderator, Tony Tavares thanks the Ballot Clerks from the 4 elections that took place in Town this past year (State Primary, State General, General, and Town Elections) - Bonnie Lane; Judy Demers; Virginia Parker; Miles Sinclair; and Bob Ferriere.

Moderator welcomes new Town's People.

Moderator, Tony Tavares dismisses the reading of the current Town Officials and newly elected persons.

### **Results of the election held March 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 are as follows:**

**Select Board**, John Rescigno; **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**, Ruth Millett; **Planning Board**, Forrest Blake and David Labar

**Appointments Made:** Virginia Parker to **Supervisors of the Checklist** for one year and Virginia Parker to the **Conservation Commission**.

444 registered voters in the Town of Groton – information from the Town of Groton Alpha List 5/8/21.  
96 registered voters in attendance at Town Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Moderator draws attention to the Rules of the Town Meeting in the Town Report, and answers questions regarding these points of order.

Meeting opens with Pledge to the American Flag.

### **Deliberative Session May 8th, 2021**

Moderator reads Article 2:

#### **Article 2:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million eighty-three thousand nine hundred eighty four dollars (\$1,083,984.00)** to design and construct a new Department of Public Works building, and to authorize the issuance of **six hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$685,0000)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project

and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to take other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The remaining appropriation will be funded through an anticipated **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** USDA grant, the withdrawal of **one hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars (148,984.00)** from the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. Further, to raise and appropriate from taxation up to \$100,000.00 for the first year's debt service payment.

Recommendations required (3/5 ballot required)

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

Moderator: This article has an issue that is affected by Article 5. Article 5 will be raising funds to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. You can have an opportunity to discuss Article 5 before we get into article 2 to place money from article 5 into article 2. We will need someone to make a motion to consider Article 5 before Article 2.

John Rescigno made motion to move Article 5, Ron Madden seconded the motion.

Vote taken to move Article 5. Motion carried.

Moderator reads article 5

#### **Article 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$155,894)** to be added to the previously established capital reserve funds. The Selectman recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Disaster Relief CR Fund (December 31, 2020 balance: \$30,180.29): \$50,000.

Assessing Reval CR Fund (December 31, 2020 balance \$34,842): \$7000.

Public Works CR Fund (December 31, 2020 balance \$60,051.95): \$98,894

**Total Capital Reserve Funds \$155,894**

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

Moderator opens discussion on Article 5

Dave Darlington: I assume the \$98,894 comes from Art. 4. I think you have to consider article for before we can appropriate the \$98,894. I motion to move article 4 ahead of article 5.

Article 4 has the same amount of money, but if you read the article, if that is approved, monies from those two funds will be transferred into the general fund. Article 5 which raises the \$98,894 Would be raised by the taxes. Monies will be transferred from the public works capital reserve fund and not from the general fund. That becomes a bookkeeping manipulation.

Bill Jolley: This is in addition to raising funds for the general fund, this is additional taxes that will be collected?

Moderator: That is my understanding.

Bill Jolly: This is an additional \$150K to be raised through taxation in the coming year and it's not being transferred out. It's not intentionally opaque, but yet it is with all the money being moved around. It's addition money to be raised in the form of taxes to go toward the capital reserve fund which they are going to try to apply toward this to the building of the shed?

Moderator: Yes

John Rescigno: When you follow the laws of the state things get a little complicated. The \$98K will be offset by the money that's in Article 4. Yes, it is raised in taxes essentially on paper, but the money's eventually offset by the money that's taken out of fire and equipment and Perambulation Capital Reserve funds. Although the money on paper is coming out of your taxes it's offset once the DRA does the paperwork.

Laura Spector-Morgan, (Town's Attorney): You cannot transfer from one capital reserve fund to another. It's stupid, but it's a rule. So, when you cancel a capital reserve fund that money goes into the general fund. Article 4 is going into the general fund. Article 5 is going to be raised through taxation but when it comes time to set your tax rate the Selectmen will have the opportunity to take some money left over and apply it to reduce the tax rate. Their plan right now is, if article 4 passes, is to take that \$98K dollars and apply it towards your tax rate so that this \$98K isn't actually raised by taxation. So, yes, it is raised by taxation but the plan is to offset it at tax setting time.

Dave Leone: If someone wants to speak and they are not a resident of the town...

Moderator: We have two non-residents who I feel are qualified to speak to answer questions when they come up relative to the issues that are before the Town. One being the Town's Attorney and the other being the Police Chief when questions come up about the Police Department. If anyone objects without having to go through a vote each time, raise your hand now, if not we'll take that as an acceptance of their speaking. Since there are no hands up, we'll vote on Article 5.

Moderator reads the Article 5 again.

Voting on Article 5.

Bill Jolly: Makes a motion to hand count; Peter Bailey seconded.

Vote on motion passed.

Hand count: 41 yes, 43 no

Article 5 fails.

Moderator reads Article 2 again.

Selectmen are amending Article 2 due to the failure of Article 5.

Moderator reads a historical clip while the Selectmen, and Attorney discuss the amendment to Article 2 due to the failure of Article 5.

Amendment presented to Article 2. (see amended article below, there were still adjustments to be made).

John Rescigno motioned to accept amendment to Article 2 as presented; Ron Madan seconded.

Discussion on the amendment

Bill Jolly: Wouldn't that also change... not a huge amount... wouldn't that also change the \$100,000 for the first year's debt service to raise through taxation.

Selectmen change the amounts in the amendment for the first year's debt service from \$100,000 to \$120,000.

Dave Darlington: Going from \$100K to \$120K that's the first year's impact on the tax rate?

John Rescigno: Yes, that is what we will be raising through taxes for the first year's bond payment.

Christina Goodwin: The figures don't add up.

Laura Spector-Morgan: Yes, you're right.

Bill Jolly: This amount will continue over the life of the bond as well is that correct?

Laura Spector-Morgan: Yes.

The Moderator now reads the amendment to Article 2.

Amendment to Article 2:

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of **one million eighty five thousand dollars (\$1,085,000)** to design and construct a new Department of Public Works building, and to authorize the issuance of up to **seven hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$785,000)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectman to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectman to apply for, obtain and except federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws acceptable to said project, and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The remaining appropriation will be funded through an anticipated **two hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000)** USDA grant, and a withdrawal of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** from the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. Further, to raise and appropriate from taxation up to **\$120,000** for the first year's debt service payment.

Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required)

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

Vote taken to amend Article 2

Miles Sinclair: We are really heading into an abyss of confusion with where we're going with this. If people's only goal is to vote against this project, that's fine, but the stuff that was in Article 5, the stuff we normally appropriate at any Town Meeting, since the vote was so close on Article 5, in an attempt to simplify and clarify where we're at 'cause... raise your hand if your confused already, right? I would move at this point that we table Article 2 and reconsider Article 5. There was a two-vote margin so please if there's one or two people out there, we can try to simplify this as much as possible. Let's vote on Article 5 and if you don't like the way it turns out, we can always make a motion to reconsider it.

Moderator: Hold onto that thought because we already have a motion on the floor. We need to either accept the motion to amend Article 2 or reject it and I suggest we just vote on it without further discussion.

Moderator goes over the figures in the amendment to Article 2 again to clarify the changes made.

Moderator calls for a vote. The Supervisors hand count the vote. 48 yes, 36 no. The amendment carries.

Motion now made to reconsider Article 5.

Dave Leone asks for clarification on the voting on Article 2. The Moderator declares that there will be a time of discussion and then the voting will begin and the polls will be open for one hour.

Miles asks if the time is now to ask the body to reconsider Article 5.

Miles Sinclair: I have a great deal of concern because the way this is headed it is ripe for legal challenges and if we get dragged into court, we'd spend a lot of unnecessary money on legal fees. At this point just to simplify where we are at and progress through this. At this rate we'll be here till midnight. I move to table Article 2 and reconsider article 5. It was a two-vote margin that it failed by. If you're looking to defeat the project, that's fine but we are over complicating things at this point. I think it would be simple and the right thing to do to go back to Article 5 which would normally be approved at Town Meeting any way. I think if we don't go back and reconsider that we will not be contributing to the Assessing Reval which will need to be appropriated at some point anyway and we're not contributing to the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund.

Miles makes the motion and Pam Hamel seconds the motion.

Discussion on this motion.

Louis Lieto: The motion that Miles is trying to achieve is valid and as I understand it, should Article 2 fails we are still able to go back and reconsider Article 5 and fix it. We don't need to do this now, we can get on with the business of considering Article 2.

Bill Jolly: is there a way to introduce a second article or alternate article or does it have to be modified?

Laura Spector-Morgan: It has to be modified.

Bill Jolly: So, we'll have an opportunity sometime during this meeting to retain the Disaster Relief Fund and the Assessment Fund, but remove the Public Works Fund?

Laura: You can amend that line to zero, yes.

John Rescigno: Just to clarify, Article 5 is designed to capture the money through taxation like we normally do for the Disaster Relief CR Fund and the Assessing Reval CR Fund. The money in the Public Works CR Fund will help offset the cost of the building. That drops your tax rate, that's why we're doing that. These are two Capital Reserve Funds that we put money into every year to maintain the Town and then we're going to use the money for the Public Reserve Fund to help offset the taxes to get the building put up that the Town greatly needs. It's your building, it's not our building.

Moderator: We will vote to reconsider voting on Article 5.

Vote taken: Motion fails 15 yes, 37 no

Moderator: Back to Article 2 as amended. The vote on the bond issue will be a secret ballot. It's a yes/no vote. So, when we finish the discussion so that no one has anything further to say about the project; we will start the voting and we will start the clock. We will have a minimum of one hour for voting. You will go to the Supervisor's Desk at the back to pick up your ballot and put your marked ballot in the box and the box will remain open for one hour. The bond issue can be reconsidered not at this meeting. It would be a separate meeting as stated in the RSA's.

Bill Jolley: I make a motion to vote.

John Rescigno: We would like to speak to this Article first.

Bill Jolley: I would like a motion to vote.

Moderator: In the rules it states that if there is anyone who wishes to speak first once the motion is made, if you are standing to speak to the Article, you may. No one else can jump in now that Bill has made that motion.

John Rescigno: We understand you want to move the vote but I feel that everyone should have the right to speak including us (the Selectmen). We're looking to raise \$785,000 in taxes if the building passes. As you all know and can agree that the Town needs a new garage. The old building is in a flood zone and has flooded several times. It is difficult to get to that building when it does and the equipment could be destroyed. We have millions of dollars' worth of equipment in there that could just be washed out and destroyed. So far, we've been successful in getting the equipment out of there, but there's no guarantee that is going to happen.

We have the opportunity right now to obtain a \$250,000 USDA grant to help offset the cost of the building and we were going to take some of the money from the capital reserve funds to help offset the cost. If this Article passes, we're raising \$140,000 dollars less in taxes than we have in the past year, and that's with the building going up. We've taken a lot of care on the roads. We've got the Town roads in good shape. The last thing we need right now is this Town garage. We need to protect the equipment that we have. It's our assets we're protecting by moving this building. The building is in a flood zone. We need to move it and we have the opportunity right now to take advantage of a 10-year bond, the

first payment being roughly \$120,000 dollars dropping down to \$9,000 in the final year which has changed now that Article 5 has failed. This is our chance to get this building up at a reasonable cost. It's the right time.

Tony Albert: When we started the original amount was 1.4 million dollars. We've done our homework and got this \$250,000 grant and we had the \$98,000 which we have now lost. We cut the original amount in half. The building is not going to get cheaper in the future. We were only asking for \$100,000 (now \$120,000), about \$187,000 less in taxation over last year's warrant articles. We figured if every warrant article passes, the tax rate would go down \$1 next year. If the schools and county don't go up, the rate would go down by at least \$1. This is the best opportunity to get this building up at this price. I don't see it getting any cheaper and the building is a need. Every time it floods down there our insurance rates go up. We have a lot of equipment down there and it's in a flood zone and we need to do something about it. It's a need. We've done our homework and tried to present this as best we can. I don't see where we're ever going to get a lower price than this.

Ron Madan: Something I want to remind everybody of is that we're trying to protect the personnel that work in that garage too. In case no one knows it, that building is loaded with mold. That's bad for a person's lungs

Ted Yeaton: If anyone has lived in this town for any length of time you remember when we had a hard time raising enough money to buy a sander. Now look what we're looking at. I went to visit the Town of Dorchester to see what they had there. They didn't go for the grants, having government telling what we can and can't do. We built our own garage. And that's what they did. In Rumney, a little different situation, they wouldn't raise the kind of money we're looking at trying to appropriate. Just something to think about.

John Rescigno: We had numerous building committee meetings and they came to the realization that that building can't be built for less than a million and the last time we came up with a plan someone told me personally that they could come up with better pricing than this, so later when I talked to that same person to ask if they had come up with better pricing, they said they hadn't planned on doing that. The reality is, a building that has 4 bays, not the Taj Mahal, it has 4 bays which is basically what we need. It has a salt shed and a sand shed. It's not extravagant. It's 785,000 dollars for roughly 100,000 dollars a year raised through taxation. I know it's a decent amount of money, but we need the garage in order to protect your vehicles. The vehicles need to be protected in order to protect the roads. If we don't have the vehicles, we can't protect the roads and everything goes to \*\*\*\*.

Moderator: We now will close the discussion. There is a motion to proceed with the vote.

Miles Sinclair: There has been a motion made to vote on the article, but there has not been a vote on that. Just one person doesn't get to decide that, the people get to decide that.

Moderator: The motion was to call for a vote. Seconded by Alan Paladino.

Vote is taken on the motion to close discussion and vote on the Article. Motion passes.

Moderator goes over the voting procedure again. Poll will be open for one hour. Moderator calls for a 15-minute break. Supervisor's ask that people not rush to the table, there is plenty of time to vote. Voting will continue to at least 11:09 am.

15 MINUTE BREAK

Moderator reads article 3.

**Article 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred ninety-one thousand, eight hundred ninety-two dollars (\$791,892)** 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**

Ron makes motion to except article as written; John Rescigno seconds the motion.

Moderator opens up for discussion.

John speaks to the article: This is our operating budget for the year we've had a hearing for any questions on it. It's pretty self-explanatory.

Bill Jolly: How does this compare to last year 's budget?

Sara Smith: If you open your book to page 13 on the budget it shows this last year 's approved budget and this year 's proposed budget and you can compare them next to each other.

John Rescigno: So, it's \$159,876 less, that was including the town garage, so your taxes would go down if the town garage is approved. We don't need the sarcasm and it really doesn't matter. It's your votes to vote on the Town garage, it's not us, it's you.

Steve Spafford: I would like to make a motion to amend the article 2.

Moderator: Steve has presented an amendment to Article 3.

(some discussion on the written amendment and what page number for the budget is in question)

Moderator: To public safety line 4210.3 page Police Officers wages part time to read \$1, reducing the Town of Groton 2021 proposed operating budget to read \$773,143.

Miles Sinclair seconded the motion.

Steve Spafford: Does Groton really need a full-time Police Department due to the cost we have Michael, (Chief Bagan), and he's doing a great job. And he is doing the job. This is not to hinder him from doing his job which is what some people probably think it's no matter how this vote comes out specially if it comes out what we just did on article 2. Miles gave up his perambulation budget. Do we really need another Police man for \$18,750 and also need to consider uniforms the price of fuel keep keeping up vehicles gas prices are skyrocketing? Everything that Michael has on now is very costly we need to keep the budget line but with everything coming up even what has already happened today my suggestion is,

don't close the account let's keep the line alive with \$1.00.

Anne Joyce: Can he repeat what he said? I don't know what he is trying to do. Is he just trying to take out the part-time Police Officer?

Moderator: He's not taking it out. This motion is to take the PT Police Officer line and change it to \$1, changing the bottom line to \$773,143.

Anne: We need police in this Town and it's only \$18K.

Lou Lieto: What he suggesting is to retain the line item but not prevent the Select Board from filling that position should they decide to fill it. We've been looking for quite a while and there are very few applicants so that is not likely to change if you look at various roads in this town, including the one I live on, River Road, you see things that weren't here a couple of years ago. They are unpleasant with conditions that are not safe. I think we should keep looking for that officer and I think when we find them, we should hire him or her. So, I would urge you to reject this amendment.

Miles Sinclair: Just referring people to page 53 of the 2020 report first paragraph sentence in the paragraph, "all that being said Groton has received a fairly moderate volume of calls with relatively low offense numbers. This is a testament to the quality in self-reliance of the residence we have their goodwill and patience toward one another I commend all of you and ask that you keep that attitude going forward." On page 55, "The town of Groton has a lot a total of 526 cars with police dispatch center year to date for 2020 is a breakdown. Miles continues used to read through the list of calls. (See page 55 of the 2020 Town Report.)

I'm not against law-enforcement. That's how I made my living before I retired. I also believe that a police department needs to be appropriately sized for the community that it represents.

I have argued in the past, and just to give our police chief credit, the more I see from him in the more I like. He appears to really have a good sense of humor, which can go along way and deescalating situations a police officer is going to encounter, but if you do the math and divide the 526 calls by 365 days this is 1.44 incidents that a police officer deals with on a daily basis. I asked the police chief earlier at the budget hearing, whether he was able to adequately address all things happening in Groton and his response was yes that he could. Any full-time officer worth his salt can more than handle everything the Town of Groton has presented him with. So, I, like Slim, do not feel at this point that we need additional police officers as long as we have the one we do. In 2012 there was a warrant article having to do with the police department. My recollection was that either we should have a full-time police officer, or a part-time police officer, not both. In my opinion having a full-time police chief and additional part-time officers is an unnecessary given the workload presented them.

Chief Michael Bagan: I've probably met everyone here at least once. I'm Michael Bagan, Chief of Police. A correction, Mr. Sinclair, I'm a part-time position and I'm limited to 25, (29), hours a week. I don't have the capability of the full-time coverage. I'm restricted for hours and how I can use my hours. Are there any other questions or issues?

John Rescigno: So the 1.44 calls today would be covered by our Groton Police Officer if we had 24-hour per day coverage, and we do not. We have a part-time Police Officer that works up to 29 hours a week. So that greatly reduces the coverage that we have in a week to respond to the 526 calls that we have. A

part-time Police Officer would only increase the coverage and the safety of the Town.

Bill Jolly: The 24 hours of coverage, unless we had a full-time police department, not full-time officers or an array of part-time officers, we're never going to have nor could we afford a 24 hour, seven days a week department.

Going with a full-time officer is not going to dramatically increase the responses unless we had an officer on duty 24/7. There's a difference between your full-time cop and a part-time cop, full-time agency and a part-time agency. So even if we have a full-time officer in the future we're not going to have that coverage. That doesn't mean that what he's doing isn't great, it is. We just need to make sure that that's in our minds.

Lou Lieto: We don't have that many actions as Miles meticulously read us through, but rather, why not? Are we all wonderful people, or is there a presence of the police in this community? I believe it's the latter. I live on River Road which is the furthest extreme from the Town House and I see the police officers' car at least once and usually more than once a day he just drives by. It takes him a couple of minutes and at present it has a moderating affect. I'd like that presence to continue when he's not available, and he's not available a lot as you have heard. That's not because he's not willing it's because we need a little more capacity to carry on when he's not available. We probably won't be able to find somebody, we haven't been able to find somebody but we can leave the option open to continue to look. If it's one dollar line-item preservation guess how much time is going to be spent looking for that person? You got it, none.

Leave the option open, there's \$18,000 in the budget. We don't have to spend that, but Select Board has been doing a good job not spending money they don't have to spend so I would suggest let's leave the position available and continue to see what we can do. Look around as you drive on our roads, you'll see some places you didn't see 10 years ago. Let's not let that become a need before we react to it.

Sara Smith: Chief, that 526 calls, is that only what you've responded to?

Chief Bagan: No, there's a combination. Some are forwarded to State police as well. That call volume does not include all the in-house stuff that I do when people come into the office and I handle it within the office for pistol licenses and permit processing and all that other kind of non-dispatched items.

Sara: So, the motor vehicle ones, like pulling people over, are technically just you, correct?

Chief: Yes.

Sara: But that's only during the hours you're here and we only have a part-time Police Chief. So obviously that number would increase probably if we had coverage to cover more hours?

Chief: Yes. That is correct.

David Jacques: I would like to say we should keep the dollars in the budget and continue to look to see if we can't get another part-time officer. Especially with the conditions with the roads we have now with the improvement of Sculptured Rocks, N. Groton Road. Being right on the road I see what's happening with this road and we need to have visibility by our Police Department to hinder people from getting out of control. Is it going to take one tragedy in this town? Is that worth \$18,000? Because, I can see it coming; it's going to happen. In the seven years I've been here it's progressively gotten worse on this

road. I've had people going by my house at 60 miles an hour before the road was fixed, so, I can't imagine what's going to be happening this summer. So, I believe we do need to continue to look so we can get more exposure by our own Police Department.

Slim: The sign that you pass coming in that flashes at you, Mike has two of them in town I thought that was great, I'm glad you did that because I hope that did help out for those who are experiencing speeders. Also, I'm going to take a little bit of an exception here to what Lou said, how bad things are in his part of the town. Yes, there are problems around town that he's referring to. I take exception to that in that this last Saturday was our clean-up day. I'm chairman of the Conservation Commission and I started the business of getting the roads cleaned up twice a year, we do it in the fall after Labor Day. And we just did it this last Saturday. It would be great if everyone else would help us out. Only had six people do the whole town. We thought we did pretty darn good job. That includes a state highway not just our Town road. Thank you those who are here that participated. (Slim deviated a little from the topic so the Moderator stopped him).

Dave Leone: Correct me if I'm wrong, whether we leave the dollar or whether we leave that amount right there, the Select Board still has the authority to use that money where they see fit in the budget? So, if the money is in the budget someplace whether they use it for a part-time Officer or whether they use it for something else, it's up to the board? Is that correct?

John Rescigno: That is correct, but we usually use the money that people allocate for certain funds, for those specific funds. We don't shift money around unless there is a crisis that we have to, like when we had the flood. Otherwise, we use that money where you anticipate it to go.

Moderator calls for any further discussion. Seeing there is none he called for a vote on the amendment. This motion is to take the PT Police Officer line and change it to \$1, changing the bottom line to \$773,143.

Amendment fails.

Moderator calls for discussion on Article 3 as written.

Dave Leone: Question for Bubba, they Highway Department budget has increased this year. It increased last year. As of last year, from my calculations, we're spending about \$26,000 per mile to maintain the roads. Can you tell me what the extra money is in there will be used for? I've maintained roads on my life, when I see a street sign that's falling down in the bottom of the snowbank and I go by several times and it hasn't been picked up, or I see debris in the ditch line that can cause water to come out and wash out the road I've got a wonder where the \$50,000 increase that we gave you last year went and now you're asking for more money this year and I think \$26,000+ dollars a mile to maintain the roads is an awful lot.

Bubba: I'm a little lost as to where you see the \$50,000 increase over last year?

Dave: Maybe I'm wrong but last year's budget was it not \$50,000 higher than the year before?

Sara: It's not even \$30,000, it's more like \$28,000 and \$25,000 of that used to be a warrant article for Groton paved roads. There was an article for that and the town had put the request through to add that to the budget. So, the Groton paved roads repair and maintenance line 4312.15 for \$25,000 was once an

article that was done every year so the articles are \$25,000 less because that amount was moved to his budget. So that's the majority of his \$30,000 increase.

Dave: So we'll be going from \$76,000 last year to \$106,000 this year?

Sara: What we spent was \$76,000. We budgeted \$80,301, so it's a \$26,000 difference. \$25,000 of that is from what once was a Warrant Article for Groton Paved Roads.

John: Are we looking to tear the town down? That's my question. We're trying to nickel and dime to take it down. I moved up here six years ago, back then I was working at Sherman Williams and I had a painter ask me where I lived, and when I told him, he said, "I know your Town, you have the worst roads in the state", it was an embarrassment. You're asking where the money's going, look at the roads, part of this was from grant money but look at the roads.

Dave: I am speaking about the operating budget. Most of that was from Warrant articles and I'm asking about the operating budget.

John: It's a part of the operating budget. It's maybe why there's some extra money in it.

Dave: All the repairs that were done on the roads are all over and above. I'm asking about the operating budget. My question was to ask why we're spending \$26,000 a mile on the roads; it sounds like a lot of money to me.

Moderator: I see there's no further discussion, we will vote on Article 3 as written.

Moderator reads Article 3 again.

Article passes.

Moving to Article 4:

#### **Article 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following CAPITAL RESERVE AND/OR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipalities general fund. (majority vote required)

- . Fire and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (December 31, 2020 balance: \$64,650.96)
- . Perambulation Non-Capital Reserve Fund (December 31, 2020 balance: \$34247.08)

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

John moves the article as written, Ron seconded.

Bill Jolly: This is a question. We are required by law to do a perambulation periodically is that correct? We're not required to have buyer and equipment capital reserve fund is that correct?

Laura Spector-Morgan: You're not required to have any Capital Reserve Fund.

Bill Jolly: Miles, you were involved with this last time, what was the cost for the perambulation last time? What I'm leaning to, we're not going to have a Fire Department, so why don't we amend to make that zero and then make the other stay so we can afford that if it's a large expense.

Miles Sinclair: I'm willing to speak to the need for more perambulation.

I first got on the board of selectmen in 2008 and became aware shortly after that under the law you are required to perform a perambulation at least once every seven years forever is the wording of the statute. The reality is very few communities do this and they are not penalized in any way for failing to comply with this statute. We, being the board at the time try to get professional surveyors to do that and we got an estimate for Groton/Rumney line \$50,000 just to do that one seven-mile line. And we did get a bid to

(alarm went off for the 1-hour mark on voting on Article 2)

do the Groton/Alexandria line that was performed by Allen Barnard. Don't want to get too deep into my opinion, we did not get what we paid for they were supposed to have done an actual survey they did not they were supposed to have installed granite markers at reach each road crossing he did not he was supposed to do blazes to the extent that they could be blazed on the trees in that area he did not walk that line myself and 70 to 80% of that could have been done. Because it cost to have surveyors or do it was exorbitant and even the people that submitted the bid made mention they weren't even looking for that work anyways I decided to step up and offer my services and as a result of that we have done every single line we've obtained GPS coordinates we've obtained photographs of all the monuments we refreshed blazes where possible I did not do any new blazes I didn't take a hatchet and chop away at a tree bark to be able to paint it in the future. When we did the Groton/Orange line I did it with Scott Sanbourne who is a representative from the Town of Orange and he is a licensed surveyor so he did take, on occasion, he brought a machete and he would create new blazes so it made it more readily available where the line is. I did not do any of that myself.

The amount that I charged the town worked out \$400 per line. I wanted something for it because it is can be pretty difficult to walk some of these areas along the line. Right now, we've complied with the law, we've submitted the information as required to the State and we're in a position now where everything is known that needs to be known and we have pictures to document where the monuments lie. So, if they need to be found, great. In a perfect world would it be optimal to have somebody else continue to do this, yes. Is it realistic that we're going to find someone willing to do that that's as crazy as me? Probably not. Clearly, it's an issue for the town to consider. The primary reason this article was constructed as is, was to use that money instead for something more important and the belief at that time was that the more important thing was for the highway garage to be constructed. So, what the towns people choose to do with it at this point is obviously up to them. Unless anybody has any further questions that's my spiel.

Moderator: any other discussion on the article?

Bill Jolly: Can we amend this article to keep some money in the perambulation and eliminate the other?

Laura Spector-Morgan: You can amend to not include perambulation. You can't change the amount. You can't take money out of it. Once money is in a Capital Reserve Fund, you can't take a part of it out for something else you either discontinued the fund and everything comes out or you stop putting money in and you spend it down but you can't at some point decide there's too much money there we're going to take half out that's not a thing.

Moderator: Any other discussion on the article?

Moderator calls for a vote on Article 4. He reads the article as written.

The article passes

One hour is up for voting on the bond article.

15-minute break.

Of a total of 96 votes on Article 2 there were 58 no, 38 yes; the Article 2 Failed.

Lou Lieto: I make a motion to reconsider Article 5; Marilyn Lieto seconded.

Moderator: read the article 5 again (see above).

Article 5 is open for discussion again.

Dave Leoni: I'm confused did we already reconsider article 5? Can we do that more than one time?

Sara Smith: Yes, the attorney said before she left we could.

Bill Jolly: Can we make a motion to amend it now?

Pam Hamel: I would say that we should reconsider this because we do need to put money into that disaster relief and we do need to put money in assessing reval., so we should reconsider it, offer an amendment to zero out public works, and keep those other ones as they are because we do need this money.

Lou Lieto: Point of order. The amendment is only relevant when the reconsideration passes.

Moderator calls the vote on the reconsideration of Amendment 5

Vote taken to reconsider Article 5 passes.

Now discussing Article 5 as it is written.

Motion made to amend Article 5 presented by Pam Hamel. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000 to be added to the previously established CR funds. Disaster Relief, \$50,000, Assessing Reval. \$7000. Public Works \$0.

Ann Joyce seconded.

Moderator: We are now are considering the amendment presented to article 5.

No discussion, so Moderator reads the amendment to Article 5 again.

To add \$57,000 to the capital reserve fund \$50,000 into disaster relief fund and \$7000 into assessing Reval capital reserve fund.

Vote taken on the amendment to Article 5.

The amendment passes.

\*\*Moderator goes on to Article 6. No vote taken on the amended Article 5.\*\*

**Article 5 fails due to not going back and voting on the amended Article.**

Moderator reads Article 6.

**Article 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred ten thousand dollars ( \$110,000)** for repair/construction of the River Road project.

(submitted by the highway department and road committee)

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

Tony Albert motions to except the article as written; Ron Madan seconded

Moderator opens the Article for discussion.

Tony Albert: This is the last paved road we have work to do on. This is the price that we got when we got an estimate for a shim coat. It's not going to be a grind and pave, just a shim coat.

Pam Hamel: I don't really know the condition of River Road except for I've heard that it's awful. So, I'm wondering, is really enough money to do what needs to be done. Do they need culverts? Is this really just for shimming? How long is it that going to last? Those are my questions.

Tony Albert: The \$110,000 is for paving and Bubba had planned on using the \$25,000 to replace to replace a few culverts and upgrade the rest of the road so that was going to be taken out of his budget to do the upgrades that need to be done before we pave it.

Bubba: I think there's five culverts that need to be replaced because Dave Leone and the road crew replaced 4 or 5 a couple years ago before the last flood then we had to stop working on some of the roads for a while.

Steve Marston: How many feet of road are involved in that?

Sara: 6500 linear feet

Steve Marston: So, it's a little over a mile?

Bubba: A mile and a quarter Roughly.

Moderator: Any more questions? Seeing there are no more questions we will vote on Article 6.

Moderator reads the article again and vote is taken.

The article passes.

Moderator reads article 7

**Article 7:**

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-five thousand five hundred ninety-three dollars (\$135,593)** to repair damages received due to a severe storm in July 2019 with **one hundred one thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars (\$101,695)** to come from FEMA and the remaining **thirty-three thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$33,898)**, the Town's 25% portion of the cost, to come from general taxation.

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

1:02:02

Tony Albert motions to except article as written; Ron Madan seconded.

Moderator: The article has been moved and seconded is there any discussion, any questions?

Since there are no questions will go forward to voting.

Article passes.

Moderator reads article 8.

**Article 8:**

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of **four thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$4975)** for the repair of the bridge that leads to the Town Conservation Pond.

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

Ron Madan makes a motion to except the article as written; John Rescigno seconded.

Moderator asked for any discussion.

John Rescigno: This is the bridge over by the Town pond that leads to the Conservation area where we always use the fishing derby. That bridge rotted out and it needs to be replaced and this is the estimate for replacing that bridge deck.

Bubba: Lumber has gone up about 200% in the last few months. We were hoping to replace it with pressure treated lumber but after speaking to a few carpenters, pressure-treated will probably rot out in a year or two. It's not really as pressure treated as it used to be. We're going to try to go back to

Hemlock and I think we can still hold this price. It seems like a lot of money but the fishing derby is a big deal in Town. We're going to try to fix it up enough so that people can walk over at this year. We won't be able to drive over it and there's not enough time between now and the fishing Derby to actually replace the whole bridge but we're going to try to get it done this summer.

Dave Leone: What is the width of the bridge?

Miles Sinclair: One of the criticisms is that this bridge wasn't done right the first time and that's why it has to be replaced already.

John Rescigno: I don't think I said it wasn't done right the first time.

Miles: I thought as far as the decking using Hemlock as opposed to pressure-treated.

John Rescigno: I don't know what was used on the deck the first time all I know is that the deck rotted out so there's no criticism on my part it needs to be replaced and we're looking at the price to replace the deck.

Miles: I've been significantly involved with the Hardy Country Snowmobile Club for a number of years and built a lot of bridges both new and re-decked, and it's my experience that pressure treated lumber definitely last longer than Hemlock. I would urge the board if you can find the money somehow somewhere in the budget to re-deck that with pressure-treated I think the town would benefit from that as opposed to using Hemlock again.

Bubba: If you want to go with the pressure-treated, I do know that it will be at least \$2500 higher than what that price is now.

Ted Yeaton: I've been involved with building Logging bridges with rough sawn Hemlock. It's definitely a thicker material than pressure treated and if you run heavy loads over it, I think the Hemlock will take the weight better than pressure treated.

Bubba: The Hemlock will actually be stained prior to putting it down.

Miles: And just to be clear when I was speaking of the re-decking of bridges, new bridges, we were using 4 x 6" pressure-treated so it wasn't just 2 inches. This carries the load of the groomers.

Dave Leone: I don't know how it will affect the Warrant Article, but if you want to do it in Hemlock I'll saw out and donate the Hemlock to the town. (Applause)

Steve Marston: When you were putting this together did anyone look at prestressed concrete to compare prices? Might be a good idea.

Moderator calls for a vote on the article.

Article passes.

Moderator reads article 9.

**Article 9:**

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of **three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3200)** for excavation services to prepare for the construction of the concrete slabs at the transfer station. (submitted by the transfer station supervisor)

**Select Board recommends this article 3-0**

John Rescigno moves to except the article as written; Tony Albert seconded.

Norm Willey: When we started on the slab project two years ago, we thought we might be able to get away with just rearranging where the dumpsters are now. After having two or three contractors look at it, they said that wasn't going to work. So, what this money is for is for the dirt work prior to pouring the slab so they don't break up like the partial ones we have there now. We have no idea what it's underneath there no one in town remembers exactly what was done and to support the slab with rebar in it and for it to last with dumpsters banging back-and-forth on it when they get emptied and put back in that's what this article is for. Originally, we thought maintenance budget at the transfer station for mowing and maintenance on the landfill painting staining that type of thing, that we might have enough money in that line item to pay for the minimal amount of dirt work that would be necessary, but unfortunately that wasn't the case and so we had to put forth this Warrant Article.

Moderator: Seeing there are no comments or questions will vote on this article.

Article passes.

**Article 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand dollars (\$3000)** for the purpose of grave mapping layout of the Jenny Dacosta Annex at River Road Cemetery; perform research in soil, water, elevation or restrictions in grave layout; establish burial rights for each grave and procedure for internment; establish policy and procedure for memorial placement; establish and study the cost of land development to help set fees for future grave sales; review Perpetual Care funds currently established and future needs from grave sales. (submitted by the Cemetery Trustees)

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

Tony Albert motions to accept the article as written; Ron Madden seconded.

James Gaffey Speaks as Cemetery Trustee: This article pertains to a .7-acre parcel of land that was purchased in 2011 for the expansion of the River Road cemetery. In the 10 years since the parcel was purchased it has been cleared but not properly mapped for use as a cemetery. In the past year we have received inquiries from residents particularly in North Groton concerning the sale of plots since the original part of the cemetery is full and not available for any future burials, the time is right. You probably know about the cemetery or the addition to the cemetery. It quickly became clear to us that as cemetery volunteers/trustees that the process of mapping the cemetery was far beyond our ability. There's a great deal involved with the establishment of a new cemetery or the expansion of an old cemetery. The state of New Hampshire has several requirements that must be met in order to open the

cemetery for burials. At the recommendation of the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association, we were put in contact with a cemetery consulting firm in Massachusetts. They came out and did an evaluation of the site and made a proposal for the proper mapping of the cemetery. It's not an easy process at all which we thought it might be. There are many requirements in addition to what the state requires where the aisles will be placed for example, ample turning radius for hearses and funeral corteges and digging equipment all must be properly laid out. The aisles and the roads are actually far more involved than we thought and for that reason we're asking for this Warrant Article of \$3000. The site also slopes rather steeply on one side and we need to lay the cemetery out so that there's no erosion that would undermine the headstones and prevent problems down the road. In addition to the actual mapping of the cemetery and laying it out, the consultant has agreed to, as part of the expenditure, review our documents regarding the sale of plots, how many people can be buried there in a particular plot. He's reviewed the documents that we have now regarding sale and purchase of burial sites. They do need some updating and that will be included in part of the process. So, our hope is that the Town will approve this expenditure it's a one-time expense. Once the cemetery is properly mapped out it should take care of the Town's burial needs well into the future.

No discussion so the Moderator reads the article again, and calls for a vote.

Article passes.

**Article 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of **two hundred forty-six dollars (\$246)** for deposit in the conservation fund. Fund to be offset by **two hundred forty-six dollars (\$246)** from unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the timber tax revenue for 2020 (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

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

John Rescigno excepts Article 11 as written; Tony Albert seconded.

No discussion or comments, so Moderator reads the Article again and calls for a vote.

Article 11 passes.

**Article 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Hebron Public Library pursuant to our 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)

**Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 0-3.**

Ruth Millett accepts the Article as written; Steve Spafford seconded.

Ruth Gaffey: I've been a library trustee for years but no longer and one. And I have come to you each year to ask you to pass this article, but this year I think we should not, so I am in agreement with the

Select Board, but I do feel as though I should give you some information. The Hebron library has had a hard Time. They have not been able to hire or retain a director for the last three or four years. They are open and people can use them. For the last three years we tried hard to build enthusiasm in use for the library but I don't really feel like that's happened. There are not enough Groton residents that really use the library to make it worth \$2000 a year to join into that. I want you to know that you can use the Plymouth library and pay for a library card you can use the Minot-Sleeper Library And not pay for a library card. And those libraries are open for more often than the Hebron library. It's not to speak ill of the Hebron library, it's just the fact of the matter. There's a little over \$10,000 remaining in that account. I talked to the State Librarian for about an hour one day, and he informed me that that money should not go back into the general fund because of the way the money came about. I was not here at the time. It was his opinion that that money should go for library purposes for the Town of Groton. His recommendation was that that money be kept in the fund and if anyone in the Town of Groton wants to get a library card anywhere, they should come to the town with a receipt and that would be paid for. So, you could go to the Plymouth library for example and pay \$40 for a library card, If you're over 60 it's only \$10. Then you can bring your receipt to the Town, or to the Library Trustees and they would reimburse you for that money. Obviously, that would last well into the Town of Grotons' future. That's all I wanted to let you know is what I know of the situation.

Moderator asks for any discussion questions.

Moderator reads the article again and calls for a vote.

Article fails.

### **Article 13:**

To see if the town will vote to change all voting times for state, federal, newfound area school district, and 10 elections to take place from 11 AM to 7 PM on all election days. These are the current polling hours for town elections all other elections her pulling hours of 8 AM to 7 PM.

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

John Rescigno motions to accept the article as written; Ron Madden seconded.

Moderator opens for discussion.

Tony Albert: Towns around us, Hebron, and others, they do this 11-7. They have a bigger population than us and they seem to get by. 8am-7pm it's a long day and we seem to get by. It's hard to find people for that period of time. Ballot Clerks now once it gets to 7 pm they're gone. We don't seem to have a lot of volunteers to count. State law says that the Town's people can decide to change that time.

Pam Hamel: I've been involved in elections for years so it seems that the last couple of presidential elections the last three actually we've been slammed. And I'm concerned just for that elections would be fine but presidential elections starting in 2008, The last four that we've had, we've been slammed. Most people coming in before 11:00am. I don't know how it would work for them to come just from 11 AM on. That's my concern.

Ruth Millett: My only concern about this, like Pam said, is during Presidential elections especially. With all the talk about disenfranchised voters I think it's very important that we allow enough time for those who work, especially, to be able to come in and vote before they work. Usually when we have elections, we have a bunch of people that come early and then a large group of people that come later in the day. In the middle of the day everyone's working so we don't have as many throughout the day. It does seem like a long day but I think it's very important especially these days to get out those who want to vote.

Sherry Nelson: Couldn't the three supervisors of the checkless take turns just so there is one there sometime all day long between eight and seven but not all three of you need to be there all day?

Pan Hamel: It doesn't work that way.

Moderator closes discussion, reads the Article again and calls for a vote.

Article fails.

**Article 14:**

To see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 80:80 to authorizing the Selectman to dispose of property acquired by tax deed as justice may require, in addition to disposing it by public auction and advertised sealed bids. This authority shall continue indefinitely and remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Municipal Town Meeting.

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

Ron Madden motions to accept the Article as written; Tony Albert seconded.

John Rescigno: So, this is an Article that we passed a couple years ago. The main change in this is that we changed the wording, as many other towns have, to include "as justice may require", and that enables us to open up other possibilities of selling the land such as realtors etc.

Pam Hamel:

The next article is about specific pieces of property so my question is if we pass article 14 in the future can they just dispose of properties without coming to the town such as what Article 15 looks like, saying, we want to dispose of this particular piece?

John Rescigno: It just pertains to the way we dispose of it. That's it. We will still go through the same process.

The Moderator, since there is no more discussion, reads the Article again, and calls for a vote.

Article passes.

**Article 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectman to dispose of the following tax deeded properties by listing them with a realtor for sale, or otherwise as justice may require and allowing the Selectman to

negotiate the terms of sale, including but not limited to the sale price.

Map 1 Lot 91  
Map 2 Lot 26  
Map 7 Lot 36  
Map 10 Lot 12  
Map 10 Lot 22  
Map 10 Lot 29  
Map 10 Lot 40

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

Ron Madden motions to accepts the Article as written; John Rescigno seconded.

John Rescigno: Page 52 in the book has the locations of these parcels. These are all tax deeded properties that the town has had for quite some time and we are looking to dispose of those properties.

Steve Spafford: A word of caution is what I want to say. What is the liability of the Select Board when they put them up for sale when there's no clear title? There's one of these that has no clear title. So, what liability does the town incur, unless you have done your homework and got that changed.

John Rescigno: Normally the buyer does the title search.

Steve Spafford: It's up to them? Buyer beware?

Dave Darlington: I'd like to amend the article to remove the two lots on old Rumney Road. Map 2, lot 26 and map 10, lot 22. I would like to remove them for this year at least and challenge the conservation commission to come up with a plan to make it a town property for a forest or whatever we can use it for. It seems to me we have the opportunity to expand the conservation of the land. These are adjacent lots. The valuation is about \$80,000 so that's not a lot of deferred taxes for the town it would only be like \$300 a year that would go to the town if they paid their taxes. No, I'd like to see it removed from this year 's warrant article for those two lots. If we can't come up with a way to preserve it for conservation land even just to hold it. If I sold it to a developer, they put houses on there, overall adding to the school population. I don't think it would be enough to cover the extra cost comparing one house to the cost of the school. Primarily it's a conservation article I'd like for us to take a year and figure out how we could use this property. So, I would like to amend the article to remove lots 10,26 and 10,22. Moderator receives written amendment to article 15.

Bill Jolley makes a motion to accept amendment to Article 15. (Someone from the audience seconded the amendment)

Moderator calls for discussion on the Amendment. There is none, so Moderator calls a vote on the Amendment.

Amendment passes.

Moderator reads the amended article 15.

Amended article 15:

To see if the town will go to authorize Selectman to dispose of the following tax dead properties by listing them with a realtor for sale, or otherwise as justice require allowing the selectmen to negotiate the terms of sale, including but not limited to the sale price.

Map one lot 91

Map seven Lot 36

Map 10 Lot 12

Map 10 Lot 40

Note: this modification is intended to change only the removal of lot map 2 lot 26, and map 10 lot 22, from approved list of properties authorized to be disposed of in 2021.

No discussion on the amended article.

Vote taken.

The amended article passes.

**Article 16:**

To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectman transact any other business that may legally become before the town.

No discussion on this article.

John Rescigno motions to accept this article as written; Ron madden seconds

Don't take them

Article passes.

Moderator adjourns the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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

**Resident Death Report**

**01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021**

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Newton, Jonathan James	04/10/2021	Not available	Not available	Not available	U
Heiser Jr, Jack Diller	07/04/2021	Meredith, NH	Heiser Sr, Jack	Signor, Ardella	N
Chase III, Lewis Riker	07/05/2021	Groton, NH	Chase Jr, Lewis	Sole, Tosca	Y
Cross, Richard Elton	09/26/2021	Groton, NH	Cross, Richard	Brown, Gloria	Y
Norman, Paul Douglas	10/11/2021	Concord, NH	Norman, Ernest	Stevens, Alice	N
Madan, Virginia Hope	10/30/2021	Groton, NH	Tibbetts, Norman	Leach, Hope	N
Kennedy, Walter E	11/01/2021	Groton, NH	Kennedy, Frank	Bishop, Elizabeth	N
Fligg, Beatrice Louise Smith	11/03/2021	Groton, NH	Matthews, Ernest	Woodward, Ellen	N
Clancy, Dick	12/13/2021	Groton, NH	Clancy, Richard	Lane, Louise	N
Chapman JR, Marshall Fuller	12/21/2021	Groton, NH	Chapman SR, Marshall	Porter, Lucy	Y

**Resident Marriage Report**

**01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021**

Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Warner, Amanda M	Groton	Bixby, Joshua J	Groton	Groton	Groton	01/28/2021
Brodie, Kristina L	Groton	Madden, David M	Groton	Groton	Jackson	02/14/2021
Elder, Jeremy A	Groton	Gromko, Melissa A	Groton	Groton	Groton	06/05/2021
O'Hearn, Stuart A	Groton	Waeger, Donna L	Groton	Groton	Rumney	09/18/2021
Parker, Virginia H	Groton	Dodenhoff, Peter C	Groton	Groton	Portsmouth	11/24/2021

**Resident Birth Record**

**01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021**

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Roberts, Dylan James	10/29/2021	Groton, NH	Roberts, Franklin	Roberts, Erica

## Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!

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

License Fees are:

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

**Current Rabies Certificate should be presented at time of registration.**

Ruth Millett  
 Town Clerk  
 Groton, New Hampshire



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

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday

12:00pm – 7:00pm

\*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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As we wrap up the 2021 year and move onto 2022, we again find ourselves in a COVID-19 environment and the appearance of a new virus strain called Omicron. Our Governor, Commissioners and Executive Council have continued to support the necessary resources to assist public health in combatting the pandemic: vaccines, vaccine sites, testing kits, health care workforce and stipends. We have lost loved ones, key members of our communities, but we continue to press forward with our best efforts and thank the people who are on the front lines.

While much of our attention has been on the pandemic, we know the opioid threat is still real, and that there is a need for further funding for drug prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. NH has lost a lot of its healthcare and small business workforce. As a state, we need more employment recruitment, housing and childcare opportunities. Our mental health system needs our continued support. State travel and tourism has been strong as people continue to recreate outdoors and enjoy NH.

Between January to December 2021, the Executive Council has conducted 25 separate public hearings to include the following: 1 Supreme Court (Chief Justice); 4 Superior Court; 13 Circuit Court; Attorney General; 3 Public Utility Commissioner; Department of Energy Commissioner, Department of Banking Commissioner. The total contract items approved were approximately 2000 to include late items during 24 meetings of which one was canceled. Of the 271 confirmations of board and commissions, 58 were from District 1.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) completed its work on The Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Draft Plan (The Ten Year Plan), working with the NHDOT and the Regional Planning Commissions while conducting 22 statewide public hearings. The Ten Year Plan now goes before the Governor for his review and then it will be presented to the Legislature for hearings and comments prior to the Governor's signature in June of 2022. GACIT took into consideration the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) by Congress to modify The Ten Year Plan. GACIT directed \$242 million in additional new federal funds for bridges (\$22 million total/\$45 million per year) and electric vehicles charging (\$17 million) as part of the IIJA. Fifteen percent (\$6.75 million annually) of the bridge funds will be allocated to the municipal bridge program, and the remainder to existing bridge projects to free up funds that have greater spending flexibility. Contact William Watson at NHDOT for any additional details at 271-3344.

Economic Development is always a top priority for my District 1 office, and I shall continue to work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. Some of District 1 action this year has included: the sale of the Shelburne Rest Stop, the demolition of Westboro Yard in Lebanon, the brokerage contract to sell the Laconia State Property, the start of the Pathway Project in North Conway, securing the area liquor licenses in Pittsburg and Errol, funding for New Durham Fish Hatchery Study, and funding to improve the Ray Burton Fire and EMS Academy in Bethlehem. Additionally, we in state government have an additional \$22.5 million going to our state park system to restore and improve capital infrastructure to include Mount Washington work.

The Governor and Council are always 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 Jonathan Melanson, Director of Appointments/Liaison or call at (603) 271-2121. A complete list of all state boards and commissions are available at the NH Secretary of State website: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm)

My office is open to receive state constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and Wrap Up Newsletter. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at [joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov](mailto:joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov). I also have an internship program for college students. My office number is 271-3632. Please stay in touch.

Serving you, Executive Councilor Joe Kenney, District 1

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

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# TOWN OF GROTON

<p><b>SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p><b>Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:00</b> *closed Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday</p> <p>744-9190 744-3382 fax</p> <p><a href="mailto:selectmen@grotonnh.org">selectmen@grotonnh.org</a> <a href="http://www.grotonnh.org">www.grotonnh.org</a></p>	<p><b>SELECT BOARD MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Evening of the month: 7:00 pm</p> <p>Please call 744-9190 by noon on Mondays to get on the current week's agenda.</p> <p>Administrative Assistant: Sara Smith</p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:9:00-4:00 Tuesday evenings: 12:00-7:00 *closed Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday All other times by appointment</p> <p>Ruth Millett Joanna Peel – Deputy</p> <p>744-8849 744-8803 fax</p> <p><a href="mailto:townclerk@grotonnh.org">townclerk@grotonnh.org</a></p>	<p><b>TRANSFER STATION HOURS</b></p> <p>Wednesday: 12:00-6:00 Saturday: 9:00-5:00 Sunday: 12:00-6:00</p> <p>744-3623</p> <p>Transfer Station Superintendent: Norm Willey</p>
<p><b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p>Chief Michael Bagan</p> <p>744-3703 744-7894 (fax)</p> <p><a href="mailto:police@grotonnh.org">police@grotonnh.org</a></p> <p>Animal Control Officer: Groton Police</p> <p><b>EMERGENCY: 911</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p>Road Agent: Robert Ellis</p> <p>744-3758</p> 