Town of Groton Warrant 2011 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2011 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 8th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 12th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 8, 2011

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 12, 2011

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred twenty-six thousand, nine hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$526,978) which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Groton will vote to abolish the police department. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to have the discretion to determine the best needs for the staffing of the Police Department whether part time or full time.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote on Article18 from the March 10, 2009 Town Meeting, requiring a full time Police Chief, and instead authorize the Select Board the discretion to employ either a full time or a part time chief.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the repair of Groton paved roads.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the construction of an under drain system along side North Groton Road.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a fire proof filing cabinet.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of the general care and maintenance of Town cemeteries, and to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) for this fund and to furthermore appoint the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$950 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2010.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 19: To see in the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-two dollars (\$322) for deposit in the Conservation Fund. This sum represents the balance of the 2010 appropriation for conservation.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$2,469) to give a 2% COLA wage increase to all Town employees hired on or before January 5, 2010, and to include the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Said increase does not apply to stipend positions.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 15th day of February 2011.

GROTON SELECT BOARD		
		
Miles Sinclair, Chairman	Kyle Andrews	Christina McClay