Town of Groton Warrant 2013 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

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

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

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 12, 2013

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 16, 2013

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred nineteen thousand, four hundred eleven dollars (\$619,411)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000)** for repair/reconstruction of a portion of North Groton Road. (submitted by Road Committee) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars** (**\$40,000**) for repair/reconstruction of a portion of North Groton Road. (submitted by Road Committee) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars** (**\$10,000**) for the repair of Groton paved roads. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Province Road. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars** (**\$10,000**) for construction of the access way to the Jenny Decoste Smith Annex to the River Road Cemetery. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fourteen thousand, nine hundred fifty dollars (\$14,950)** to construct a fire escape for the second floor of the Town House. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eleven thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$11,700)** for painting of the Town House. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand**, **one hundred ten dollars (\$1,110)** for repairs to the Transfer Station Roof. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand**, five hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$2,577) for repairs to the salt shed. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three thousand**, **five hundred dollars (\$3,500)** to complete the repairs/reconstruction of the access way to the Municipal Conservation/Recreation Area. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500)** for deposit into the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$6,501.10) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$11,028.09) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$37,008.22) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$32,459.02) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$53,010.30) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Atwell/Orange Brook Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$35,993.07) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$10,016.76) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$13,068.03) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars** (**\$5,000**) for deposit into the Fire & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2012 balance: \$50,780.00) **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred fifty dollars (\$650)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2012. This sum represents the balance of the 2012 appropriation for conservation. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two thousand dollars** (\$2,000) for a fire proof file cabinet. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850)** for support of the Groton Historical Society. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-1

ARTICLE 25: 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). **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred dollars** (**\$500**) for the purchase of surveillance equipment for the Town House. **PASSED**

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to designate the historic 1771 Dartmouth College Road, known as Province Road, located in Groton, as a scenic road according to RSA 231:157. This article will take effect immediately upon passage. (submitted by petition) **FAILED**

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen and/or Planning Board to suspend all negotiations and/or planning relative to commercial wind turbines until the State of New Hampshire updates its Energy Master Plan as put by the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, November 2002, pursuant NH Chapter 121 (2001). (submitted by petition) **AMENDED**

ARTICLE 28 AS AMENDED: To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen and/or Planning Board to suspend all negotiations and/or planning relative to new commercial wind turbines for a period of one year. **FAILED**

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to require all wind energy facilities that may come to be located in the Town to post security in the form of cash or bond, prior to initiating construction, in order

to cover the costs of removing all of the facility upon ceasing operations for a period of more than 12 months, said amount to be determined by an independent engineer. (submitted by petition) **PASSED**

ARTICLE 30: 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 __12___ day of February 2013.

GROTON SELECT BOARD

Christina Goodwin, Chairwoman

Miles Sinclair

Kyle Andrews