

**Town of Groton Warrant
2017 Annual Meeting**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 2017 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF GROTON**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 18th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

**BALLOT ARTICLES
MARCH 14, 2017**

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

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION
MARCH 18, 2017**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred fifteen thousand, thirty seven dollars (\$715,037)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to approve the hiring of a full-time Police Officer for the Groton Police Department.

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 1-2

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

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

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

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

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$65,704.26)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Perambulation Non Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$27,428.90)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for deposit into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund. (Dec. 31, 2016 balance: \$30,240.91)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the following tax deeded property using the services of a real estate broker to market such property rather than disposing of the property by public auction or sealed bid:

Off North Groton Road

Map 2 Lot 123

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

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

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 0-3

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

The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 1-2

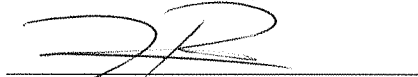
ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

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

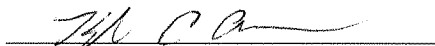
GROTON SELECT BOARD



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