

# **Town of Groton Warrant 2019 Annual Meeting**

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 12<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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### **BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 12, 2019**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION**  
**MARCH 16, 2019**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** for the repair of Groton roads. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for support of the Groton Historical Society.

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

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for support of the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA).

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

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

**The Select Board Does Not Recommend This Article 1-2**

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

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

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

**The Select Board Recommends This Article 2-0-1**

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

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred sixty-six thousand, six hundred fifty-two dollars (\$766,652)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

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

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

**GROTON SELECT BOARD**



John Rescigno, Chairman



Ron Madan