

# Town of Groton Warrant 2020 Annual Meeting

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2020 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 10<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 Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

### BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 10, 2020

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

### DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 14, 2020

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven hundred sixty-four thousand, seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$764,796)** 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 raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)** for the purpose of the Sculptured Rocks Road upgrade project with the amount of **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** (50%) being offset by a Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant the Town applied for and was awarded and the remaining town's share of **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** (50%) 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 **sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$69,000)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Town House CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2019 balance: \$47,192.85): \$5,000

Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2019 balance: \$5,135.52): \$25,000

Heavy Equipment CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2019 balance: \$62,085.72): \$5,000

Atwell/Orange Brook CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2019 balance: \$6,220.41): \$2,000

Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2019 balance: \$27,623.77): \$7,000

Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2019 balance: \$46,624.98): \$25,000

**Total Capital Reserve Funds \$69,000**

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** for repair/reconstruction of the North Groton Road project. (submitted by the Highway Department and Road Committee)

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Dump Truck with a front/wing plow with a sander for the highway department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in the 2014 Dodge 5500 with any proceeds received to offset the total purchase amount. With **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** anticipated to be received by a USDA grant, **eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)** to come from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining **sixty-two thousand (\$62,000)** to be raised by general taxation. If the grant is not received, the amount of **one hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$112,000)** will be raised through general taxation. (Majority vote required.) (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 **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 **thirteen thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars (\$13,785)** for the construction of slabs for the dumpsters at the Transfer Station. (submitted by the Transfer Station Supervisor)

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400)** for the demolition of the old library and old Town Office building.

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

ARTICLE 10: 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 11: By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Groton, NH, we the town of Groton hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

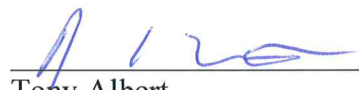

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Groton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Groton's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Groton's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 12: 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 2020.

**GROTON SELECT BOARD**

  
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John Rescigno, Chairman  
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Tony Albert  
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Ron Madan