



Groton Planning Board

Community Planning Workshop

August 15, 2012

Summary Report

Introduction

In response to increased concerns about growth and potential negative impacts associated with growth, the Groton Planning Board enlisted the assistance of North Country Council to plan and facilitate a public meeting as a first step in a possible master plan update. The meeting was widely advertised and had 36 attendees. The meeting was organized into three parts:

1. Brief introduction by North Country Council Planning Director Tara Bamford to master plan purpose and presentation of some growth-related statistics.

2. Participants sat and talked in groups while writing answers to the following:

As we review the Master Plan and other tools for guiding growth, the Planning Board needs to understand the priorities of the community. What 3 qualities of the town do you value the most?

3. Responses were reviewed and summarized by Bamford and the most popular answers were reported back to the group. These were then organized into categories and a facilitated discussion was held on the needs and threats relative to each quality of Groton that was highly valued by the participants.

Results

By far the most popular answer was “rural.” Residents went on to define rural in the other answers given:

- small population
- small town feel
- friendly
- unpaved roads
- seclusion
- homes spread out
- mountainous terrain and waterways
- safe
- agriculture
- a few small businesses
- darkness
- clean air
- wooded/wildlife
- quality of life
- recreation
- single family residential
- beauty
- quiet

For the purposes of discussion, participants agreed to summarize “rural” using the categories listed below which represent those with the highest number of responses. The needs and threats to each were identified by participants and are listed below each category.

Quality: Agriculture

Threats:

- Erosion
- Land use conflicts
- Parcelization
- Inadequate zoning
- Unsustainable timber harvest
- Use of former farmland for develop types that require large level land areas, e.g. condos, industry

Quality: Woodlands/Wildlife

Threats:

- Public misconceptions that conservation easements negatively impact the tax base
- Roads - fragmentation
- Population growth and development
- Fire

Quality: Recreation

Threats:

- Posting of private lands by landowners
- Lack of organized nonmotorized trail program, e.g. to compile and disseminate information to the public on trail locations, organize grooming, and work to protect trail corridors
- Some ATV riders souring public opinion on trails in general
- Lack of safe bike lanes

Quality: Single Family Residential

Threats:

- Conflicting land uses
- Condominium-type development
- Unregulated residential uses that may pose threats to health or safety

Quality: Quiet

Threats:

- Increasing population
- Increasing traffic
- Weak zoning that doesn't manage land use conflicts adequately
- "McMansions" with helipads not precluded

Quality: Darkness

Threats:

- Population growth with more homes, and eventually, demand for more streetlights
- Poor lighting design, excessive lighting

- Security lights that lack timers

Quality: Privacy/Seclusion

Threats:

- Land use regulations allow lots that are too small and residential density that is too dense
- Inadequate setbacks

Recommendations

The public workshop results provided the Planning Board with clear direction for reviewing the master plan vision and goals. What is less clear is what tools residents will feel are most appropriate for achieving those goals. It is recommended that a survey be conducted as one means for getting feedback from residents on a variety of approaches.

It may also be helpful to form a zoning study committee comprised of the Planning Board and other interested citizens, including representation from those concerned about giving up private property rights for public benefits. This committee would participate first in reviewing and revising the land use recommendations in the master plan, and then in implementing them by recommending zoning changes to Town Meeting. To ensure ample time for this two-way dialog it is recommended that Town Meeting 2014 be the target date.

Examples of North Country Council member services available for this type of process include: guidance on survey questions and sample surveys; review of drafts of the new master plan language, survey, and zoning amendments; multiple meetings at each step to provide guidance and help facilitate the process.

***Town of Groton, New Hampshire
Community Survey***

We are about to begin an update of the Town's Master Plan and need your input to develop an understanding of what community members want the Town to be over the next 10 – 20 years. Please take time to complete the attached survey, telling us what you value about Groton and want to preserve, what you see as areas that need to be improved, and initiatives you think should be undertaken to keep Groton a vibrant and special place for the future. Note that your responses will be anonymous. We look forward to a high response rate. We all have a stake in the future of the town and we need to hear from you.

1. Please check which best describes your residence status in Groton. ___Year round resident ___Seasonal/ Camp
2. Check which best describes your age ___under 18 ___18 – 39 ___40 – 64 ___65 +
3. Is it important to continue the support of recreational opportunities? ___Yes ___No
4. How important are each of the following types of housing development options:

	Very Important	Quite Important	Fairly Important	Not Important
Senior Citizen Housing				
Seasonal Housing				
Cluster Development				
Condo Development				
Single Family Housing				

5. Please rate the following services provided by the Town of Groton.

	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Law Enforcement & Protection				
Fire Protection				
Rescue and ambulance				
Transfer Station				
Park and Recreation				
Library				

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6. Remembering that the State Highway in town begins at the Hebron town line (No. Groton Rd.) and proceeds to Halls Brook Rd. down to the Rumney town line

	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
What is the general condition of State roads in Groton?				
What is the general condition of Town roads?				

7. Do you agree that Groton is doing enough to protect the following?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The natural beauty of town					
Conservation areas (wildlife refuges, forests, etc.)					
Waters (streams, ponds)					
Wetlands					
Watersheds					
Aquifer Management					
Steep slopes erosion control					
Night skies (from light pollution)					

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8. To what extent do you agree that the following are problems in Groton?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Litter					
Crime					
Junk vehicles, boats and equipment in view of roads and neighbors					
Property value reduction due to commercial operations on adjacent properties.					
Inadequate zoning to guide future development.					

9. To what extent are you satisfied with the following?

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Progress towards introduction of innovative, alternative and renewable energy sources in town facilities.					
Existing zoning district (Rural/Residential/Agricultural/Timber Management)					
Residential development density (currently 2 acre minimum lot size)					
Preservation of agricultural lands					
Preservation of historical buildings and town's heritage					
Use of natural resources e.g. forests, gravel, by commercial operations					
Protection of rivers and streams through setback guidelines					
Public park					

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10. How would you like to see the town use income from the Wind Farm? Prioritize the following, 1 being the most important and 8 being least important.

- Save for future
- Repair roads
- Improve transfer station
- Reduce tax burden
- Create library, separate from Town House
- Increase salaries of town employees
- Purchase large tract(s) of land for recreation/conservation
- Other Please Specify: _____

11. Are you in favor of regulating building on steep slopes to prevent erosion? Y N

12. Would you like to see Transfer Station services expanded to include mandatory recycling? Yes No

13. Would you like to see Transfer Station accept construction debris? Yes No

14. Should we designate scenic roads in town? Yes No

15. Can you think of any other problem facing Groton that has not been identified?

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16. What do you consider the most desirable aspects of living in Groton?

17. What aspects of living in Groton concern you most?

18. Briefly describe your vision of Groton 20 years from now.

19. In order of importance please number the following goals that you consider most important to the future development of Groton, 1 being most important and 5 being least important:

- Maintaining quality municipal facilities and services
- Protecting our natural resources and environment
- Maintaining our rural, small-town character
- Encouraging new businesses/employment opportunities
- Keeping taxes to a minimum

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20. Please make additional constructive suggestions for the future development of Groton.

Total # of suveys = 134

Total # responders = 135

1. Please check which best describes your residence status in Groton.							
				<i>Year round</i>	<i>Seasonal/Camp</i>	<i>Total</i>	
				92	38	130	
			<i>Percent</i>	70.77%	29.23%	100.00%	
2. Check which best describes your age							
		<i>Under 18</i>	<i>18-39</i>	<i>40-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>	
		0	6	81	51	138	
		<i>Percent</i>	0.00%	4.35%	58.70%	36.96%	100.00%
3. Is it important to continue the support of recreational opportunities?							
			<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Total</i>		
			91	20	111		
		<i>Percent</i>	81.98%	18.02%	100.00%		
4. How important are each of the following types of housing development options:							
		<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Quite Important</i>	<i>Fairly Important</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Senior Citizen Housing		22	14	28	59	123	
	<i>Percent</i>	17.89%	11.38%	22.76%	47.97%	100.00%	
Seasonal Housing		18	34	20	43	115	
	<i>Percent</i>	15.65%	29.57%	17.39%	37.39%	100.00%	
Cluster Development		12	14	13	77	116	
	<i>Percent</i>	10.34%	12.07%	11.21%	66.38%	100.00%	
Condo Development		6	4	8	100	118	
	<i>Percent</i>	5.08%	3.39%	6.78%	84.75%	100.00%	
Single Family Residence		63	28	18	12	121	
	<i>Percent</i>	52.07%	23.14%	14.88%	9.92%	100.00%	
Multiple Family Residence		9	7	25	79	120	
	<i>Percent</i>	7.50%	5.83%	20.83%	65.83%	100.00%	

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5.. Please rate the following services provided by the Town of Groton.									
		<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>	<i>Total</i>			
Law Enforcement & Protection		62	42	7	18	129			
	<i>Percent</i>	48.06%	32.56%	5.43%	13.95%	100.00%			
Fire Protection		39	45	11	35	130			
	<i>Percent</i>	30.00%	34.62%	8.46%	26.92%	100.00%			
Rescue and ambulance		42	41	10	39	132			
	<i>Percent</i>	31.82%	31.06%	7.58%	29.55%	100.00%			
Transfer Station		59	51	4	9	123			
	<i>Percent</i>	47.97%	41.46%	3.25%	7.32%	100.00%			
Park and Recreation		35	39	14	35	123			
	<i>Percent</i>	28.46%	31.71%	11.38%	28.46%	100.00%			
Library		20	37	25	50	132			
	<i>Percent</i>	15.15%	28.03%	18.94%	37.88%	100.00%			
6. Remembering that the State Highway in town begins at the Hebron town line (No. Groton Rd.) and proceeds to Halls Brook Rd. down to the Rumney town line									
		<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>	<i>Total</i>			
What is the general condition of State roads in Groton?		15	56	56	1	128			
	<i>Percent</i>	11.72%	43.75%	43.75%	0.78%	100.00%			
What is the general condition of Town roads?		6	54	64	5	129			
	<i>Percent</i>	4.65%	41.86%	49.61%	3.88%	100.00%			

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7. Do you agree that Groton is doing enough to protect the following?							
		<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Somewhat Agree</i>	<i>Somewhat Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>	<i>Total</i>
The natural beauty of town		21	54	21	18	14	128
	<i>Percent</i>	16.41%	42.19%	16.41%	14.06%	10.94%	100.00%
Conservation areas (wildlife refuges, forests, etc.)		24	52	17	14	25	132
	<i>Percent</i>	18.18%	39.39%	12.88%	10.61%	18.94%	100.00%
Waters (streams, ponds)		31	44	22	13	23	133
	<i>Percent</i>	23.31%	33.08%	16.54%	9.77%	17.29%	100.00%
Wetlands		25	45	17	12	31	130
	<i>Percent</i>	19.23%	34.62%	13.08%	9.23%	23.85%	100.00%
Watersheds		23	43	14	14	39	133
	<i>Percent</i>	17.29%	32.33%	10.53%	10.53%	29.32%	100.00%
Aquifer Management		20	28	13	10	57	128
	<i>Percent</i>	15.63%	21.88%	10.16%	7.81%	44.53%	100.00%
Steep slopes erosion control		15	31	21	12	51	130
	<i>Percent</i>	11.54%	23.85%	16.15%	9.23%	39.23%	100.00%
Night skies (from light pollution)		27	36	16	10	37	126
	<i>Percent</i>	21.43%	28.57%	12.70%	7.94%	29.37%	100.00%

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8. To what extent do you agree that the following are problems in Groton?										
		<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Somewhat Agree</i>	<i>Somewhat Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>	<i>Total</i>			
Litter		22	45	37	19	8	131			
	<i>Percent</i>	16.79%	34.35%	28.24%	14.50%	6.11%	100.00%			
Crime		7	28	38	23	32	128			
	<i>Percent</i>	5.47%	21.88%	29.69%	17.97%	25.00%	100.00%			
Junk vehicles, boats and equipment in view of roads and neighbors		45	40	26	17	4	132			
	<i>Percent</i>	34.09%	30.30%	19.70%	12.88%	3.03%	100.00%			
Property value reduction due to commercial operations on adjacent properties.		22	28	26	22	34	132			
	<i>Percent</i>	16.67%	21.21%	19.70%	16.67%	25.76%	100.00%			

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9. To what extent are you satisfied with the following?									
		<i>Very Satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat Satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>	<i>Total</i>		
Progress towards introduction of innovative, alternative and renewable energy sources.		46	43	4	21	11	125		
	<i>Percent</i>	36.80%	34.40%	3.20%	16.80%	8.80%	100.00%		
Agricultural/Timber Management) with allowance of exceptions for commercial properties.		24	46	16	13	27	126		
	<i>Percent</i>	19.05%	36.51%	12.70%	10.32%	21.43%	100.00%		
Residential development density (currently 2 acre minimum lot size		54	47	11	7	5	124		
	<i>Percent</i>	43.55%	37.90%	8.87%	5.65%	4.03%	100.00%		
Preservation of agricultural lands		23	44	8	3	38	116		
	<i>Percent</i>	19.83%	37.93%	6.90%	2.59%	32.76%	100.00%		
Preservation of historical buildings and town's heritage		37	55	10	6	14	122		
	<i>Percent</i>	30.33%	45.08%	8.20%	4.92%	11.48%	100.00%		
Use of natural resources e.g. forests, gravel, by commercial operations		15	37	20	13	37	122		
	<i>Percent</i>	12.30%	30.33%	16.39%	10.66%	30.33%	100.00%		
Protection of rivers and streams through setback guidelines		21	43	16	8	31	119		
	<i>Percent</i>	17.65%	36.13%	13.45%	6.72%	26.05%	100.00%		
Everett Hobart Memorial Park		45	37	7	1	31	121		
	<i>Percent</i>	37.19%	30.58%	5.79%	0.83%	25.62%	100.00%		

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10. How would you like to see the town use income from the Wind Farm? Prioritize the following, 1 being the most important and 7 being least important.									
<i>Priorities</i>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<i>Totals</i>
Save for future		15	19	27	30	10	11	3	115
	<i>Percent</i>	13.04%	16.52%	23.48%	26.09%	8.70%	9.57%	2.61%	100.00%
Repair roads		45	39	21	6	7	0	1	119
	<i>Percent</i>	37.82%	32.77%	17.65%	5.04%	5.88%	0.00%	0.84%	100.00%
Improve transfer station		7	12	20	23	29	13	4	108
	<i>Percent</i>	6.48%	11.11%	18.52%	21.30%	26.85%	12.04%	3.70%	100.00%
Reduce tax burden		50	17	14	11	12	8	6	118
	<i>Percent</i>	42.37%	14.41%	11.86%	9.32%	10.17%	6.78%	5.08%	100.00%
Create library, separate from Town House		6	3	7	13	19	29	25	102
	<i>Percent</i>	5.88%	2.94%	6.86%	12.75%	18.63%	28.43%	24.51%	100.00%
Purchase large tract(s) of land for recreation/conservation		13	13	12	15	13	24	14	104
	<i>Percent</i>	12.50%	12.50%	11.54%	14.42%	12.50%	23.08%	13.46%	100.00%
Other	Please Specify: All suggestions included in #20								
11. Are you in favor of regulating building on steep slopes to prevent erosion?				<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Total</i>			
				108	27	135			
			<i>Percent</i>	80.00%	20.00%	100.00%			
12. Would you like to see Transfer Station services expanded to include mandatory recycling?				<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Total</i>			
				78	51	129			
			<i>Percent</i>	60.47%	39.53%	100.00%			

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13. Would you like to see Transfer Station accept construction debris?							
			<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Total</i>		
			80	46	126		
		<i>Percent</i>	63.49%	36.51%	100.00%		
14. Should we designate scenic roads in town?							
			<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Total</i>		
			75	60	135		
		<i>Percent</i>	55.56%	44.44%	100.00%		
15. In order of importance please number the following goals that you consider most important to the future development of Groton. 1 being most important and 5 being least important:							
<i>Priorities</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
Maintaining quality municipal facilities and services		16	11	33	55	8	123
	<i>Percent</i>	13.01%	8.94%	26.83%	44.72%	6.50%	100.00%
Protecting our natural resources and environment		37	25	36	14	9	121
	<i>Percent</i>	30.58%	20.66%	29.75%	11.57%	7.44%	100.00%
Maintaining our rural, small-town character		32	57	22	6	6	123
	<i>Percent</i>	26.02%	46.34%	17.89%	4.88%	4.88%	100.00%
Encouraging new businesses/employment opportunities		5	8	6	19	78	116
	<i>Percent</i>	4.31%	6.90%	5.17%	16.38%	67.24%	100.00%
Keeping taxes to a minimum		47	20	23	22	10	122
	<i>Percent</i>	38.52%	16.39%	18.85%	18.03%	8.20%	100.00%

Town of Groton Planning Board
754 North Groton Road
Groton, NH 03241
11/28/2014

According to an article in the Sunday Union Leader dated 16 Nov, 2014 – “On Nov 5, EDP filed plans with the Federal Aviation Administration for 29 wind turbines standing 499 feet in height. The turbines would be scattered among Alexandria, Canaan, Dorchester, Groton and Orange.” These new turbines will be over 100 feet taller than the existing Groton wind turbines.

You have the opportunity to give the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee feedback by responding to this mailing. Please indicate below your sentiment regarding additional industrial wind turbines located in Groton.

Please choose **ONLY** one and respond no later than *December 15, 2014*.

I **support** additional industrial wind turbines in Groton: _____

I **oppose** additional industrial wind turbines in Groton: _____

All ballots were serially numbered to ensure polling integrity. To guarantee voter anonymity the ballots were randomly inserted in all envelope.

Survey Results

Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Blue	1						
Blue	2						
Blue	3	1					
Blue	4	1					
Blue	5	1					
Blue	6						
Blue	7		1				
Blue	8	1					
Blue	9						
Blue	10						
Blue	11	1					
Blue	12		1				
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Blue	27	1					
Blue	28		1				
Blue	29		1				
Blue	30	1					
Blue	31		1				
Blue	32						
Blue	33		1				
Blue	34						
Blue	35						

Survey Results

Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Blue	36		1				
Blue	37						
Blue	38						
Blue	39		1				
Blue	40						
Blank	41						
Green	42		1				
Green	43						
Green	44						
Green	45	1					
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Green	65	1					
Green	66		1				
Green	67		1				
Green	68		1				
Green	69						
Green	70		1				

Survey Results

Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Green	71	1					
Green	72						
Green	73						
Green	74						
Green	75	1					
Green	76		1				
Green	77		1				
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Green	80						
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Red	101		1				
Red	102						
Red	103	1					
Red	104	1					
Red	105		1				

Survey Results

Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Red	106						
Red	107		1				
Red	108		1				
Red	109	1					
Red	110						
Red	111		1				
Red	112		1				
Red	113	1					
Red	114						
Red	115						
Red	116						
Red	117		1				
Red	118						
Red	119						
Yellow	120						
Yellow	121		1				
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Yellow	123		1				
Yellow	124		1				
Yellow	125	1					
Yellow	126						
Yellow	127	1					
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Yellow	131						
Yellow	132						
Yellow	133		1				
Yellow	134		1				
Yellow	135	1					
Yellow	136	1					
Yellow	137						
Yellow	138						
Yellow	139		1				
Yellow	140						

Survey Results

Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Yellow	141		1				
Yellow	142		1				
Yellow	143						
Yellow	144	1					
Yellow	145						
Yellow	146	1					
Yellow	147	1					
Yellow	148		1				
Yellow	149		1				
Yellow	150						
Yellow	151		1				
Yellow	152	1					
Yellow	153		1				
Yellow	154						
Yellow	155						
Yellow	156		1				
Yellow	157		1				
Yellow	158		1				
Salmon	159	1					
Salmon	160						
Salmon	161		1				
Salmon	162						
Salmon	163						
Salmon	164		1				
Salmon	165						
Salmon	166		1				
Salmon	167						
Salmon	168		1				
Salmon	169		1				
Salmon	170	1					
Salmon	171		1				
Salmon	172		1				
Salmon	173						
Salmon	174						
Salmon	175						

Survey Results

Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Salmon	176						
Salmon	177						
Salmon	178						
Salmon	179						
Salmon	180						
Salmon	181	1					
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Grey	210						

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Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Grey	211		1				
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Purple	239		1				
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Purple	245						

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Purple	275		1				
Purple	276						
Purple	277	1					
Purple	278		1				
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PowderBlue	280		1				

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Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
PowderBlue	281						
PowderBlue	282	1					
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PowderBlue	286		1				
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PowderBlue	307		1				
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PowderBlue	314		1				
PowderBlue	315						

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Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
PowderBlue	316		1				
PowderBlue	317		1				
PowderBlue	318		1				
Brown	319		1				
Brown	320						
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Brown	323		1				
Brown	324		1				
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Brown	350						

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Color Code	Form #	Support	Oppose				
Brown	351		1				
Brown	352		1				
Brown	353		1				
Brown	354		1				
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Brown	361	1					
Brown	362		1				
Brown	363						
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Totals		89	145	234			
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Two forms without votes, #44 and #188							
One form was photo copied							

Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The purpose of this Amendment is to ensure that the Town of Groton has rules in place that will protect the town. The Amendment will not stop alternative energy companies from building additional wind farms, rather it will ensure that the concerns of the people of Groton are considered and protect the town financially.

The State will consider people's concerns regarding large wind project applications if Groton has this Amendment in place.

yes

no

The Planning Board approved this Amendment.

Guided by responses from surveys sent to Town residents and following public hearing, the Planning Board finalized a **Large Wind Energy Systems Ordinance (LWES)** and placed the zoning amendment on the ballot for the legislative Body to consider.

On the 10th of March 2015, the measure passed with a vote of: Yes – 104 to No – 42.