

# 2016 GROTON TOWN REPORT



**Report of the Town Officers  
For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2016**

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Assistant Town Clerk	Diggins	802-584-3155
Assistant Town Clerk	Dorothy Knott	802-584-3155
Assistant Town Clerk	Lisa Hart	802-584-3131
Assistant Town Clerk	Carrie Peters	802-584-3131
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Lisa Hart	802-584-3131
Assistant Treasurer	Carrie Peters	802-584-3131
Assistant Treasurer	Linda Nunn	802-584-3276
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Asst Collector of Current Taxes	Carrie Peters	802-584-3131
Asst Collector of Current Taxes	Linda L. Nunn	802-584-3276
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Board of Zoning Adjustment	Mark Gleicher	802-584-3049
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Fence Viewers	E. Charles Frost, Jr.	802-584-3310
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Murray	802-584-3227

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Inspectors Wood, Lumber, Shingles	Robert Dorr	802-584-3359	
Inspectors Wood, Lumber, Shingles	Kenneth Ricker	802-584-3241	
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NVDA Alternate	Mark Simaskaski	802-584-3519	
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NEK Solid Waste Alternate	Caroline (Kitty) Diggins	802-584-3589	
Tree Warden	Henry Knott	802-584-3243	
Weigher of Coal	Richard Peters	802-584-3312	
Webmaster	Dave Spencer	802-584-3717	
Planning Commission	Carrie Peters	802-584-3341	
Planning Commission	Kelly Emerson	802-584-4404	
Planning Commission	Julie Oliver	802-584-4866	
Planning Commission	Ranee Curtis	802-588-2160	
Planning Commission	Nancy Vaughan	802-584-3423	
Justices of the Peace	Brent Smith	802-584-3765	
Justices of the Peace	Brittany Wilson	802-584-3987	
Justices of the Peace	Timothy Dailey Sr	802-584-3876	
Justices of the Peace	Tirone Dyer	802-584-3730	
Justices of the Peace	Linda Nunn	802-584-3881	
First Constable	Jim Downing	802-584-3211	
Free Public Library	Anne Hatch	802-584-3358	
Lister	Caroline Diggins	802-584-3155	
Lister	Dorothy Knott	802-584-3155	
Lister	Lise Shallberg	802-584-3283	

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**WARNING: NOTICE OF GROTON, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

The Citizens of the Town of Groton, who are legal voters in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Groton Community Building in Groton Village on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2** To act on the Town Report of the Town Officers as printed for the year ending December 31, 2016.
- ARTICLE 3** To see if, as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2646 (16), the Town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner or authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Road Commissioner.

**ARTICLE 4** To elect the following Town Officers as provided for by the Public Laws of Vermont, and citizens to serve on the other committees as herein specified, and to fix their compensations:

Road Commissioner	One year
Town Clerk	Three Years
Selectperson	One year
Selectperson	Three years
Lister	Three years
Library Trustee	Two Years
Library Trustee	Three Years
Cemetery Commissioner	One Year
Cemetery Commissioner	Two years
Coll. Of Delinquent Taxes	Three Years
Town Grand Juror	One year
Town Agent	One year
Town Agent to Convey Real Estate	One year

**ARTICLE 5** Shall the Town of Groton authorize the Fire Department to spend up to \$30,000.00 for four (4) self- contained Breathing Apparatus including Tanks and four (4) spare tanks?

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the registered voters of Groton approve the opening of certain roads in the town to all-terrain vehicle use in accordance with chapter 31 of Title 23 of Vermont Statutes Annotated (sections 3501-3518)?

(B) If (A) above passes, then which one of the following proposed routes will be open?

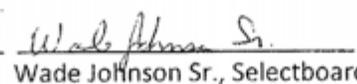
- (1) Hooper Hill Road from the Ryegate town line to the junction of Glover Road; then, Glover Road to the junction of Pound Road; then, Pound Road to the junction of Minard Hill Road; then Minard Hill Road to the junction of US 302 (Scott Highway); then US 302 to Powder Spring Road; then, Powder Spring Road to the Topsham town line. Additionally, the old railroad bed from Powder Spring Road to the junction of Coal Kiln Road; then Coal Kiln Road to the junction of US 302; then US 302 to the business, currently the Upper Valley Grill and General Store, would be open.
- (2) Hooper Hill Road from the Ryegate town line to the junction of Glover Road; then, Glover Road and crossing Minard Hill Road onto Cross Road to the junction of Great Road; then Great Road to the junction of Harv Orr Road, then Harv Orr Road to the junction of North County Road; then North County Road to the junction of South County Road; then South County Road to the junction of the old railroad bed near Ricker Pond; then, the old railroad bed crossing VT 232 to the next junction of VT 232 near US 302; then VT 232 to the junction of US 302; then, US 302 to Coal Kiln Road; then Coal Kiln Road to the junction of the old railroad bed; then, the old railroad bed to the junction of Powder Spring Road; then, Powder Spring Road to the Topsham town line. Additionally, the old railroad bed to the junction of Coal Kiln Road; then Coal Kiln Road to the junction of US 302; then US 302 to the business, currently the Upper Valley Grill and General Store, would be open.
- (3) Hooper Hill Road from the Ryegate town line to the junction of Glover Road; then Glover Road and crossing Minard Hill Road onto Cross Road to the junction of Great Road; then, Great Road to the junction of Red Brook Road; then, Red Brook Road to the junction of Goodfellow Road; then, Goodfellow Road to the junction of US 302 (Scott Highway); then, US 302 to the town garage and the access road behind the town garage to the old railroad bed; then, the old railroad bed to the junction of Powder Spring Road; then Powder Spring Road to the Topsham town line. Additionally, the old railroad bed to the junction of Coal Kiln Road; then Coal Kiln Road to the junction of US 302; then US 302 to the business, currently the Upper Valley Grill and General Store, would be open.

**ARTICLE 7** To elect by ballot one School Director to serve on the Board of Unified Union School District #21, for a three (3) year term.

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- ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town of Groton set the due date of Friday, November 3, 2017, by 5:00 PM as the deadline for the payment of taxes? (Postmarks are not accepted as a timely payment)
- ARTICLE 9** What sum of money shall the voters approve to raise by taxation, to be reduced by receipts, state aid and other income, to meet the current expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and Highway budget, including any other warned articles so voted at this town meeting, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?
- ARTICLE 10** To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting, this does not include the expenditure of town funds or other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

  
Mary Grant, Selectboard

  
Wade Johnson Sr., Selectboard

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, Selectboard

Recorded before posting this 26 th day of January 2017, at 5:00 P.M.

Linda L. Nunn, Town Clerk

# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

### MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$755,527?

Joni Lynn	<del>Robert P. Poirer</del>
Miriam Simons	Robert Smith
<del>J. P. Poirer</del>	Elizabeth O. Hubbard
Kimberly Flanders	<del>John P. Poirer</del>
Charles G. Phipps	
Al Wade	
Jack Sunberg	
Steve Larney	
Mrs. Daigle	
Robert P. Poirer	
David Gaudin	
<del>John P. Poirer</del>	
Deborah Hill-Louis	
Deborah Bent	
Gene a. Poirer	
Jax Battledin	

## Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2016 with a 2% decrease in recyclables processed compared to 2015. However, ten towns and eight schools reported increases in recycling. Recycling markets began the year on the low side, but rebounded during late summer and into the fall. Although commodity prices rebounded toward the end of the year, it was not enough to overcome the expenses incurred for equipment repairs in 2016. The District ended 2016 with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2016 were 5% below projections. While budgeted expenses were 2.4% above projections.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2016. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2016 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2017 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD will assist 11 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations before July 1, 2017.

The NEKWMD is entering 2017 with a proposed budget of \$755,527 – an increase of 5.3% compared to 2016, but only a 1.6% increase compared to 2015. The surcharge rate of \$23.25 will increase by \$1.00 for 2017 to \$24.25. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$25.07.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and four part-time employees in 2016. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

***NEKWMD Executive Committee***

## WARNING & NOTICE

### **BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

**March 6 & March 7, 2017**

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Blue Mountain Union School, Garvin Memorial Library in Wells River, Vermont on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 in the evening to transact the following business from the floor:

**Article 1:**

To elect the following officers as required by law and to authorize the Board of School Directors to fix their compensation:

Moderator

Clerk

Treasurer

**Article 2:**

To hear and act on the reports of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 officers for the past year.

**Article 3:**

Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.

**Article 4:**

To transact any other business thought proper under this warning.

Said meeting shall be followed immediately by a public informational hearing regarding the proposed budget and other business, to be voted on by Australian Ballot, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are further notified and warned to meet at the following locations:

Ryegate:	Town Hall in Ryegate Corner
Groton:	Groton Community Building in Groton
Wells River:	Village Garage in Wells River

On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between 10:00 in the morning and 7:00 in the evening there will be a vote by Australian Ballot on the following question:

Article #1:

Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 approve the school board to expend \$8,404,844, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,184.01 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.6% higher than spending for the current year.

Signed by the Board of School Directors this 4th day of January, 2017 at Wells River, Vermont.

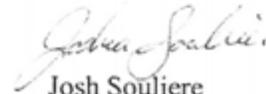
Blue Mountain Union School District #21



Bruce Stevens



E. Paul Hazel



Josh Souliere



Sara Dennis



Kelsey Root



Judy Murray



Julie Oliver

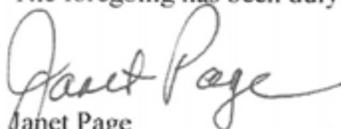


Wade Parker



Brent Abare

The foregoing has been duly recorded before posting.



Janet Page  
Clerk

# TOWN OF GROTON, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

The citizens and legal voters of the Town of Groton gathered at the Groton Community Building on March 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM to act on the following articles along with casting their ballots in the Presidential primary, Blue Mountain Union School District #21 budget and the NEK Waste Management District Budget.

Town Clerk, Linda Nunn opened the polls for the voting by Australian ballot at 10:00 AM.

Peter Lyon Selectboard Chairman stated the floor was open for anyone wishing to offer prayer.

Mark Gleicher spoke stating he didn't feel this was the place as people can go to other places of prayer

Lawrence Daniels Sr., gave a short prayer.

Eric Volk stated his disappointment in the Selectboard for making a resolution without talking to the town's people.

Representative Chip Conquest spoke on traffic safety, the use of IIB devices for DUI drivers.

Representative Chip Conquest also spoke on H571 driver's license suspension and legalization of marijuana.

The Flag Salute was given and it was announced the Freshman Class from Blue Mountain Union School were selling refreshments and have a baby sitting service down stairs.

Peter Lyon announced Town Meeting was called to order and the first action of business was to elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Linda Nunn nominated Wayne Dyer.

Shaun Stetson seconded the motion.

Hearing no other nominations Wayne Dyer was elected moderator by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2:** To act on the Town Report of the Town Officers as printed for the year ending December 31, 2015. Wayne Dyer, asked if the Town Report would be accepted as written. Gary Lamberton made the motion to accept the Town Report. Roberta Dana seconded the motion.

Peter Lyon stated he would like to recognize Fred Grant for his donation of time hauling the concrete blocks for the wall. Peter would also like to recognize Stan Pierce for his donated time to do the electrical wiring in the Treasurer's office and to put electric power to the flag poles both at the Community Building and the center on Flag Street.

Lisa Hart explained there were Balance Sheets by funds and there are corrections on pages 21, (General Fund total budget should be \$406,855.00 a difference of \$1.00 due to rounding) annual reserve funds, (General Fund total budget should be \$406,855.00 a difference of \$1.00 due to rounding) Article 7 was thought to have been added twice but after more research was compiled it was found that it wasn't.

Groton Town Report was accepted by voice vote as corrected.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if, as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2646 (16), the Town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner or authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Road Commissioner, Shaun Stetson made the motion to elect a Road Commissioner. Jim Downing seconded the motion. Hearing no objections the motion passed to elect a Road Commissioner.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if, as provided Under 17 V.S.A. S 2651b, if the Town will vote to eliminate the office of Town auditor. Mary Grant made the motion to eliminate the office of Auditors. Jim Downing seconded the motion. Olin Gay questioned if the town would hire independent auditors and if so what would be the cost difference? Mary Grant thanked the Auditors for all their years of service and explained how difficult it is trying to work with the new system. Mary Grant explained the Audit firm that is working with the Treasurer now understands the program so will be able to follow the work. Andrew Dorsett explained the cost would be around \$7,000 to \$12,000. Every three years.

Passed by voice vote.

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**ARTICLE 5:** To elect the following Town Officers as provided for by the Public Laws of Vermont, and citizens to serve on the other committees as herein specified, and to fix their compensations: Moderator Wayne Dyer stated we would vote on fixing the compensations. Jim Downing moved to have the Selectboard set the compensation. Wayne Knott seconded the motion. Passed by voice vote.

Roberta Dana nominated Brent Smith Road Commissioner for one year, Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Brent Smith was elected Road Commissioner. Passed by voice vote.

Tracy Puffer nominated Mary Grant for Selectperson for one year. Jim Downing nominated Stan Pierce for Selectperson for one year. Stan Pierce declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations Mary Grant was elected to the Selectboard for one year. Passed by voice vote.

Shaun Stetson nominated Wade Johnson Sr. for Selectperson for three years. Peter Lyon nominated Daniel Robinson for Selectperson for three years. Hearing no other nominations a paper ballot vote was done with a ballot count result of Wade Johnson Sr. 89 votes, Daniel Robinson 33 votes. Total number of votes 121. The Moderator stated that someone needs to have a majority of the votes. Wade Johnson Sr. was elected to the Selectboard for three years.

Caroline "Kitty" Diggins nominated Lise Shallberg as Lister for three years. Debra Johnson seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Lise Shallberg was elected Lister for three years. Passed by voice vote.

Alissa Smith nominated Sarah Despins for Library Trustee for one year. Brent Smith seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations or objections Sarah Despins was elected Library Trustee for one year and the clerk cast one ballot. Passed by voice vote.

Kristian Connolly nominated Alissa Smith for Library Trustee for three years. Martha Montague seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations or objections Alissa Smith was elected Library Trustee for three years and the clerk cast one ballot. Passed by voice vote.

Eric Volk nominated Kristian Connolly for Library Trustee for three years. Pam Smith seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations or objections Kristian Connolly was elected Library Trustee for three years and the clerk cast one ballot. Passed by voice vote.

Deborah Jurist nominated Aaron Smith for Cemetery Commissioner for three years. Brent Smith seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections Aaron Smith was elected Cemetery Commissioner for three years and the clerk cast one ballot. Passed by voice vote.

David Emerson nominated James Downing Jr. for First Constable for two years. Phillip Palmer seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections James Downing Jr. was elected First Constable for two years and the clerk cast one ballot.

Brent Smith made the motion to hold the position open and authorized the Selectboard to appoint a second Constable for two years. Phillip Palmer seconded the motion. Hearing no objections the position will be held open and authorize the Selectboard to appoint a second Constable for two years. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

Brent Smith nominated Gary Lamberton for Grand Juror for one year. Voila Emerson seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections, Gary Lamberton was elected Grand Juror for one year and the clerk cast one ballot. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

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Roberta Dana made the motion to have the Selectboard appoint the Town Agent. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the Selectboard are authorized to appoint a Town Agent for one year. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

Roberta Dana made the motion to have the Selectboard appoint the Town Agent to Convey Real Estate Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the Selectboard are authorized to appoint a Town Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if, the Town will vote to provide elected officials who's positions require a full time work schedule with a payment equal to 5% of said official's annual salary, when that official declines Town offered health insurance, payments will be made quarterly. And to see if when an official is covered by Medicare the Town will pay for that official's premium directly. The estimated cost of this article for 2016 is \$5,200. Gary Lamberton made the motion to provide elected officials whose positions require a full time work schedule with a payment equal to 5% of said official's annual salary, when that Official declines Town offered health insurance, payments will be made quarterly. And to see if when an Official is covered by Medicare the Town will pay for that official's premium directly. Viola Emerson seconded the motion.

Roberta Dana made the motion to amend article 6, splitting it into two parts. Viola Emerson seconded the motion. It was voted and passed to split article 6.

Roberta Dana made the motion: To see if elected officials whose positions require a full time work schedule with a payment equal to 5% of said official's annual salary, when that official declines Town offered health insurance, payments will be made quarterly. Passed by voice vote.

Roberta Dana made the motion: When an elected Official whose positions require a full time work schedule, is covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance will the Town pay for that official's premium directly. Motion seconded by Voila Emerson. Passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if, the Town will vote, pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. S 2804, to create a Professional Services Reserve Fund whose purpose is to fund financial consulting services, and to fund the reserve fund with \$4,533.00 from the 2015 surplus. **This should read (to create a Professional Services Reserve Fund, whose purpose is to fund financial Auditing services, and to fund The Reserve fund with \$4,533.00 from the 2015 surplus).**  
**Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To elect by ballot one School Director to serve on the Board of Unified Union School District #21, for a three (3) year term.

Tom Page nominated Brent Abare for School Director for three years. Pam Smith nominated Jennifer Kidder for School Director for three years. Hearing no other nominations a paper ballot vote was done with a ballot count result of Brent Abare 58 votes, Jennifer Kidder 28 votes. Total number of votes 86. The Moderator stated that someone needs to have a majority of the votes. Brent Abare was elected to the School Director for three years.

**ARTICLE 9:** Jean Denson made the motion the Town of Groton set the due date of Friday, November 4, 2016, by 5:00 PM as the deadline for the payment of taxes? (Postmarks are not accepted as a timely payment) Viola Emerson seconded the motion. Hearing no objections to the due date it was passed by voice vote.

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**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum up to three THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to purchase radio equipment for use by the Town Constable? Daniel Robinson explained the Town is looking into some funding through grants. Jim Downing explained that the radios aren't compatible with the Sheriff's and the State Police radios. Viola Emerson made the motion to purchase the radios. Jean Denson seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum up to three THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to purchase traffic radar sign equipment for use by the Town Constable? Daniel Robinson again explained the Town is looking into some funding through grants. Laurine Grant made the motion to purchase the radar sign equipment. Jean Denson seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Groton appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? Mary Grant made the motion to approve article 12. Jean Denson seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town of Groton appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, Inc.? Laurine Grant made the motion to approve article 13. Jean Denson seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Groton appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) to Umbrella, Inc. to be used in providing services to women, children and men? Jean Denson made the motion to approve article 14. Eric Volk seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Groton appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year? Pamela Smith made the motion to approve article 15. Roberta Dana seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Groton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of nine hundred and twenty dollars (\$920.00) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization, to assist in providing psychiatric mental health services to residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. Jean Denson made the motion to approve article 16. Alissa Smith seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Groton vote to appropriate one thousand three hundred fifty Dollars (\$1,350.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care services? Jean Denson made the motion to approve article 17. Laurine Grant seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Groton vote to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to Little Rivers Health Care in providing health care services? Jean Denson made the motion. Jim Downing seconded the motion. Brenda Powers made the motion to amend the article to \$1000.00. After some discussion the motion was called. It was passed to amend the article to \$1000.00 Andrew Dorsett made the motion to approve article 18 as amended. Tonya Cozadd seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Groton vote to appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for the services provided by Rural Community Transportation ("RCT") to residents living in the town of Groton. Peggy Burgin made the motion to approve article 19. Laurine Grant seconded the motion. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town of Groton vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Green Up Vermont. Alissa Smith made the motion to approve article 20. Jim Downing seconded the motion. Hearing no objections was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 21:** What sum of money shall the voters approve to raise by taxation, to be reduced by receipts, state aid and other income, to meet the current expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and Highway budget, including any other warned articles so voted at this town meeting, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Lisa Hart stated the amount needed is \$770,801.00. Gary Lamberton seconded.

Andrew Dorsett would like to amend article 21 to add \$7500.00 for the sidewalk reserve fund bringing it to \$778,301.00.

Dorothy Knott made a motion to amend article 21 to raise \$20,000.00 for the Emergency Services Vehicles fund and \$5,000.00 Emergency Services Building fund.

Shaun Stetson seconded the motion, changing the amount to \$803,301.00. The amendment passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 22:** To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting, this does not include the expenditure of town funds or other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

Mark Gleicher requested that the Selectboard resolve the Resolution of the adoption of prayer and bring any Resolution adoption before the Town's people sixty days before making it a resolution. Jordan Smith questioned what is happening with the hole out back of the Community Building and why isn't there any building permit. Peter Lyon answered the Lawyer said that it didn't need a permit as it is a retaining wall not a structure. Roberta Dana questioned where the rest of the money is coming from. Peter Lyon answered depends on the good hearts of the people.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

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Linda L. Nunn, Town Clerk

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Wayne Dyer, Moderator

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Election Official

2017 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget & 2016 Budget vs Actual	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY - 2016	Budget FY - 2017	Notes
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>				
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>				
Selectboard & Secretary Wages & All Payroll taxes & Retirement	5,277	5,567.57	5,950	
Bookkeeper Wages	6,500	1,404.32	3,000	
Postage, Supplies, Training & Mileage	850	789.11	990	
<b>SELECTBOARD TOTAL</b>	<b>12,627</b>	<b>7,761.00</b>	<b>9,940</b>	
<b>TOWN CLERK &amp; TREASURER</b>				
Clerk & Assistants, Accrued vacation & payroll taxes	34,995	35,646.62	45,192	
Treasurer & Assistants Wages, Accrued vacation & payroll taxes	47,390	46,320.62	57,243	
Benefits	2,600	2,647.84	3,120	
Health Insurance	5,200	5,789.24	5,924	
Training & Mileage	5,190	4,951.48	4,200	
<b>TOWN CLERK &amp; TREASURER TOTAL</b>	<b>95,375</b>	<b>95,355.80</b>	<b>115,679</b>	
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES - CLERK &amp; TREAS</b>				
Dues, Postage,Supplies&Advertising	3,475	4,622.34	4,795	
Telephone/ internet	1,400	1,806.22	1,750	
NEMRC disaster recovery, Support & IT services	1,700	1,360.01	3,110	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,575</b>	<b>7,788.57</b>	<b>9,655</b>	
<b>CURRENT TAX COLLECTION</b>				
Wages, Payroll Taxes & Retirement			0	
Training & Mileage	0	0.00	0	
<b>CURRENT TAX COLLECTION TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION</b>				
Del Tax collector wages	0	0.00	8,000	will be off set by revenue line in 2017
Payroll Taxes	700	979.31	612	(wages paid by penalty portion of
Postage & Supplies&Advertising	550	934.20	670	del tax payments)
NEMRC/ IT Services	500	0.00	1,345	
Training & Mileage	300	0.00	1,100	
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION TOTAL</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>1,913.51</b>	<b>11,727</b>	
<b>AUDITORS &amp; TOWN REPORT</b>				
Wages/Exp & Payroll Taxes	3,135	1,526.32	3,715	
Postage,Supplies&Advertising	600	514.36	800	
Printing & Reproduction	2,400	2,320.00	2,400	
Training & Mileage	500	0.00	0	
<b>AUDITORS &amp; TOWN REPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>4,360.68</b>	<b>6,915</b>	
<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	1,879	939.82	1,879	
Postage & Supplies&Advertising	300	666.23	850	
Training & mileage	100	60.00	100	
<b>ELECTIONS TOTAL</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>1,666.05</b>	<b>2,829</b>	
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	18,836	20,125.15	29,110	
Dues, Postage & Supplies	600	875.85	845	
Telephone/internet	600	894.42	750	
Training & Mileage	1,650	967.70	1,550	
IT Services, NEMRC&GIS Mapping	3,890	3,194.01	5,860	GIS Mapping new 2017
<b>LISTERS TOTAL</b>	<b>25,576</b>	<b>26,057.13</b>	<b>38,115</b>	

2017 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget & 2016 Budget vs Actual	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY - 2016	Budget FY - 2017	Notes
<b>TOWN GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
VLCT Pacif, Worker's Comp, Unemp Ins	11,225	11,224.60	12,715	
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>11,225</b>	<b>11,224.60</b>	<b>12,715</b>	
Professional Audit/Services	8,000	19,148.75	0	Formal Audit in 2018
Attorney Fees	1,800	750.00	1,800	
<b>LEGAL &amp; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>19,898.75</b>	<b>1,800</b>	
NVDA	767	767.00	767	
VLCT	2,074	2,074.00	2,145	
<b>DUES TOTAL</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>2,841.00</b>	<b>2,912</b>	
Expense	600	1,309.40	1,675	
Caledonia County Tax	13,000	13,314.00	14,000	
<b>COUNTY TAX &amp; INTEREST EXP TOTAL</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>14,623.40</b>	<b>15,675</b>	
<b>TOWN GENERAL EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>37,466</b>	<b>48,587.75</b>	<b>33,102</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATION TOTAL</b>	<b>188,583</b>	<b>193,490.49</b>	<b>227,962</b>	
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>				
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Stipend & Payroll Taxes	0	0.00	323	
Postage, Printing & Reproduction	200	0.00	258	
Training & Mileage	400	0.00	200	
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION TOTAL</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>781</b>	
<b>ZONING</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	1,353	947.32	1,346	
Postage, Supplies & Advertising	150	24.15	208	
Training & Mileage	200	0.00	200	
<b>ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>971.47</b>	<b>1,754</b>	
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>971.47</b>	<b>2,535</b>	
<b>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,982.51</b>	<b>0</b>	Building Improvements
<b>TOWN CLOCK TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300</b>	
<b>FIELDS &amp; PARKS</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	1,292	1,232.88	1,292	
Gasoline, Propane & Electricity	550	322.46	500	
Repairs-Tractor (2004 John Deere)	300	0.00	300	
Repairs-Land	100	31.23	100	
Bldg-Tractor Garage	0	0.00	100	
<b>FIELDS &amp; PARKS TOTAL</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>1,586.57</b>	<b>2,292</b>	
<b>SIDEWALK MAINT</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	2,714	1,966.72	5,982	Will be moved to HWY budget
Gasoline	400	240.41	300	
Sidewalk expense			300	
Repairs-Tractor (2004 John Deere)	1,300	428.94	400	
<b>SIDEWALK MAINT TOTAL</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>2,636.07</b>	<b>6,982</b>	
<b>Ryegate/Groton Recycling</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>7,274.62</b>	<b>7,000</b>	
<b>Green Up Day</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>197.50</b>	<b>200</b>	
<b>SOLID WASTE TOTAL</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>7,472.12</b>	<b>7,200</b>	
<b>STREETLIGHTS TOTAL</b>	<b>7,511</b>	<b>7,501.20</b>	<b>7,225</b>	

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<b>COMMUNITY BUILDING</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	323	43.39	0	
Building repairs & Cleaning	9,340	11,540.15	9,500	
Rubbish removal & Supplies	850	600.42	1,700	
Electricity & Fuel Oil	9,500	7,557.34	8,000	
<b>COMMUNITY BUILDING TOTAL</b>	<b>20,013</b>	<b>19,741.30</b>	<b>19,200</b>	
<b>TOWN MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL</b>				
Supervisor Wages, Wages, Payroll Taxes	0	0.00	21,272	
Supplies & Mileage	0	0.00	2,100	
<b>TOTAL TOWN MAINT. PERSONNEL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23,372</b>	New Position 2017
<b>TREE WARDEN TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>312</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61.88</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>36,666</b>	<b>36,363.07</b>	<b>59,901</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY&amp;ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>156.54</b>	<b>746</b>	
<b>RECREATION COMMITTEE TOTAL</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>2,238.88</b>	<b>2,325</b>	
<b>COMMITTEES TOTAL</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>2,395.42</b>	<b>3,071</b>	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL TOTAL</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>587.40</b>	<b>3,250</b>	
<b>HEALTH OFFICER TOTAL</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>850</b>	
<b>EMER SERVS INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>11,748</b>	<b>11,282.00</b>	<b>10,743</b>	
<b>EMER SERVS GENERAL EXPENSES</b>				
Ambulance Contract	14,689	14,688.50	16,715	
Repairs-ES Building	600	611.44	1,000	
Rubbish removal & Supplies	150	541.30	500	
Telephone/internet	1,550	1,671.21	1,550	
Electricity, Fuel Oil, Propane	4,300	3,762.15	3,800	
Dispatch fees, Radios & Pagers	2,925	3,060.65	6,200	
<b>EMER SERVS GENERAL EXP TOTAL</b>	<b>24,214</b>	<b>24,335.25</b>	<b>29,765</b>	
<b>FAST EXPENSES</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	6,590	10,653.59	12,380	
Supplies & Equipment	4,388	3,507.81	4,390	
Training & mileage	4,000	7,266.12	9,000	
<b>FAST EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>14,978</b>	<b>21,427.52</b>	<b>25,770</b>	
<b>FIRE DEPT EXPENSES</b>				
Wages, Stipend & Taxes	5,702	7,673.78	12,111	
Dues	1,800	1,268.16	1,300	
Gasoline & Diesel	1,225	984.02	1,225	
Tanker loan payment	20,321	20,320.59	20,321	
Repairs & Maint	5,700	7,924.73	7,000	
Supplies	5,538	3,082.10	5,538	
Training & Mileage	4,123	5,624.23	5,800	
Equipment-General	3,000	1,633.65	3,800	
<b>FIRE DEPT EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>47,409</b>	<b>48,511.26</b>	<b>57,095</b>	
<b>FOREST FIRE EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>1,401.62</b>	<b>2,077</b>	

2017 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget & 2016 Budget vs Actual	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY - 2016	Budget FY - 2017	Notes
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>				
Wages, payroll taxes, dues	8,353	8,052.86	11,271	
Supplies, Training, Mileage	750	586.75	750	
Dispatch fees, Radios & Pagers	8,520	8,287.27	6,520	
<b>FIRST CONSTABLE TOTAL</b>	<b>17,623</b>	<b>16,926.88</b>	<b>18,541</b>	
<b>CRUISER EXPENSES</b>				
Gasoline, Repairs, Maint. & Supplies	1,250	1,373.91	1,850	
Equipment-Cruiser	0	0.00	0	
<b>CRUISER EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,373.91</b>	<b>1,850</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>4,180.64</b>	<b>4,134</b>	
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT TOTAL</b>	<b>23,055</b>	<b>22,481.43</b>	<b>24,525</b>	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL</b>	<b>124,339</b>	<b>130,026.48</b>	<b>154,075</b>	
<b>CEMETERY</b>				
Contracted Work, Riverside Cemetery	900	880.00	900.00	
Restoration of Old Stones	1,500	1,676.00	2,100	
Mowing	8,500	7,938.00	8,000	
Dues & Supplies	570	329.90	575	
<b>CEMETERY EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>11,470</b>	<b>10,823.90</b>	<b>11,575</b>	
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	19,155	19,148.96	19,537	
VLCT PACIF-Insurance	1,113	1,114.00	1,058	
Postage & delivery&training	0	0.00	800	
Cleaning	1,000	918.00	0	
Building rent	3,700	3,700.00	3,700	
Books & periodicals	1,690	1,685.77	5,000	
Office supplies	600	844.17	800	
Furnishings & Equipment	0	0.00	200	
Telephone/internet	920	847.18	920	
Software/support & Computer Repairs	0		1,000	
<b>LIBRARY EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>28,178</b>	<b>28,258.08</b>	<b>33,015</b>	
<b>AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Caledonia Home Health	1,350	1,350.00	1,350	
NEK Learning Services	200	200.00	200	
NEK Human Services	920	920.00	920	
NEK Youth Services	200	200.00	200	
NEK Council on Aging	700	700.00	700	
Rural Community Transportation	800	800.00	800	
Little Rivers Health Care	1,000	1,000.00	2,000	
Community Restorative Justice	0	0.00	250	
Green Up Vermont	100	100.00	100	
Umbrella	650	650.00	650	
<b>AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTAL</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>5,920.00</b>	<b>7,170</b>	
<b>RESERVE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Comm Bldg Improvement Fund	20,000	20,000.00	20,000	
Emer Servs Bldg Improvement Fund	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	
Emer Servs Vehicles Fund	20,000	20,000.00	20,000	
Reappraisal & Tax Maps Fund	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	
Recreation Fund	0	0.00	5,000	
Sidewalk Fund	7,500	7,500.00	7,500	
Professional Services Fund	4,533	4,533.00	0	
<b>RESERVE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS TOTAL</b>	<b>58,233</b>	<b>58,233.00</b>	<b>58,700</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 461,008.00</b>	<b>\$ 466,481.91</b>	<b>558,004</b>	

2017 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget & 2016 Budget vs Actual	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY - 2016	Budget FY - 2017	Notes
<b>HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES</b>				
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>HWY LABOR</b>				
Wages, OT, Temp. Wages, Accrued Vacation & Payroll Taxes	80,140	83,111.05	92,383	
Benefits	34,262	40,236.56	34,919	
<b>HWY LABOR TOTAL</b>	<b>114,402</b>	<b>123,347.61</b>	<b>127,302</b>	
<b>HWY INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>14,114</b>	<b>14,113.76</b>	<b>16,972</b>	
<b>HWY CONTRACTED WORK</b>				
Roadside Mowing	6,300	6,300.00	6,300	
Boulder Beach plowing	3,500	825.03	3,500	
Misc Contracted work	900	949.05	900	
<b>HWY CONTRACTED WORK TOTAL</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>8,074.08</b>	<b>10,700</b>	
<b>HWY INFRASTRUCTURES</b>				
Culverts	5,000	5,325.81	5,000	
Paving	0	1,282.00	0	
Signs	2,000	1,554.54	2,000	
Buildings	0		3,000	
<b>HWY INFRASTRUCTURES TOTAL</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>8,162.35</b>	<b>10,000</b>	
<b>HWY MATERIALS</b>				
Sand	13,000	11,505.60	13,000	
Salt	6,400	6,925.08	8,400	
Chloride	11,000	9,135.00	12,000	
Gravel	10,100	10,239.27	30,000	
<b>HWY MATERIALS TOTAL</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>37,804.95</b>	<b>63,400</b>	
<b>HWY OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Gasoline & Diesel	17,200	12,404.10	13,500	
Rental Equipment	100	266.00	750	
Supplies	3,700	4,414.17	4,050	
Training & Mileage	100	60.00	100	
Radios & Pagers	550	540.00	550	
<b>HWY OPERATING EXP TOTAL</b>	<b>21,650</b>	<b>17,684.27</b>	<b>18,950</b>	
<b>HWY EQUIP REP &amp; MAINT TOTAL</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>20,647.28</b>	<b>25,000</b>	
<b>HWY GARAGE REPAIRS &amp; MAINT TOTAL</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>4,709.18</b>	<b>6,232</b>	
<b>SIDEWALK MAINT</b>				
Wages & Payroll Taxes	5,982	2,166.99	6,670	
Gasoline	300	79.16	300	
Sidewalk expense	300	971.03	500	
Bldg-Tractor Garage	0	2,413.87	1,800	
Repairs-Tractor (2004 John Deere)	400	1,128.83	1,000	
<b>SIDEWALK MAINT TOTAL</b>	<b>6,982</b>	<b>6,759.88</b>	<b>10,270</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES TOTAL</b>	<b>244,848</b>	<b>241,303.36</b>	<b>288,826</b>	
<b>HWY RESERVE APPROPRIATION</b>				
Hwy Equipment Reserve	56,445	56,445.00	58,741	
Hwy Infrastructure Reserv	11,000	11,000.00	10,000	
Hwy Paving Reserve	30,000	30,000.00	30,000	
<b>HWY RESERVE APPROPRIATION TOTAL</b>	<b>97,445</b>	<b>97,445.00</b>	<b>98,741</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>342,293</b>	<b>338,748.36</b>	<b>387,567</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND AND HIGHWAY BUDGET TOTALS</b>	<b>803,301</b>	<b>805,230.27</b>	<b>\$ 945,571.00</b>	

## TOWN OFFICERS 2016

Moderator:	Wayne Dyer	2017
Road Commissioner:	Brent Smith	2017
Town Clerk:	Linda Nunn	2017
Town Treasurer:	Lisa Hart	2018
Selectboard:	Mary Grant	2017
	Andrew Dorsett (res.)	2018
	Wade Johnson, Sr.	2019
Listers:	Dorothy Knott	2017
	Caroline Diggins	2018
	Lise Shallberg	2019
BMU District #21 Directors:	Julie Oliver	2017
	Sara Dennis	2018
	Brent Abare	2019
Library Trustees:	Deborah Orelup	2017
	Sarah Despins	2017
	Diane Kreis	2018
	Erik Volk	2018
	Kristian Connolly	2019
	Alissa Smith(res.)	2019
Cemetery Commission:	Thomas Gandin (res.)	2017
	Debra Jurist (res.)	2018
	Aaron Smith	2019
Collector of Current Taxes:	Lisa Hart	2017
Coll. of Delinquent Taxes:	Lillian (Anne) Crowley	2017
First Constable:	James Downing, Jr.	2017
Town Agent:	Gary Lamberton	2017
Town Grand Juror:	Gary Lamberton	2017
Agent to Convey Real Estate:	Andrew Dorsett	2017

## TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Health Officer	Reginald Guertin (res.)	2016
	Daniel Webster (appt.)	2017
Deputy Health Officer	none	2017
Fire Chief	Wayne Knott	2017
Fire Warden	Wade Johnson, Sr.	2021
Emer. Management Coordinator	Brent Smith	2017
Fence Viewers	Terry Dana	2017
	E. Charles Frost, Jr.	2017
	Kenneth Murray	2017
Inspectors Wood, Lumber, Shingles	Fred Braman	2017
	Robert Dorr	2017
	Kenneth Ricker	2017
NVDA Representative	Peter Lyon	2017
NVDA Alternate	None	2017
Zoning Administrator	Bradley Houghton, Jr.	2017
911 Coordinator	Brent Smith	2017
Board of Adjustment	Aaron Smith	2017
	E. Charles Frost, Jr.	2017
	Mark Gleicher	2017
Selectboard Secretary	Daniel Robinson (res.)	2016
	Linda Nunn (appt/res.)	2016
	Debra Johnson (appt)	2017
Animal Control Officer	Josephine Guertin (retiring)	2016
Pound Keeper	Josephine Guertin (retiring)	2016
NEK Solid Waste Supervisor	Timothy Dailey, Sr.	2017
NEK Solid Waste Alternate	Caroline Diggins	2017
Tree Warden	Chris Emerson (res.)	2016
	Henry Knott (appt.)	2017
Webmaster	Dave Spencer	2017
Planning Commission	Julie Oliver	2017
	Renee Curtis	2017
	Kelly Emerson	2017
	Carrie Peters	2017
	Nancy Vaughn	2017

Weigher of Coal

Richard Peters

2017

**APPOINTED BY TOWN CLERK**

Assistant Town Clerk

Caroline Diggins

2017

Dorothy Knott

2017

Lisa Hart

2017

Carrie Peters

2017

**APPOINTED BY TOWN TREASURER**

Assistant Treasurers

Carrie Peters

2017

Linda Nunn

2017

**APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR OF CURRENT TAXES**

Collector of Current Taxes  
Asst Collector of Current Taxes

Carrie Peters

2017

Linda Nunn

2017

**TOWN AGENT**

Town Agent

Gary Lamberton

2017

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY**

**Selectboard**

Andrew Dorsett (res.)  
Wade Johnson, Sr.  
Mary Grant

**Justices of the Peace**

Brittany Wilson  
Timothy Dailey, Sr.  
Tirone 'Toni' Dyer  
Linda L. Nunn  
Brent Smith

**Town Clerk**

Linda Nunn

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mary Grant  
Caroline Diggins  
Shaun Stetson  
Kristian Connolly

Brent Smith  
Carrie Peters  
Paul Berlejung

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Anne Hatch  
Kristian Connolly  
Lisa Hart

Deborah Connolly  
Paul Berlejung  
Janet Page

## **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Citizens of Groton:

The FY16 budget year is over with a lot of hard work by the Select board to stay within the bottom line. The next year's budget will be up with additional expenses for roads, construction, everyday fixed expenses and salary ranges.

The Board has reviewed the real cost of individual line items per department and has made the adjustments to the budget to reflect those cost. Thank you to all departments for your assistance and determination to keep cost at a minimum while reflecting the true cost to maintaining your departments.

On a good note many road projects have been completed this year and the Road commissioner has completed many projects for state review. The job is not only maintaining the roads but inventorying culverts, placements, road projects to meet the statewide water quality controls that the legislature put in effect, road standards, bridges, culverts and maintenance proposed projects. At present we are on target thanks to the efforts of our road department.

The Board has hired a Maintenance Person to keep up with the issues in the buildings, mowing, sidewalks and safety concerns. Other funds have been used to cover most of the cost for the 20 hour per week position. This position should save money and cost in keeping up the maintenance of the town buildings and property.

The wall should be completed this summer, the handicapped entrance to downstairs in community building funding is being sort after to defer local expenses with construction to begin this summer, sidewalk project will begin this summer after completing a water issue in the parking lot and removing the telephone pole this project should be complete this summer. The library building concerns will hopefully be resolved in a few months and if purchase of the building is an option then we will come back to voters for approval.

We would like to thank all the town officers for their support and hard work in developing this year's budget and for maintaining last year's bottom line.

We look forward to working with the elected officials and town people over the next year.

Groton Board of Selectmen

Mary Grant (chairperson), Andrew Dorsett, Wade Johnson, Sr.

<b>2016 Actual Revenues &amp; 2017 Estimated Revenues</b>				
	<b>2016 Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>2016 Actual Revenues through 12/31/16</b>	<b>2017 Estimated Revenues</b>	
<b>TOWN REVENUES</b>				
<b>TAX REVENUES (no education taxes)</b>				
Current Taxes - 2016	415,243	355,813.51	0.00	
<b>DELINQUENT TAX REVENUES</b>				
Delinquent Taxes-2014	0.00	14,587.18	2,492.27	
Delinquent Taxes-2015	0.00	98,825.45	13,896.80	
Delinquent Taxes-2016	0.00	30,984.20	102,685.11	
<b>TOTAL PREVIOUS YEAR TOWN TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>415,243.00</b>	<b>500,210.34</b>	<b>119,074.18</b>	
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES</b>				
Current Use	35,000.00	40,208.00	40,000.00	
PILOT(Payment in lieu of taxes) & Leaseland Revenue	60,001.00	69,169.69	68,001.00	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
Interest Earned	65.00	163.48	65.00	
Delinquent Tax Interest	7,009.55	12,447.66	7,000.00	
Pre Year School Tax Refund	0.00	10,394.54	0.00	
Misc Revenue	0.00	2,848.22	0.00	Efficiency Vermont Rebat
Transfer In From Reserve Acct	0.00	3,443.65	0.00	2015 \$ moved in 2016
<b>TOWN CLERK REVENUE</b>				
Recordings, Vault Revenue	3,800.00	6,676.00	4,500.00	
Marriage & Dog Licenses	2,150.00	1,944.00	2,150.00	
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses	325.00	255.00	325.00	
Copies & Faxes Revenue	2,000.00	2,990.75	2,300.00	
Motor Vehicle Renewals	300.00	288.00	300.00	
RECREATION REVENUE	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	
LISTER REVENUE	1,900.00	854.00	1,900.00	
ZONING REVENUE	700.00	680.00	700.00	
SOLAR LEASE REVENUE	500.00	0.00	0.00	
COMMUNITY BLDG REVENUE	2,500.00	3,632.20	2,550.00	
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES REVENUES</b>				
Emergency Services Insurance refund	0.00	757.00	0.00	
Fire Dept Turnout Gear Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FAST Revenue (from Town of Ryegate)	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
FOREST FIRE REVENUE	0.00	595.81	0.00	
CONSTABLE REVENUES	3,600.00	5,077.50	4,000.00	
Cemetery Interest into GF	0.00	0.34	0.00	
Library Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOWN REVENUES</b>	<b>130,150.55</b>	<b>170,425.84</b>	<b>141,791.00</b>	
<b>Proposed 2017 Town Budget</b>			<b>558,004.00</b>	
<b>Difference to be raised by 2017 TOWN Taxes</b>			<b>416,213.00</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>				
Hwy 2016 Current Tax Revenue	270,460.00	221,178.35	0.00	
State Hwy Aid	65,000.00	64,903.29	65,000.00	
Seyon Road Plowing	2,833.00	0.00	2,833.00	
Hwy Sand Income	4,000.00	3,114.00	4,000.00	
Hwy Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Hwy Insurance Refund / Claim	0.00	780.00	0.00	
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>	<b>342,293.00</b>	<b>289,975.64</b>	<b>71,833.00</b>	
<b>Proposed 2017 Highway Budget</b>			<b>387,567.00</b>	
<b>Difference to be raised by 2017 HWY Taxes</b>			<b>315,734.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL Estimated Tax Revenue needed for 2017</b>			<b>731,947.00</b>	

<b>TOWN OF GROTON</b>								
<b>BALANCE SHEET BY FUND-2016</b>								
<b>ASSET</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Grant Fund</b>	<b>Food Shelf</b>	<b>FAST</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	
<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>								
MB-General Fund	96,404.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,404.74
MB-Customer ACH Deposits	0.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10
MB-HRA acct	973.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	973.00
WRSB-DeI Tax Acct	4,230.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,230.21
MB-Perpetual Care	-	87,334.01	-	-	-	-	-	87,334.01
MB-H.Hosmer Trust	-	3,285.51	-	-	-	-	-	3,285.51
WRSB-Development Funds	-	7,244.34	-	-	-	-	-	7,244.34
WRSB-Cemetery Lot Fund	-	3,750.24	-	-	-	-	-	3,750.24
WRSB MJ Ricker Hall Trust	-	1,061.63	-	-	-	-	-	1,061.63
TD Roosevelt Carter Trust	-	6,188.06	-	-	-	-	-	6,188.06
Library Funds	-	-	12,009.73	-	-	-	-	12,009.73
Library Endowment Fund	-	-	45,878.69	-	-	-	-	45,878.69
Library Capital Improvement	-	-	31,067.70	-	-	-	-	31,067.70
Library ACH Account	-	-	9.00	-	-	-	-	9.00
Library American Fund Stock	-	-	18,451.01	-	-	-	-	18,451.01
Reserve Fund	-	-	-	395,777.27	-	-	-	395,777.27
Grant Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Food Shelf	-	-	-	-	-	12,489.20	-	12,489.20
FAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,235.95	2,235.95
<b>Total CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>101,608.05</b>	<b>108,863.79</b>	<b>107,416.13</b>	<b>395,777.27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,489.20</b>	<b>2,235.95</b>	<b>728,390.39</b>
<b>Receivables</b>								
DeI Tax Interest/Other Re	4,432.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,432.04
DeI Tax Receivable	119,074.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,074.18
Accounts Receivable	(125.95)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(125.95)
Gilman Note Receivable	610,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	610,000.00
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>733,380.27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>733,380.27</b>
N/R-Gilman Housing	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	50,000.00
N/R-Loan to Donald Bliss	-	-	-	1,375.00	-	-	-	1,375.00
Due To/From Acct	4,623.74	343.02	(4,216.94)	-	1672.88	(2,422.70)	-	0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>839,612.06</b>	<b>109,206.81</b>	<b>153,199.19</b>	<b>397,152.27</b>	<b>1,672.88</b>	<b>10,066.50</b>	<b>2,235.95</b>	<b>1,513,145.66</b>

Balance sheet cont.								
	General	Cemetery	Library	Reserve Funds	Grant Fund	Food Shelf	FAST	Total
Liability		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted		Restricted	Restricted	
Dental Insurance Payable	(198.44)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(198.44)
AFLAC Payable	(228.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(228.00)
Health Ins Payable	6,432.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,432.36
Prepaid Health Ins - HRA	1,125.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,125.00
Accounts Payable	(1,238.93)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,238.93)
Del Tax Penalty Fees	478.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	478.91
Prepaid Taxes	350.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	350.00
Deferred Tax Revenue	98,594.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,594.84
Tax Clearing Account	(130.79)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(130.79)
Gilman Housing Grant Liab	610,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	610,000.00
Fees Due the State of Vt	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>715,184.95</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>715,184.95</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	General	Cemetery	Library	Reserves	Grants	Food Shelf	FAST	
Fund Balance General Fund	1,002.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,002.21
Fund Balance Cemetery	-	8,944.78	-	-	-	-	-	8,944.78
Non-spendable Perpetual Car	-	85,036.25	-	-	-	-	-	85,036.25
Restricted-Cart/Hosm/Hall	-	10,506.58	-	-	-	-	-	10,506.58
Fund Balance Library	-	-	62,638.55	-	-	-	-	62,638.55
Library #1 Endowment Fund	-	-	56,958.26	-	-	-	-	56,958.26
Library #2-Capital Improv	-	-	30,755.87	-	-	-	-	30,755.87
Fund Balance Reserves	-	-	-	(91,985.89)	-	-	-	(91,985.89)
Community Bldg Improve	-	-	-	22,379.66	-	-	-	22,379.66
Emer Servs Bldg Improve	-	-	-	22,548.44	-	-	-	22,548.44
Emer Servs Vehicles	-	-	-	40,623.72	-	-	-	40,623.72
Reappraisal/ Tax Maps	-	-	-	90,523.47	-	-	-	90,523.47
Recreation	-	-	-	4,368.93	-	-	-	4,368.93
Restoration/Preservation	-	-	-	25,053.39	-	-	-	25,053.39
Town Emergency Fund	-	-	-	2,683.75	-	-	-	2,683.75
Hwy Equipment	-	-	-	125,253.34	-	-	-	125,253.34
Highway Infrastructure Fu	-	-	-	31,159.86	-	-	-	31,159.86
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	-	-	-	18,414.79	-	-	-	18,414.79
Highway Paving	-	-	-	3,012.15	-	-	-	3,012.15
Prof. Services Res Fund	-	-	-	11,130.77	-	-	-	11,130.77
Food Shelf Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	8,703.92	-	8,703.92
FAST Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,234.83	2,234.83
<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b>123,424.90</b>	<b>104,487.61</b>	<b>150,352.68</b>	<b>305,166.38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,703.92</b>	<b>2,234.83</b>	<b>571,947.63</b>
<b>Fund Balance Current Year</b>	<b>1,002.21</b>	<b>4,719.20</b>	<b>2,846.51</b>	<b>91,985.89</b>	<b>1,672.88</b>	<b>1,362.58</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>103,590.39</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>124,427.11</b>	<b>109,206.81</b>	<b>153,199.19</b>	<b>397,152.27</b>	<b>1,672.88</b>	<b>10,066.50</b>	<b>2,235.95</b>	<b>797,960.71</b>
<b>Total Liability &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>839,612.06</b>	<b>109,206.81</b>	<b>153,199.19</b>	<b>397,152.27</b>	<b>1,672.88</b>	<b>10,066.50</b>	<b>2,235.95</b>	<b>1,513,145.66</b>

Town of Groton						
Employee Wage Summary Report						
01/01/16-12/31/16						
Employee	Position	Gross	Hourly Rates	Employer Share of Payroll Taxes	Retirement	Employer Cost (excluding Insurance)
ACHILLES ANDREW S.	Fire Fighter/EMT Level 2	629.08	10.18/16.62	48.12		677.20
AVERY DANIEL J.	Fire Fighter /Forest Fire Fighter	40.72	10.18/ 16.62	3.11		43.83
BLISS DONALD F.	Mowing/Snow removal	2,106.69	15.27	161.17		2,267.86
BRULEIGH CHARLES E.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	239.23	10.18/ 16.62	18.30		257.53
CARLE JUSTIN D.	Fire Fighter/Forest Fire/FAST	33.24	10.18/ 16.62	2.54		35.78
COLBY LILIAN C.	Fire Fighter /EMR Level 1	66.48	10.18/ 16.62	5.08		71.56
CROWLEY LILLIAN M.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	12,801.41	8% Penalty	979.31		13,780.72
CROWN MARTHA F.	Town Report Preparer (resigned)	278.76	10.18	21.32		300.08
CURTIS RYAN R.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	1,221.60	10.18/ 16.62	93.46		1,315.06
DARLING JEREMY E.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	66.48	10.18/ 16.62	5.08		71.56
DIGGINS CAROLINE K.	Lister/Ballot Clerk	16,290.48	16.12 / 10.18	1,246.25		17,536.73
DORSETT ANDREW L.	Select Board Member	900.00		68.85		968.85
DOSCINSKI LEONARD E.	Fire Fighter/Forest Fire/FAST	1,641.68	10.18/ 16.62	125.59		1,767.27
DOWNING JAMES A. JR	1 st Constable/ Temp Hwy Equip	9,236.43	16.38/18.11	706.57		9,943.00
FROST DIANE E.	Ballot Clerk	30.54	10.18	2.33		32.87
GRANT, MARY	Select Board- Chair	1,080.00	Stipend Donated			1,080.00
GRANT FRED	Temp Hwy Equipment Operator	898.40	18.11	68.73		967.13
HART LISA	Treasurer /Collector taxes/Asst Clerk/ Ballot	33,966.51	16.28/11.91/10.18	2,598.48	1,296.51	36,564.99
HATCH ANNE S.	Librarian	17,788.28	17.11	1,360.68		19,148.96
HOUGHTON BRADLEY E.	Zoning Administrator	941.08	25.00 per permit/40.00 month	71.99		1,013.07
JOHNSON CARLA R.	Ballot Clerk	68.72	10.18	5.26		73.98
JOHNSON DEBRA E.	Select Board Secretary/Town Report Preparer	1,222.52	16.00/10.18	93.52		1,316.04
JOHNSON WADE A. SR	Select Board member/Forest Fire Warden/FF	1,484.83	900.00/18.04	113.59		1,598.42
JOY CARROL B.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	476.38	10.18/ 16.62	36.44		512.82
KNOTT DOROTHY L.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter/Fast/Lister/Ballot Clerk/Asst Clerk	5,199.69	10.18/ 16.62	397.71		5,597.40
KNOTT HENRY E.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter/Fast	1,644.38	10.18/ 16.62	125.78		1,770.16
KNOTT WAYNE C.	Fire Chief/Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter/Fast	4,586.37	10.18/ 16.62	350.84		4,937.21
LAMBERTON GARY F.	IT Person	1,080.00	stipend donated	82.62		1,162.62
LAPHAM FRANK	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	582.96	10.18/ 16.62	44.59		627.55
LAVERTU SCOTT	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	690.16	10.18/ 16.62	52.79		742.95
LOURENCO JOSEPH M.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	315.58	10.18/ 16.62	24.15		339.73
NUNN LINDA L.	Town Clerk/Asst Treasurer/Temp Selectboard Secretary	32,591.36	16.28	2,495.84	1,296.51	35,087.20
PALMER PHILLIP E.	HWY Equipment Operator/Fire Fighter	36,164.04	16.62/10.18	2,702.61	904.10	38,866.65
PETERS CARRIE A.	Assistant Treasurer/ Coll taxes/Asst Clerk/Ballot	11,061.04	16.28/11.91/10.18	846.11		11,907.15
ROBINSON DANIEL C.	Select Board Secretary (resigned)	2,412.72	16.28	184.58		2,597.30
ROOD JORDAN R.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	33.24	10.18/ 16.62	2.54		35.78
SHALLBERG LISE M.	Lister/Ballot Clerk	1,175.55	9.60/10.18	89.95		1,265.50
SMITH AARON J.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	1,051.55	10.18/ 16.62	80.44		1,131.99
SMITH BRENT D.	Hwy Road Commissioner / Fire Fighter	39,959.23	18.04	3,037.99	1,598.37	42,997.22
SMITH JORDAN K.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	40.72	10.18/ 16.62	3.11		43.83
STETSON SHAUN T.	Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter	1,236.87	10.18/ 16.62	94.62		1,331.49
Totals - Employees Reported: 40		242,255.00		18,452.04	5,095.49	260,707.04
Total Health Care Costs						43,015.12
Total Cost of Employee's including benefits						303,722.16

<b>2016 - RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY &amp; BALANCES</b>			
<b>MB Community Bldg Improvement Fund</b>			<b>MB Emergency Services Vehicles Reserve Fund</b>
Bank balance on 12/31/15	11,965.43	Bank balance on 12/31/15	16,072.68
Revenues:		Revenues:	
Interest received on account in 2016	7.11	Interest received on account	12.23
2016 Budget appropriation	20,000.00	2016 Budget appropriation	20,000.00
Sales of Town Mugs/Stickers	229.00	Sold Old Fire Truck	4,500.00
Loan repayments from Donald Bliss	325.00	Sold Recycled Metal	40.50
Spring Bazaar	731.00	Total 2016 Revenues	24,552.73
Total 2016 Revenues	21,292.11	Bank balance on 12/31/16	40,625.41
Disbursements:		<b>MB Emergency Services Building Improvement Fund</b>	
Engineering of Kitchen Design	-10,267.62	Bank balance on 12/31/15	47,600.34
Gym Camera System / WiFi Devices	-995.87	Revenues:	
Total 2016 Disbursements	-11,263.49	Interest received on account	13.84
Bank balance on 12/31/16	21,994.05	2016 Budget appropriation	5,000.00
<b>MB Recreation Reserve Fund</b>		Total 2016 Revenues	5,013.84
Bank balance on 12/31/15	4,367.00	Disbursements:	
Revenues:		Replaced Garage Doors & Front of Building	-29,000.00
Interest received on account	2.11	Mixed repairs to Fire Dept Building	-1,064.80
Total 2016 Revenues	2.11	Total 2016 Disbursements:	-30,064.80
Bank balance on 12/31/16	4,369.11	Bank balance on 12/31/16	22,549.38
<b>MB Restoration &amp; Preservation Fund</b>		<b>MB Highway Infrastructures Fund</b>	
Bank balance on 12/31/15	20,793.09	Bank balance on 12/31/15	26,613.70
Revenues:		Revenues:	
Interest received on account	10.34	Interest received on account	9.07
Recording fees collected in 2016	4,251.00	2016 Budget appropriation	11,000.00
Total 2016 Revenues	4,261.34	Welton Rd bridge - Grant funds received	17,515.30
Bank balance on 12/31/16	25,054.43	Total 2016 Revenues	28,524.37
<b>MB Sidewalk Reserve Fund</b>		Railroad ST Culvert Project	-7,369.00
Bank balance on 12/31/15	15,000.00	Boulder Beach Culvert project	-16,607.91
Revenues:		Total 2016 Disbursements:	-23,976.91
Interest received on account	6.81	Bank balance on 12/31/16	31,161.16
2016 budget appropriations	7,500.00	<b>MB Highway Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	
Total 2016 Revenues	7,506.81	Bank balance on 12/31/15	67,973.38
Disbursements:		Revenues:	
Engineering	-4,091.25	Interest received on account	38.09
Total 2016 Disbursements	-4,091.25	2016 Budget Appropriation	56,445.00
Bank balance on 12/31/16	18,415.56	Hwy Truck Camera's	767.00
<b>MB Reappraisal &amp; Tax Mapping Fund</b>		Recycled Metal	35.10
Bank balance on 12/31/15	82,410.02	Total 2016 Revenues	57,285.19
Revenues:		Bank balance on 12/31/16	125,258.57
Interest received on account	40.73	<b>MB Highway Paving Reserve Fund</b>	
2016 budget appropriation	1,200.00	Bank balance on 12/31/15	0
Reappraisal funds from State of Vermont	6,876.50	Revenues:	
Total 2016 Revenues	8,117.23	Interest received on account	0.41
Disbursements:		Donation	200.00
Total 2016 Disbursements	0.00	2016 Budget appropriation	30,000.00
Bank balance on 12/31/16	90,527.25	Total 2016 Revenues	30,200.41
<b>MB Professional Services Fund</b>		Disbursements:	
Bank balance -created account March 2016 (money from 2015)	4,533.00	Paving Glover Rd & Branch Brook Rd	-27,188.13
Revenues:		Total 2016 Disbursements	-27,188.13
Returned retainer from Pace & Hawley	2,063.15	Bank balance on 12/31/16	3,012.28
Interest received on account	2.08	<b>MB Town Emergency Fund</b>	
2016 budget appropriations	4,533.00	Bank balance on 12/31/15	2,682.55
Total 2016 Revenues	6,598.23	Interest received on account	1.31
Disbursements	0	Total 2016 Revenues	1.31
Bank balance on 12/31/2016	11,131.23	Bank balance on 12/31/16	2,683.86
		Total of all Reserve Bank balances as of 12/31/16	396,782.29

## **Reserve fund Articles as voted by year with description of purpose and amount balance as of December 31, 2016**

### **Tax Mapping & Reappraisal Fund**

March 4, 2003, Article 7: Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Tax Mapping and Reappraisal Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00?

The Tax Mapping and Reappraisal Fund was established on March 4, 2003 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of building up a Reserve Fund to pay for future appraisals and updates of the property values listed in the Grand list and update the tax maps on a yearly maintenance schedule of the Town of Groton.

**Balance \$90,527.25**

### **Community Building Improvement Fund**

March 1, 2005, Article 8: Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Community Building Improvement Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00? (24 V.S.A. §2804)

The Community Building Improvement Fund was established for the purpose of building up a reserve fund to finance future upgrades and improvements to the Community Building. The monies for this fund are to be used only for the improvement and upgrade of the Community Building.

**Balance \$21,994.05**

### **Emergency Services Building Improvement Fund**

March 1, 2005, Article 9: Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Emergency Services Building Improvement Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00? (24 V.S.A. §2804)

The Emergency Services Building Improvement Fund is to be used for improvements to the Current Groton Fire Station.

Including but not limited to: Heating plant, Electrical, insulation, Painting, Door Replacement, Generator installation, internal plumbing and other improvements as voted by the Fire Department.

**Balance \$22,549.38**

### **Emergency Services Vehicles Fund**

March 1, 2005, Article 10: Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Emergency Services Vehicles Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00? (24 V.S.A. §2804)

The Emergency Services Vehicles Fund shall be used for the replacement of Vehicles to include- Tanker/Pumper- to be replaced in 2014, Rescue Vehicle/Ambulance, Engine, Forest Fire Vehicle other vehicle as voted by the Fire Department. The Fire Department presents their recommendations to the Selectboard for final approval.

**Balance \$40,625.41**

### **Groton Food Shelf Funds**

March 1, 2005, Article 7: Shall the Town of Groton establish a reserve fund for the Groton Food Shelf with the Food Shelf funds?

The Groton Food Shelf Reserve Funds are to be used to assist Groton and Ryegate residents in a time of need with food or necessities with the determination of eligibility by the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer. This fund was started with donations and continues to be supported only by donations. No Groton tax dollars are raised for this fund.

**Balance \$12,489.20**

## **Restoration and Preservation Reserve Funds**

March 7, 2006 (1<sup>st</sup> Warned as ARTICLE 7): Shall the Town of Groton establish a reserve fund for the restoration and preservation of the Land and Vital records to be funded by the \$1.00 per page recording fee? (Up graded in 2010 see below)

March 2, 2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> Article on Warning): ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Groton approve any increase of the annual amount reserved for the restoration and preservation of the Land and Vital records to be based upon the recording fee paid per page as determined by the Vermont Legislature?

The voters of the Town of Groton established a Municipal Records Reserve Fund for the restoration and preservation of "town records" in accordance with VSA Title 24, Section 2804 including, but not limited to, land records, vital records and, proper vault storage of town records. This fund is not to be used for anything other than the restoration, preservation, conservation and computerization of records, to be funded by revenue of not less than \$3.00 per page.

Section 1671 (a) (1) and (6) of this section and this reserve fund shall be retroactive to July 1, 2009. The exact amount shall be determined by the local legislative body.

Shall the Town of Groton approve any increase of the annual amount reserved for the restoration and preservation of the Land and Vital Records to be based upon the recording fee paid per page as determined by the Vermont Legislature?

**Balance \$25,054.43**

## **Recreation Reserve Funds**

March 7, 2010: ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Groton authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Recreational Committee and establish a reserve fund of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used by the Recreational Committee for any projects and/or activities?

The recreation reserve fund was established and covered large, extraordinary expenses. and also covers short falls in committee events when donations for such events lag. (\$500.00 RESERVED FOR MAINT OF TOWN SIGNS ONLY)

**Balance \$4369.11**

## **Town Emergency Reserve Funds**

March 4, 2014: ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Groton authorize the creation of an Emergency Reserve Fund for the purpose of unforeseen Emergencies?

Town of Groton Emergency Reserve Fund is created for the sole purpose of providing financial stability to the Town in the case of a severe emergency. Money is to be set aside to support serious issues only with a goal to maintain the fund at 10% of the total budget. When looking for examples of where the application of the money would likely be required the Tropical Storm Irene applies where the Welton Road Bridge was seriously damaged.

**Balance \$2,683.86**

## **Sidewalk Funds**

March 3, 2015: ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve account to be called "Sidewalk Fund" for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks in the amount of \$15,000.00?

Town of Groton Sidewalk Fund was created.

**Balance \$ 18,415.56**

## **Professional Services Fund**

March 1 2016: ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Groton approve the establishment of reserve account to be called “Professional Services Fund” for the purpose of audit consulting services and to fund the reserve fund with \$4533.00.

Professional Services Fund was created

**Balance \$ 11,131.23**

**Library funds are not reserve funds and are controlled by the Library Trustees.**

## **Groton Free Public Library Reserve Fund**

March 7, 2006, Article 8: Shall the Town of Groton approve the existing accounts and the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Groton Free Public Library fund to be funded by grants, gifts, donations, fund raising, existing library investments and other non-taxation sources said fund to be used for library improvements, managed by the library Board of Trustees and dispensed by the Town Treasurer?

## **2016- LIBRARY ACCOUNTS**

Merchants Bank Money Market Library Fund

Operating expense account funded by annual appeal gifts, memorial funds, interest from Endowment, dividends from Sun America (now American Funds), donations from Community Club, or any funds not specified for Endowment.

**Balance \$12,089.73**

**Wells River Savings Bank Endowment Money Market Fund**

Library Endowment funded by capital campaign with interest deposited in Merchants Fund for use toward the Library portion of the monthly operating expense of the building (Gilman). Endowment intended to contain at least \$55,000. Funds may be used for capital improvements, but not operating costs. Book shelves purchased in 2015 **Balance \$45,878.69**

**Wells River Savings Bank Capital Fund Certificate of Deposit**

Anonymous gift restricted to capital improvements or non-budgeted items at the discretion of the Library Trustees.

**Balance \$31,067.70**

**American Funds (Sun America Securities)**

Investment of funds realized from sale of book in 1991. Dividends are deposited in Merchants Fund for use toward the Library portion of the monthly operating expense of the building (Gilman).

**Balance \$18,451.01**

**Merchants Bank Library Pay Pal Fund Account**

Fund Account was established to receive money electronically for Annual Appeal Donations.

**Balance \$9.00**

## **Highway Paving Reserve Funds**

March 4, 2007: ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Groton establish a Paving Reserve Fund in the amount of \$40,306.00 of unspent 2007 Highway fund?

This fund is to be used for paving Class 2 and Class3 projects that follows the parameters of the

VTRANS Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program

Projects shall include detailed work for the preservation of any Class 2 town highway for resurfacing and reconstruction based on identified needs. Eligible activities include preliminary engineering, construction, and construction inspection/management.

Notes:

- 1) Culvert replacement for culverts equal to or greater than 36 inches in diameter shall be part of the Town Highway Structures Program. Culverts less than 36 inches in diameter are considered part of drainage work in the Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program.
- 2) Guardrail work is only considered eligible if it is an essential part of the roadway project.
- 3) Curbing is an eligible item if it is an essential part of the roadway cross section (e.g., curbing in conjunction with a closed drainage system or associated with a raised median or other traffic control barrier).
- 4) Sidewalks are not eligible under the Class 2 Roadway grants.
- 5) Bicycle and pedestrian use should be considered when choosing shoulder widths and materials. In general, any existing shoulder should not be reduced in width. (This means that pavement overlays should include the full width of the road, including existing shoulders.) Towns should refer to the Vermont State Design Standards, Local Roads and Streets} *From the "Orange Book"*
- 6) Funding for this fund will be a line item Highway expense determined on an annual basis by using RSMS 11 (Road Surface Management System software that the town owns) for guidance. Additional funding will come from grant funds when in kind work exceeds the actual matching cost of a grant. An example would be in kind work (equipment time and labor) performed by the Highway Department that was reimbursable expenses.

The goal of having this fund is to maintain Class 2 and Class3 paved highways while maintaining a stable annual cost.

**Balance \$3012.28**

## **Highway Equipment Reserve Fund**

March 7, 1999: ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Groton approve the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the Highway Equipment Fund with the funds from the highway budget, in the amount of \$15,000. As budgeted this year, to be used for capital expenses within that department? (24 V.S.A. Sec. 2804)

This fund is to be used for replacement of Highway Department Equipment and unforeseen major capital repairs that could arise. The Highway Department will maintain a replacement schedule and update it annually. At the present time the trucks and grader will be replace with new ,and the loader , backhoe and chipper will be replaced with used.

Funding of this fund is a line item in the highway budget that is increased three percent annually. Other funds would come from the sale of surplus equipment and settlements from insurance claims.

The goal of having this fund is to maintain reliable equipment that will allow the Highway Department to provide a reasonable level of service to the needs of the highways infrastructure while maintaining a stable annual cost.

**Balance \$125,258.57**

## Highway Infrastructures Reserve Funds

March 6, 2012: ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund for bridges, culverts and highway infrastructures to initially be funded by a \$2000.00 addition to the 2012 Highway Budget?

This fund is to be used for large highway projects that it would not be feasible to fund in a single year and projects that could take several years to plan and complete.

This fund could also be used to leverage highway grant funds that may become available for smaller projects that may be unforeseen when setting budgets. An example of this would be the project started in 2013 on Bridge #6 on Power Spring Road without this fund we would not have been able to apply for the grant to remove the lead paint, repaint and point up the abutments.

Funding of this fund will be based on large project costs and timing for the annual line item in the highway budget. Additional funding will come from grant funds when in-kind work exceeds the actual matching cost of a grant. An example would be in-kind work (equipment time and labor) performed by the Highway Department that was reimbursable expenses.

The Highway Department will continue to maintain and update the bridge and culvert inventory at <http://vtculverts.org/> and use the data to aid in replacement schedule. Large structures over 20 feet span are inspected by VTRANS every two years and reported to the Select Board.

The goal of having this fund is to maintain Highway Bridges, Culverts & Infrastructures while maintaining a stable annual cost.

**Balance \$31,161.16**



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**TOWN PROPERTY VALUES AS OF 12/31/15**

<b>TOWN PROPERTY VALUES AS OF 12/31/15</b>				
<b>Date acquired</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Buildings</b>				
7/3/96	Bldg--Boy Scout	Camp	24,600.00	
	Bldg--Comm Bldg/vault		242,600.00	
	Bldg--Fire Station		63,400.00	
7/3/96	Bldg--Hwy Garages (both)		123,700.00	
	Bldg--Gazebo	Band stand	4,500.00	
7/3/96	Bldg--Pump House		200.00	
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDINGS</b>				<b>459,000.00</b>
	Contents--Community Building			
12/14/98	Contents--CB	CB - chairs, tables, etc. upstairs	1,000.00	
12/14/98	Contents--CB	CB - furnaces (2)	2,000.00	
12/14/98	Contents--CB	CB - kitchen contents	5,000.00	
5/19/05	Contents--CB	Listers - all office equip	18,542.00	
	Contents--CB	CDT - office equip	1,000.00	
12/14/98	Contents--CB	Office - Clerk & Treas office equipment	10,000.00	
	Contents--CB	Zoning-office equipment	389.00	
<b>TOTAL Contents--CB</b>				<b>37,931.00</b>
<b>12/31/95</b>	<b>TOTAL Contents--Library (per trustees)</b>			<b>228,438.00</b>
	<b>Union Bank stock/2445 shares (23.00/share) - formerly CSBT Stock/250 shares</b>			<b>0.00</b>
12/31/02	Equip--1st Constable		2,350.00	
12/31/02	Equip--2nd Constable		0.00	
11/29/11	Equip--Cruiser 2012 Chevrolet Impala		11,900.00	
<b>TOTAL Equip--Constables</b>				<b>14,250.00</b>
6/1/90	Equip--FAST	Equipment	9000	
<b>TOTAL Equip--FAST</b>				<b>9,000.00</b>
3/30/04	Equip--JD Tractor/Mower/Snowblower		7,400.00	
10/20/11	Equip--Stihl String Trimmer		250.00	
	Equip--misc old snowblower, push lawnmower		250.00	
12/15/13	Equip--JD Snowblower		1,600.00	
<b>TOTAL Equip--Tractor, Mowers, etc.</b>				<b>9,500.00</b>
	Equip--Fire Department			
11/3/90	Equip--FD	Equipment	225,460.00	
7/4/05	Equip--FD	40' container for training	3,750.00	
1/25/13	Equip--FD	Repeater	12,400.00	
	Equip--FD	1956 Chevy Pump Truck	5,500.00	
12/31/03	Equip--FD	1991 Ford Pumper/Tanker (refurbished)	3,850.00	
12/31/02	Equip--FD	2001 Freightliner Fire Truck	45,650.00	
	Equip--FD	2015 Freightliner Tanker	280,000.00	
12/7/07	Equip--FD	2003 Chev Ambulance	1,710.00	
<b>TOTAL Equip--FD</b>				<b>578,320.00</b>
	Equip--Hwy			
1/15/72	Equip--Hwy	10-l beams	2,200.00	
1/15/90	Equip--Hwy	Brush mower	100.00	
1/15/90	Equip--Hwy	Culvert thawer	7,220.00	
1/15/90	Equip--Hwy	Grader '83 130 Caterpillar	25,500.00	
1/15/94	Equip--Hwy	Storage trailer	400.00	
	Equip--Hwy	Small equipment & tools	37,751.00	
1/15/95	Equip--Hwy	Stone rake	1,000.00	
7/22/15	Equip--Hwy	TRK11: 2015 Western Star Truck, plow, sander, wing	185,000.00	
6/15/99	Equip--Hwy	Lowboy trailer	500.00	
11/3/06	Equip--Hwy	Loader - '02 924G Caterpillar	39,850.00	
4/21/08	Equip--Hwy	Backhoe 2004 Cat 420	39,300.00	
7/4/05	Equip--Hwy	Dell PC & monitor (was Fire Dept)	125.00	
11/2/09	Equip--Hwy	TRK9: 2010 Truck, plow, sander, wing	64,480.00	
4/27/12	Equip--Hwy	TRK10: 2012 Chevrolet K3500 / dump body	25,500.00	
9/21/12	Equip--Hwy	Chipper - 2001 Morbark 2012-D	12,000.00	
<b>TOTAL Equip--Hwy</b>				<b>440,926.00</b>

## TOWN PROPERTY VALUES CONTINUED

<b>11/3/90</b>	<b>TOTAL Equip--Recreation</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>
	<b>TOWN LAND</b>		
1/25/97	Land--Boy Scout	17.35 acres	35,300.00
	Land--RR bed-Depot Flat	0.42 acres	8,200.00
	Land--Parking Lakeside Dr	0.11 acres	9,300.00
1/25/97	Land--Village Cemeteries	16.43 acres	31,200.00
	Land--Scott Hwy (town garage prop)	3.31 acres	32,600.00
1/25/97	Land--Puffer Memorial Ball Field	3.8 acres	23,700.00
	Land--William Scott Cemetery	0.48 acres	12,000.00
	Land--Old Cemetery-Great Rd	0.24 acres	13,600.00
	Land--Old Cemetery-Glover Rd	0.37 acres	12,400.00
	Land--Old Cemetery-Dominicus Grey-Glover Rd	0.11 acres	9,300.00
	Land--Gravel Pit - Welton Rd	67 acres	113,900.00
1/25/97	Land--Mill St pump house	0.04 acres	1,100.00
	Land--RR bed - State Forest Hwy (Park St to Ricker Pond)	25.4 acres	21,100.00
	Land--Stump Dump - Little Italy Rd	8.5 acres	24,800.00
2/14/97	Land-- RR bed Little Italy Rd to Ryegate line	9.4 acres	9,100.00
1/25/97	Land--Old Dump - Goodfellow Rd	9.1 acres	22,700.00
	Land--Community Bldg land	0.47 acres	17,100.00
	Land--Firehouse bldg land	0.59 acres	18,900.00
1/25/97	Land--Veterans Memorial Park	0.73 acres	18,900.00
	Land--RR bed - Powder Spring Rd (near Welch Block)	1.2 acres	1,200.00
1/25/97	Land--Frost Memorial Ball Field	1.7 acres	22,800.00
7/3/03	Land--Cemetery- Park St	6 acres	27,000.00
	<b>TOTAL--Town Land</b>		<b>486,200.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL VALUE OF ALL TOWN PROPERTY</b>		<b>2,265,065.00</b>



Properties in Current Use Program in 2016						
Owner(s) of Property	Total Acres Owned	Acres Enrolled in Program	Total Assessed Property Value	Assessment Amt Exempted from Taxes	Taxable Value	Amount of Tax Exempted
Anagnostakis, Christopher & Sandra	106.00	101.00	\$ 138,600.00	\$ 101,200.00	\$ 37,400.00	\$ 2,043.73
Beck, Darren D.	49.00	49.00	\$ 51,600.00	\$ 44,100.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 890.60
Blandford-Berlejung, Mary & Paul (homestead)	74.00	59.00	\$ 270,500.00	\$ 76,100.00	\$ 194,400.00	\$ 1,606.09
Berry, Russell & Cecille	219.00	219.00	\$ 206,400.00	\$ 176,000.00	\$ 30,400.00	\$ 3,554.32
Brueckner, William C. & Dawn	370.00	362.00	\$ 318,100.00	\$ 216,800.00	\$ 101,300.00	\$ 4,378.28
Cassani, Robert E & Shirley J	178.50	178.50	\$ 151,800.00	\$ 125,500.00	\$ 26,300.00	\$ 2,534.47
Chandler, Harry & Judith (homestead)	269.08	267.08	\$ 350,300.00	\$ 173,300.00	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 3,657.50
Clough, Rick & Kelly	49.00	45.70	\$ 202,400.00	\$ 75,700.00	\$ 126,700.00	\$ 1,528.76
Crum, Kathleen	81.00	76.00	\$ 176,500.00	\$ 49,200.00	\$ 127,300.00	\$ 993.59
Cutone,Richard J & Victoria (homestead)	131.00	129.00	\$ 439,900.00	\$ 113,300.00	\$ 326,600.00	\$ 2,391.20
DeMartino, Paul	93.08	84.34	\$ 87,600.00	\$ 54,700.00	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 1,104.67
Doscinski, Leonard & Patricia (homestead)	104.70	102.70	\$ 409,100.00	\$ 123,700.00	\$ 285,400.00	\$ 2,610.69
Ducharme, Dennis & Helen	69.69	69.69	\$ 71,800.00	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 1,241.99
Eaton, Maureen & Henry (homestead)	57.50	55.50	\$ 415,600.00	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 320,100.00	\$ 2,015.53
Edwards, Leslie (homestead)	41.10	33.00	\$ 229,500.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 191,500.00	\$ 801.99
Edwards, Lyle	75.00	71.00	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 1,009.75
Engle, James & Priscilla	775.00	773.00	\$ 997,800.00	\$ 574,400.00	\$ 423,400.00	\$ 11,600.01
Engle, James B.	147.00	147.00	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 114,400.00	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 2,310.31
Foster-Jerry Lund Mountain Trust	692.43	688.43	\$ 458,600.00	\$ 305,900.00	\$ 152,700.00	\$ 6,177.65
Frost, Barbara J. & Earl	35.60	30.20	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 379.67
Gosselin, Edmund	37.50	33.00	\$ 59,400.00	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 735.10
Greenough, Bradley	124.00	122.00	\$ 218,400.00	\$ 67,900.00	\$ 150,500.00	\$ 1,371.24
Grimes James III	121.00	107.00	\$ 94,800.00	\$ 48,200.00	\$ 46,600.00	\$ 973.40
Hart, Steven & Lisa	55.00	55.00	\$ 47,300.00	\$ 38,700.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 781.55
Hersey, Christie M.	125.00	123.00	\$ 79,900.00	\$ 47,700.00	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 963.30
Kersaken Ventures LLC	295.95	150.30	\$ 426,800.00	\$ 53,100.00	\$ 373,700.00	\$ 1,072.35
Martell, Robert E. & Lori A.	339.12	334.02	\$ 742,200.00	\$ 462,600.00	\$ 279,600.00	\$ 9,342.21
Meadowsend Timberlands LTD	128.00	128.00	\$ 126,500.00	\$ 107,700.00	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 2,175.00
Morse, Norman (homestead)	144.00	134.50	\$ 427,100.00	\$ 131,600.00	\$ 295,500.00	\$ 2,777.42
Niemaszuk, Walter	378.50	366.17	\$ 373,500.00	\$ 256,900.00	\$ 116,600.00	\$ 5,188.10
Oliver, Troy A. & Julie L.	47.00	45.00	\$ 116,700.00	\$ 38,100.00	\$ 78,600.00	\$ 769.43
Page, Keith R	39.00	35.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 29,900.00	\$ 19,100.00	\$ 603.83
Park Forestry NY LLC	935.60	935.60	\$ 636,400.00	\$ 498,800.00	\$ 137,600.00	\$ 10,073.27
Pigeon Pond LLC (Bailey & Gable)	1,050.00	1,042.00	\$ 2,396,100.00	\$ 1,218,500.00	\$ 1,177,600.00	\$ 24,607.61
Powers, Craig & Brenda (homestead)	35.70	32.47	\$ 289,600.00	\$ 47,300.00	\$ 242,300.00	\$ 998.27
Puffer, Mathew	222.00	201.00	\$ 243,000.00	\$ 136,200.00	\$ 106,800.00	\$ 2,750.56
Ruggles, Patricia A (homestead)	45.00	43.00	\$ 270,700.00	\$ 52,600.00	\$ 218,100.00	\$ 1,062.26
Simakaski, Mark R. & Wolfgang, Nichole C.	38.00	36.00	\$ 303,100.00	\$ 46,000.00	see below	\$ 970.83
Simakaski, Mark R. & Wolfgang, Nichole C.		non-residential		\$ 47,400.00	\$ 208,500.00	\$ 957.24
Smith, Brent & Pamela (homestead)	41.00	39.00	\$ 206,500.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 1,034.15
Thomas, Bryce & Miriam	90.00	90.00	\$ 67,900.00	\$ 54,700.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 1,154.45
Thomas, F. Bryce (1997 Trust)	163.00	160.50	\$ 216,400.00	\$ 127,500.00	\$ 88,900.00	\$ 2,574.86
Thomas, Paul A. & Frederick Bryce III	37.10	37.10	\$ 70,700.00	\$ 65,200.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,316.71
Thomas, Paul A	126.00	109.50	\$ 196,700.00	\$ 116,100.00	\$ 80,600.00	\$ 2,344.64
Thomas, Paul A	65.10	63.10	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 1,252.09
Timbervest Partners III Vermont LLC	237.00	224.80	\$ 183,200.00	\$ 138,700.00	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 2,801.05
Uttero, Peter J.	363.00	357.00	\$ 388,700.00	\$ 213,900.00	\$ 174,800.00	\$ 4,319.71
Vaughn, Tristan	46.00	44.00	\$ 85,100.00	\$ 53,200.00	\$ 31,900.00	\$ 1,074.37
Wosko, Walter & Diane	39.00	32.00	\$ 256,900.00	\$ 39,900.00	\$ 217,000.00	\$ 805.78
Zimmermann Groton Forestry, LLC	760.00	760.00	\$ 579,700.00	\$ 496,100.00	\$ 83,600.00	\$ 10,018.74
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9,745.25</b>	<b>9,381.20</b>	<b>\$ 14,469,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,317,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,098,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 149,700.29</b>
<b>Homestead values exempted from land use</b>				\$ 909,300.00		\$ 19,190.78
<b>Non-residential values exempted from land use</b>				\$ 6,558,800.00		\$ 132,454.97
				<b>\$ 7,468,100.00</b>		<b>\$ 151,645.74</b>

<b>2016 List of Land in Groton owned by State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources</b>				
Values as of 2016				
<b>Reference ID</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Property Description</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>2016 Appraised Value</b>
3267 EC 1	Environmental Conservation	Groton Lake Damsite	3.00	\$ 63,100.00
3267FP 1	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Seyon Pond	26.00	\$ 106,700.00
3267 FP 10	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Ricker Pond Damsite	13.00	\$ 12,500.00
3267 FP 11	Forests, Parks & Recreation	TNC/Moffatt Acquisition	329.00	\$ 250,000.00
3267 FP 12	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Lyon Acq - Seyon Block	42.00	\$ 29,700.00
3267 FP 13	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Page Acquisition	25.70	\$ 24,300.00
3267 FP 2	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Ricker Pond Campsite & frontage	39.00	\$ 175,100.00
3267 FP 3	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Lake Groton Cottage Lots	2.07	\$ 3,000.00
3267 FP 4	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Stillwater Campground	42.00	\$ 136,100.00
3267 FP 5	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Big Deer Campground	25.00	\$ 28,600.00
3267 FP 6	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Boulder Beach	25.00	\$ 109,900.00
3267 FP 7	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Kettle Pond Campground & frontage	20.00	\$ 86,000.00
3267 FP 8	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Natural Woodland Areas	149.00	\$ 105,300.00
3267 FP 9	Forests, Parks & Recreation	Forest Land *	11,702.03	\$ 13,207,200.00
3267 FW 1	Fish & Wildlife	Pine Mountain WMA	372.00	\$ 372,800.00
3267 FW 2	Fish & Wildlife	Levi Pond WMA **	259.20	\$ 78,800.00
3267 FW 3	Environmental Conservation	St. Hilaire Parcel ***	100.00	\$ 80,100.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>13,174.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,869,200.00</b>
<b>Amount of PILOT funds we received from the State of Vermont</b>				<b>\$60,187.69</b>





## 2016 Property Sales in Groton

Grantor	Grantee	Location
Puffer, Matthew J & Tracy L	Emerson, Chris W & Kelly L	Scott Hwy
Berry, Stuart	Roy, John & Brittany	228 Powder Spring Rd
McLeod, Mary	Federal National Mortgage Assoc	81 Mill St
Tripp, Warren B	Moore, Donald Jr & Lisa L	Weld Rd
Plante, Robert, Paul, John, Ronald	Plante, Robert, Paul, John	193 South County Rd
Wallace, Dana III	Stoner, David W & Linda H Trustees	1012 Branch Brook Rd
Odell, Kendall Sr estate	Odell, Kendall Jr, Brian, Randall & Walker, Ann	982 W Shore Dr
Edwards, Leslie E	Edwards, Lyle H	Stewart Rd
Edwards, Lyle	Emerson, Chris & Kelly	Stewart Rd
Haskins, Mary	Sanville, Dave R	1694 Goodfellow Rd
Hamlett, Charles	Merryfield, Michelle L	2271 Scott Hwy
Braman, Fred & Signa	Shepard, Brenda J	4064 Scott Hwy
Tripp, Warren B	Gandin, Thomas G	432 Powder Spring Rd
Brockelman, Warren Y	Page, Brian & Courtney M	Scott Hwy
Lury, Charles M	Citifinancial Servicing LLC	1070Scott Hwy
Town of Groton	Bartlett, Nathan	1191 State Forest Rd
Fitch, Michael John & Marcucci, Terri	Fitchm Michael John & Maccucci, Terri Trust	2079 Goodfellow Rd
Chambers, Tanya	LaFlam, David	67 Buzzy's Rd
Darling, Christopher & Sonja	Williams, Brittany E	1531 Red Brook Rd
Page, Thoma& Janet	Rowe, Jeffrey & Foy, Megan	84 Mt Medad Rd
Oliveira, Manuel & Maria	Santamora, Janet	47 Goodfellow Rd
Colby, Curtis R	Colby, Curtis Revocable Trust	417 Goodfellow Rd
Wyman, Kenneth & June	Pitts, David Jr	1177 Scott Hwy
Hatch, Chad	Ferris, Courtney & Hill Jonathon	1692 Red Brook Rd
Burke, James D	Burke Revocable living Tust	74 Powder Spring Rd
Burke, James Burke Phyllis	Burke Revocable living Tust	74 Powder Spring Rd
Brousseau,Richard & Brousseau E	Brousseau, Christopher & Brousseau D	151 Sawmill Rd
Huskey, David & Huskey Santina	Huskey,D,S,I,& F McCWiliams, Renee	68 Minard Hill Rd
Lord, John P	Owens, Kama& Furman, Satira	70 Hosmer Brook Rd
Fahey, Vicki M & Brian P	Federal National Mortgage Assoc	6243 Scott Hwy
PennyMac HoldingLLC	Penny Mac Corp	1638 Powder Spring Rd
PennyMac HoldingLLC	Hatch, Chad	1638 Powder Spring Rd
Walker, Margery, Swett Trust	Gorman, Sean M & Alison P	98 West Shore Dr
Herbert, Lara	Herbert, Christopher A	109 Little Italy Rd
Buswell, John W & Barbara M	Paton, William & Julia	6027 Scott Hwy
Gourdeau, Raymond	21st Mortgage Corp	656 Glover Rd
Crum, Erich D & Donovan, Kathleen J	Crum, Erich D	1742 Scott Hwy
Gandin, Thomas G	Orcutt, Heather	2414 Scott Hwy
Fioravanti, Steven P	Fioavanti, Melanie S	Groton
Howard, Randy G	Fair, Donald M II & Cohan, Benjamin I	1324 SFH 8
Green Mountain Community Solar	Groton Tannery Brook Community Solar	US 302
Federal National Mortgage Assoc	Renfrew, John D	81 Mill St
Corless, Eleanor E -Corless, Arnold	Tillberg, David T	5633 Scott Hwy
Marinace, Robert Joseph Jr	Lapham, Frank W	1241 Scott Hwy
Albini, Michael,Mark, Anthony Sr, Char	Welcome, James & Mureen	1390 Scott Hwy
Bostrom, James & Lois	Dexter, Marty, Grider, Mary, Judd, Susan, Bingham, Stephen, Van Broekhoven, Deborah	592 West Shore Dr
Clough, Ricky & Kelly	Vermont Land Trust Inc	US 302
Massey, Alan & Murch, Kristen	Massey Murch Revocable Family Trust	3041 State Forest Rd
Town of Groton	Hart, Steven	192 Nort County Rd
Whitehill, Linda	Hood, Mark	717 Powder Spring Rd
Doscinski, Leonard & Patricia	Doscinski, Leonard, Patricia, Deborah, Sanders, Sarah, Adams, Melissa, Doscinski, Joshua -Life Estate	999 Minard Hill Rd
McLeod, M. Ross Estate	Smith, Sara	1445 Powder Spring Rd

## **Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes**

### **Town of Groton, Vermont**

**Adopted August 2014**

#### **Summary**

To be fair to all town taxpayers, the collection policy recognizes that individuals may go through periods of financial difficulty. At the same time, the policy asserts that, in general, shifting the burden of one property owner's debt onto other property owners in the town is not appropriate. A taxpayer who becomes delinquent will be encouraged to find alternative resources to pay in full as soon as possible.

It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to contact the Collector of Delinquent Taxes to make arrangements to pay over time if time is needed. A time frame for payment will depend on circumstances and may stretch at most to July 2017, provided that scheduled payments are regularly made and that the property does not go further delinquent.

Properties that have been delinquent without receipt of Full payment by the Collector and a written agreement specifying regular payments sufficient to clear the back taxes by July 2017 will be processed for tax sale or for other method of collection.

Properties on which a payment schedule is not faithfully fulfilled or that fall further delinquent may be processed for tax sale or other method of collection.

All costs of any method of collection will accrue against the taxpayer and may become a lien on the property.

#### **Overview and Philosophy**

It is in the best interest of the Town of Groton and of its residents that property taxes be paid when they are due. Town and school budgets are set in anticipation of the collection of taxes, and taxes not paid by some property owners shift the cost burden onto others.

As Collector of Delinquent Taxes, I recognize that there are circumstances beyond the control of a taxpayer that may cause delinquency. I will work with people in a diplomatic and professional manner to help them come current in their obligation to the town.

However, if a taxpayer fails to contact me, or if a taxpayer does not get current within what I as Collector believe to be a reasonable length of time, or if a taxpayer does not deal in good faith, it is my duty to proceed with any and all appropriate collection methods to recover the debt in a timely manner, and I shall do so.

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and both the Town and the taxpayer know what to expect.

Delinquent taxes represent a lien on the property and remain in effect until the delinquent tax, penalty, and interest have been paid in full.

### **Notices**

Within 20 days after receiving the warrant and list of property owners from the Town Treasurer, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will mail the initial notice to taxpayers who are delinquent. This initial notice will indicate the amount of delinquent tax, assessed penalty, and accrued interest. The Collector will include with the initial delinquency notice a statement explaining the possibility of tax abatement.

Follow-up delinquency notices will be sent at least quarterly until taxes, penalty, and interest have been paid in full.

It is the responsibility of the property owner or taxpayer to notify the town in writing of any change of mailing address or contact information.

### **Penalty**

A penalty in an amount set by the voters is assessed as a percentage of the original amount of the tax delinquency. For the 2014 tax year and prior, the penalty is assessed at eight percent.

### **Interest**

On the date that the warrant is issued to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes by the Treasurer and again on the first day of each month after, interest on the delinquent tax balance is assessed at the monthly rate determined by the voters. Voters set the amount of interest at one percent (1.0%) per month or any part of a month for the first 3 months and one and one half percent (1.5%) thereafter.

### **Payments and Receipts**

Full payment of a delinquent account in a lump sum is preferred. Payment may be mailed or hand delivered to the Town Office at 1476 Scott Highway, Groton, Vermont 05046.

The Collector will issue a receipt to the property owner for every payment. On a monthly basis, the Collector will deliver a report to the Town Office for the previous month. The Collector will retain a carbon copy of each receipt issued.

A payment will be credited as having been received per the legible date stamped or written on the envelope or check by the Town official receiving the payment.

Postdated checks will not be accepted. Requests to hold checks for later deposit will not be honored. Cash payments will be accepted. You may also make payment online at [www.Officialpayments.com](http://www.Officialpayments.com), Or by visiting our Town website at [www.grotonvt.org](http://www.grotonvt.org) and following the link to Official Payments on the Right side of the page. Online payments will be credited by the time stamp of the transaction.

### **Acceptance of Partial Payments**

Partial payments will be accepted if the taxpayer has submitted in writing a dated and signed payment agreement that is scheduled to clear the account by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Without such an agreement, partial payments may be accepted at the discretion of the Collector or of the Town official receiving the payment. Acceptance of partial payments in no way excuses the taxpayer from liability for the entire balance due, including all interest and penalty and any costs.

### **Allocation of Partial Payments**

Each partial payment will be applied first to the outstanding accrued interest and penalty. Any remainder will be proportionately applied to tax.

### **Bad Payments**

If a payment is returned or refused due to insufficient funds or for any other reason not the fault of the Town or of the Collector, the taxpayer will be charged all associated costs and will lose the privilege of submitting payment by any device except pre-paid cashier's check.

### **Collection after Extended Delinquency**

If delinquent tax bills have not been paid in full on or before July 2017 the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may begin the following actions to collect the taxes, penalty, interest, costs, and fees:

**Tax Sale:** The Collector will engage an attorney to conduct a tax sale of the property or of as much of the property as is necessary to pay the tax, interest, penalty, costs, and fees:

The taxpayer and mortgage and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale decision, the deadline date by which full payment must be received to avert sale, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins. Absolutely no partial payments will be accepted after issuance of the notice of tax sale.

If the deadline for full payment passes and full payment has not been received, a tax sale will be conducted according to procedures specified in 32 VSA § 5252.

Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale or if in the judgment of the Collector proceeding with the tax sale is unadvisable, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any and all means permitted by law, or may place the property on the following year's tax sale list.

**Court Action:** The Collector may file a complaint with the Caledonia County Small Claims Court or Caledonia Superior Court.

## **Abatement of Taxes**

Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 VSA § 1535. See the attached Notice of Abatement of Taxes. To request a meeting with the Board of Abatement, please contact the town clerk at 584-3276.

## **Notice of Possibility of Abatement of Taxes**

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Groton is authorized under law, 24 V.S.A. sections 1533-1537, to conduct hearings on requests for abatement of real and personal property taxes. Not every taxpayer is eligible for abatement of taxes, but if you believe you meet the criteria listed below, you may want to consider requesting a hearing. The appropriate paperwork is available at the Groton Town Office.

The criteria include:

Taxes of persons who have died insolvent.

Taxes of persons who have moved from the state.

Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees.

Taxes in which there is a manifest error or a mistake of the listers.

Taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year.

If you believe you qualify for abatement, you should take immediate action to request a hearing, as filing the application does not stay the collection of your property tax.

If you file the paperwork to request a hearing, the Board of Abatement will notify you of the date, time, and place of your hearing and you will be responsible for supplying evidence to support your request.

The board is under no obligation to grant any abatement request and may choose to abate all, part, or none of the taxes, interest, and penalties due.

**Annie Crowley**

**802-757-2048**

**603-667-5075**

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes**

**Town of Groton**

**1476 Scott Highway**

**Groton, Vermont 05046**

## **DELINQUENT TAX REPORT IN THE YEAR OF 2016**

Anderson, Eric	Lasell, Horace James
Beamis, Shirley E	Leininger, Tina M
Bedard, Michael J	Lepenven, Larry J
Bliss, Donald	Lesieur, Kelly F
Bourdeau, Donald W	Lord, John P
Boyce, David B	McKay, Kenneth P SR
Boyce, Douglas P	Meagher, John
Braig, Peter	Newman, Sarah E
Brinkman, Stan B	O'Grady, Scott D
Brown, Laura	Page, Curtis S
Calvello, Nicholas	Pappas, Peter
Carey, Jannel Annet	Peterson, Ronald
Cavusoglu, Robin	Powell, Herman
Conti, Richard	Quintaine, Marie
Correira, David J	Ringen, Robert A
Crown, Russell	Robinson, Daniel C
Crown, Shawn R	Shute, Kevin C
Darling, Henry	Skinner, Robert
Darling, Shawn R	Slayton, David
Demers, Robert	Smith, Rachel
Dickey, Christy Lyn	Spooner, Timothy
Eastman, Mary	Stanton, Mary
Edwards, Gale Lyn	Taylor, Robert M
Ellison, David	Thomson, Valerie
Farr, Bradley	Verrier Richard
Fulford, Heidi A	Walbridge, Lindsay
Goodrich, Robert F	Williams, Perley
Groton Commercial	Wood, Rose-Marie
Hamlett, Charles A	
Hamlett, Daryl	
Hogan, Kerry A	
Kennedy, Michael A	
Khedouri, Sarah	
Kvam, Matthew W	
Lakin, Charles	
Langlois, Steven P	

**ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF GROTON**

**DELINQUENT TAXES SUMMARY 2013, 2014 and 2015**

**YEAR AND WARRANT: TAX ONLY DUE  
AS OF 12/31/2016**

2014	\$2492.27
2015	\$13896.90
2016	\$102685.11

**Total Outstanding on 12/31/2016 for all Tax  
years \$119,074.28**

**Total amount Collected and Handed over tax only  
to include Tax sale properties from 11/8/16 until**

**12/31/16= \$55,410.93**

## **Groton Free Public Library**

**1304 Scott Highway**

**Groton, VT 05046**

**802-584-3358**

[grotonlibraryvt@gmail.com](mailto:grotonlibraryvt@gmail.com)

In the summer of 2016, the Groton Free Public Library marked 10 years in our current building. We are proud to have evolved and grown to meet the needs and desires of our community, and we look forward to continuing that evolution during the next decade and beyond. We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic library, filled with books and other reading resources to feed the soul, games and puzzles to challenge the brain, programs to enlighten and energize you, new-release and older DVDs for your viewing pleasure, free or discounted passes to area attractions, and computers and free Wi-Fi to reach out and touch the world. In addition, the library continues to offer free services such as interlibrary loan, downloadable e-books and audio books, online Universal Classes, Vermont Online Library, and Heritage Quest.

On Memorial Day weekend, with the help of all of our community donors, volunteers & shoppers, we were able to surpass our fundraising goal in our first ever Yard Sale Extravaganza. Special thanks to the Upper Valley Grill, Doug Murray Enterprises & Realbounce.com for their contributions that made this event possible -- and to Modern Woodmen of America for their generous funds match of \$2,500!

Our Friends of the Library group runs a year-round Book Sale on the second floor of the library, with a special sale featured during Fall Foliage Weekend. (Thank you for all of your donated books!) Proceeds help to purchase items for our community such as audio books, program supplies, and special book collections. Additional financial contributions from the Crafts & Conversation group, the Groton Community Club, BMU Student Council, Children's Literacy Foundation (CliF), and the VT Department of Libraries were also much appreciated this year, as they helped us offer diverse programming and materials for lending.

We have a welcoming space that is also available to reserve for meetings/groups on an occasional or regular basis. The Groton Rec. Committee, T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), and NEKLS (Northeast Kingdom Learning Services) are just a few of the groups who have met in the library spaces during closed hours this year.

Stop in any time to see this amazing community resource! Thank you for all of your continued support.

**Library Program Highlights in 2016:** Gingerbread House Decorating, Vermont Humanities Council Book Discussion Series, Youth Advisory Committee, Fun Art Friday series, VINS: The Noble Sport of Falconry, Bookin' Bootcamp series, Chicks 101, weekly Crafts & Conversation, Three Healing Kitchen Spices, Storytime Yoga series, Southern VT Natural History Museum: Vermont Wildlife, Yoga (Co-Sponsored by Groton Rec. Com.), Sleeping Sentinel Concert (Co-Sponsored by Groton Rec. Com. & Groton Historical Soc.), Read-to-a-Goat.

**Board of Trustees:** Kristian Connolly (Chair), Sarah Despines, Diane Kreis, Erik Volk.

**Friends of the Library:** Vicki Burgess, Judith Chandler, Deborah Connolly, Susan Gordon, Joan Haskell, Martha Montague, Kirsten Murch, Janet Page, Nancy Spencer.

**Librarian:** Anne Hatch

**Open Hours:** Mon. 2:30-7pm, Wed. 10am-4pm, Fri. 2:30-7pm, Sat. 10am-12pm

<b>Library Budget vs. Actual Budget</b>			
<b>Expenses paid from Town General Fund</b>			
	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>
Librarian wages	17,794	17,788.28	18,062
Payroll taxes	1,361	1,360.68	1,389
VLCT PACIF-Insurance	1,113	1,114.00	1,058
Postage & delivery	-	0	720
Cleaning	1,000	918.00	-
Building rent	3,700	3,700.00	3,700
Supplies-Library	-	0	-
Books & periodicals-	1,690	1,685.77	5,000
Office supplies	600	844.17	800
Telephone/internet	920	847.18	920
Training	0	0	80
Software/support	0	0	700
Computer Repairs	0	0	300
Furnishings & Equipment	0	0	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,178</b>	<b>28,258.08</b>	<b>\$ 32,929</b>
<b>Library Budget vs. Expenses</b>			
<b>Expenses paid by Library Fund</b>			
	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>
Transfers Out	0	5,005.00	0
Programs Expense	1,200	1,871.47	1,200
Postage	720	599.84	0
Building Operations	2,000	2,000.00	2,000
Books & Periodicals	3,000	3,390.08	0
Training & Mileage	100	186.32	100
Technology Services/Soft	750	582.78	0
Computer Maintenance	200	297.00	0
Furnishings	300	132.95	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>14,065.44</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<b>Library Fund Revenue</b>			
<b>Funds are entered into Library Fund</b>			
	<b>Actual</b>		
Books & Copy revenue	47.00		
Dividends American Funds	384.06		
Donations/Annual Appeal	3,755.80		
Fundraising revenue	620.00		
Grant revenue	2,500.00		
Interest income	346.89		
Program revenue	3,746.54		
Gains - Investments	506.66		
Transfers In	0		
PayPal Revenue/Donations	0		
Transfers In	5,005.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,911.95</b>		

# **2016 GROTON CEMETERY RULES**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION** In order to protect the roadways and monuments, all Groton Cemeteries will be closed to vehicular traffic from Nov. 1 to May 1, unless otherwise authorized by the Cemetery Commissioners.

**FLOWERS AND FLAGS** All flowers, natural and artificial, should be removed from the cemeteries by Oct. 1. The flags will remain on the graves until Veteran's Day in November. Any flowers, plants and flags left in the cemetery may be removed by the maintenance workers.

**FOOTINGS** In order to facilitate mowing and for the long term stability of the stones, all the monuments will be set on a cement foundation with footings which extend four inches outward from the monument.

## **SETTING OF CORNER STONES AND GRASS MARKERS**

A Cemetery Official will have the final say as to the location of any upright stone or grass marker should there be a question as to whether a marker has been placed correctly on any given lot. The cemetery Commissioners are responsible for setting the cornerstones.

**PLANTINGS** Planting should be of the low maintenance type that will not grow to a size which will impinge on the surrounding lots. They must be clearly marked in order to protect them. They must be planted between the monuments and not in front or behind the headstones. Please understand that it is extremely difficult to be aware of all the plantings in cemeteries as large as the ones Groton has.

The town cannot be held responsible for plantings set in front or behind monuments as these areas are maintained with a lawn mower. However, the spaces between the monuments are maintained with string trimmers. It is much easier to spot and avoid a planting in these areas than in front and behind the headstones.

**BURIALS** The cemetery will be closed for burials from the first snowfall until the ground is fully thawed in the spring, unless specifically authorized by the Cemetery Commission.

Burial vaults will be of concrete.

## **PURCHASING LOTS IN A GROTON CEMETERY**

Lots are for sale containing as few as 1 burial plot and up to 12 plots. Lots sold at resident prices will have the resident's name only listed as owner on the deed. Non-residents cannot be listed as co-owners on lots purchased at residential prices. The initial of the owner's last name will be engraved on the cornerstones. There is a price list available through the town clerk. Cremation urns can be buried in any plot.

## **SPECIFYING THE INDIVIDUALS TO BE BURIED IN A LOT**

At the time of purchase the deed holder can fill out a form that will specify the individuals who can be buried in a specific lot. This document can be notarized and filed with the deed for the current recording fee.

Should a deed holder wish to specify who may be buried on their lot, this form can also be filled out, notarized and filed with the deed for the recording fee.

Should a deed holder wish to sell a lot or portion of a lot, they must first sell it back to the town at the same price that it was originally purchased for. Then the town will sell the lot to the new owner based on current pricing. Corner stone for this new lot may not be required if the Commissioners approve.

Please be aware that the only way to securely guarantee who shall be buried in any given lot is for that person to own it. In cases where there might be a family dispute we suggest that the parties take all steps possible to make clear who shall be allowed to use a lot.

**CREMATION BURIALS**

The interment of cremation urns is not restricted to special cremation plots. Urns can be buried on gravesites already inhabited or on sites that have been purchased but not used. In order to do this the Sexton must be informed and arrangements made for the digging and interning the urn so that the exact location of the urn can be recorded and the plot can be officially prepared. There is an added cost for digging the interment hole.

All Groton Cemetery guidelines for placement of markers and cornerstones will apply to lots being used for cremation internments

**PERPETUAL CARE**

Perpetual Care fees cover emergency repair and general upkeep of the cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a lot in the Groton cemetery, please contact the Town Clerk.

CEMETERY LOT PRICES and FEES for 2016								
SIZE	# of traditional burial sites	# of cremation sites	LOT PRICE	PERPETUAL CARE	FEES	SETTING OF CORNER STONES	TOTAL FOR RESIDENTS	TOTAL FOR NON RESIDENT
12'x4'	1	4	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$475.00	\$1,875.00
12'x8'	2	8	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$575.00	\$3,375.00
12'x12'	3	12	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$775.00	\$4,975.00
12'x16'	4	16	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$975.00	\$6,575.00
12'x20'	5	20	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$1,175.00	\$8,175.00
FEE EXPLANATION: RECORDING COST \$20.00 CORNER POSTS:\$105.00								

Lots must be paid for in full at the time of purchase  
 The cost for grave preparation and cremation urn preparation is set by the contractor at the time of service.

<b>Cemetery Funds Activity - 2016</b>	
<b>Cemetery Accounts are Fiduciary Funds, they are restricted funds.</b>	
Lot Sales (after disbursements)	4,775.00
Corner stone income	105.00
Recording fee income	20.00
Corner stone setting fees income	50.00
Development Funds (non-resident lot sale)	0.00
Perpetual Care income (lot sales)	1,000.00
Perpetual Care income (interest)	43.03
Interest & dividends on Savings & Trust accounts	12.31
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>6,005.34</b>
<b><u>Expenditures paid from Cemetery Accounts</u></b>	
Deposited to Development Funds	0.00
Deposited to Perpetual Care Fund	800.00
Recording fees (Groton Town Clerk)	100.00
Corner stones expense (Gandin Bros)	340.00
Ad For Mowing	46.40
	<b>1,286.40</b>
<b><u>Expenditures paid from General Fund</u></b>	
Dues & meetings	0.00
Stone cleaning/Restoration	2,376.00
Mowing	7,938.00
Bushhog Riverside Cemetery	180.00
Repairs & maintenance	0.00
Rubbish removal	0.00
Markers & flags	329.90
	<b>10,823.90</b>
<b><u>Cemetery Funds Balances 12/31/16</u></b>	
	<b>Balances</b>
TD Bank-Roosevelt Carter Trust	6,187.28
WGSB H. Hosmer	3,285.09
WRSB Development Funds	7,244.34
WRSB Cemetery Lot Expenses	3,750.24
WRSB Mary Jane Ricker Hall Trust	1,061.63
MB Perpetual Care	87,334.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,862.59</b>

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2016**

"The Groton Recreation Committee has been very active in our Community in 2016! If you are interested in helping to develop recreational activities in town, or have any recreational ideas, please contact Kristian Connolly at 584-3170".

A third season of Ladies Beginner Floor Hockey was held January through March, with about 20 women playing throughout the season.

In April and May, about 25 people enjoyed the second year of a yoga series taught by Kelsey Root of Rising Spirit Yoga. This program was co-sponsored by the Groton Free Public Library.

Summertime fitness "Outdoor Bootcamp" was held in July and August, with 30 people taking part. This series was held at Veterans Memorial Park.

The Recreation Committee was a co-sponsor, along with the Groton Historical Society and the Groton Free Public Library, of the Sleeping Sentinel concert on Labor Day weekend in Memorial Park, with approximately 220 attendees.

The Recreation Committee was co-sponsor for the Senior Meals Program that is offered at the Browns Market Bistro in Groton on Thursdays. Thank you for all that attended.

Muay Thai Fitness classes were offered in September and October by local instructor Anne George. About 20 men and women participated.

A second year of Zumba classes by instructor Judy Eddy, were held in Groton Gym on Sunday mornings November 6 – December 11, with over 40 participants of all ages.

The Annual Halloween Party was a great success this year. This event was run by Jazzy Children's Fund and had about 65 children attended.

Friday night pickup basketball in the Groton Gym began in December, with play scheduled to run through April.

The SD Ireland Holiday Cement Mixer returned on Sunday, Dec. 18, in front of the Groton Library. Unfortunately, the Cement Mixer was cancelled due to weather.

Committee member Janet Page, and her husband, Tom, generously donated their time, money and effort to providing seasonal decorations for the Memorial Park gazebo, beginning with a lighted pumpkin in the fall.

Recreation Committee members: Paul Berlejung, Kristian Connolly (chair), Deborah Connolly, Lisa Hart, Anne Hatch and Janet Page

## **1<sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE REPORT**

In 2016, I provided the following Law Enforcement services as Groton's First Constable:

Patrol:	300.25 hours
Training:	52.25 hours
Court:	15.50 hours
Donated:	15.50 hours
Accidents:	7.00 hours
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	<u>34.50 hours</u>
Total Hours:	425.00 hours

During patrol work, I issued:

82	tickets
288	written warnings
89	verbal warnings
35	VIN checks.

As of November, 2016, the Town of Groton has received \$4704.50 in Civil fines from Tickets issued.

I wish to thank the town for their continued support and welcome any comments or suggestions to improving my services to the public.

Respectfully submitted

James A Downing  
1<sup>st</sup> Constable

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

In 2016, there were 16 permits processed.

Permits and Amended permits cost \$50.00. They can be obtained from the Town Clerks Office or the town website at [www.grotonvt.com](http://www.grotonvt.com)

Land owners should not start any ground breaking or projects until all state and town permits are acquired. Violations could occur if land owners start before permits are received.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Groton and please feel free to contact me or the town Office with any questions or concerns.

Bradley Houghton JR.  
Zoning Administrator

## **Groton Volunteer Fire Department- 2016**

This year we replaced the doors and the front of the station. This makes it possible to get Mutual Aid Trucks in to the station when they are providing coverage during a fire. The old doors were too low for the bigger trucks from surrounding towns.

**Fire Calls - 2016 – 46 (as of 12/1/16)**

**Training:** Members of the Fire Dept. have achieved an incredible amount of training.

Level 1 - Certified- 9    Level II- Certified – 4    ABC Certified- 2    45 Hour Program - 2

**Volunteer Hours** Fire Department Members put in many hours above & beyond Fire Calls:

Training- Monthly; mutual aid drills, and weekend fire schools

Meetings- Monthly business meetings, Selectboard meetings, Committee Meetings

Maintenance- Trucks and Building

Fund Raising - Coin Drops, Chicken Barbecues

Community Service- Whatever we are asked to help with!

All of the above hours are unpaid. These are hours when we could have been home with our families.

**PLEASE INSTALL A 911 SIGN ON YOUR HOME. PLEASE PUT YOUR HOUSE  
NUMBER ON BOTH SIDES OF YOUR RURAL MAILBOX. WE SPEND MANY  
PRECIOUS MINUTES TRYING TO FIND YOU  
WHEN YOU DIAL 911.**

Thank you for all your support during the tragedy of the loss of Jordan Smith in March. Words cannot express the overwhelming moral support you all provided to our members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Wayne C. Knott

Groton Volunteer Fire Department

## GROTON RYEGATE F.A.S.T SQUAD 2016

Groton- 106 Calls Ryegate- 94 Calls - our busiest year ever.

We hosted an EMT class at BMU this fall. Students will be taking written and practical tests in December and January.

**PLEASE INSTALL A 911 SIGN ON YOUR HOME.** PLEASE PUT YOUR HOUSE

NUMBER ON BOTH SIDES OF YOUR RURAL MAILBOX. **WE SPEND MANY**

**PRECIOUS MINUTES TRYING TO FIND YOU**

**WHEN YOU DIAL 911.**

We have been doing research on replacing the current Rescue Rig. The Groton Capital Plan has it to be replaced in 2018. We purchased the unit used many years ago and it is showing signs of wear. Our plan is to dedicate the next R1 to Jordan Smith who was the Head of Service for the FAST Squad at the time of his tragic passing in March 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Wayne C. Knott  
Groton Fire Department  
Groton-Ryegate FAST Squad

<b>FAST - GROTON RYEGATE FAST SQUAD ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> This account is not funded by taxpayer dollars. These funds are from fundraising efforts and donations but the account is maintained by the Town Treasurer and listed under the Town's Federal ID number.	
<b>MB FAST Squad Money Market account</b>	
<b>Bank account balance on 12/31/15</b>	<b>2,234.83</b>
Interest received	1.12
<b>Bank account balance on 12/31/16</b>	<b>2,235.95</b>

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT**

This year the fire season was an active one at the beginning of the season. We had three forest fires that we participated in extinguishing. I want to take this time to thank all those on our department who have done an outstanding job in these events.

This year was one for frequent unpermitted burns which I had to investigate and have put out.

**The requirements to obtain a burn permit are as follows: you need to obtain a burn permit by calling the forest fire warden within 12-24 hours of burning grass or brush. The only time that you are not required to get a burn permit is when there is significant amount of snow in the area in which you are burning. This also depends on the time of the year such as early fall and late spring when we may have early snow storms. It is always best to contact me with any questions or doubts in burning. When there is a ban on burning it will be announced on WYKR and on the Groton website.**

I must also remind people that in order to burn woodpiles such as debris from buildings, other than brush, you must obtain a different permit from the Environmental Air Pollution Office. Their address and phone number is as follows: Air Pollution Control Division, Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 3 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-0402, Telephone # (802)241-3840.

**If you want a permit during the week, you need to contact me the night before so you can get your permit. This has been one of the problems that I have had because I do work during the day from Monday thru Friday. You can contact me during the week after 5 PM at 584-3628.**

Due to the large area of Groton which is covered by forest, it is difficult to survey the area from time to time and because of that, there has been a lot of illegal burns which go unnoticed which could be a potential hazard to others and their homes if the fire warden is not aware of them. If caught without a permit, you could be issued a fine plus cost of equipment and personnel that come to the scene.

The concern now since the stump dump has been closed for over a year now, is what do we do about our leaves and brush? First of all, you can burn your own brush as long as you obtain a burn permit but as far as leaves go, the law prohibits the burning of leaves. If you have a concern about what to do with your leaves, give me a call.

There is also a growing issue on trash burning. There is a state law now, which has been in effect since 2005 making it illegal in the State of Vermont to burn trash. The Town of Groton has now passed a Trash Burning Ordinance. You can obtain a copy of this at the Town Clerk's office and if you have any questions, you can contact Jim Downing, the Town Constable.

Wade Johnson, Sr., Forest Fire Warden  
Justin Carle, Assistant Forest Fire Warden

## GROTON LISTER REPORT

The results of Equalization study for the year 2016 conducted by the Vermont Department of Taxes are as follows:

Coefficient of Dispersion:

The equalized education property value is the sum of:

- 1) The aggregate fair market value of all non-residential and homestead property required to be listed at fair market value;
- 2) The aggregate use value of all property enrolled in use value appraisal;
- 3) The aggregate value of property established under a local agreement in accord with 32 V.S.A. #5404a.

The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in the Grand List. It measures the average deviation from the market value of sold properties from the average town wide level of appraisal. A COD of 0.00% is perfect, which is impossible to achieve.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$120,622,528
Equalized Education Grand List:	\$112,496,377
Common Level of Appraisal:	107.22%

The education grand list is one percent of the total assessed value of taxable property. The equalized education grand list is one percent of the education property value. The education grand list is divided by the equalized education grand list to determine the common level of appraisal (CLA).

This a brief sketch as to how the Department of Taxes Property & Evaluation department keep check on our grand list. We receive the evaluation study at the end of every year. This is one of the tools we use to decide on whether or not we need or will need a town wide reappraisal.

**It has been ten years since Groton had a reappraisal. Starting in 2018 and ending in 2019 there will be a Town Wide Reappraisal. Vermont Appraisal Co., a state approved company, will conduct the reappraisal.**

Office Hours: Monday -- Thursday 8:30 -- 12:30 (or by appointment)  
Office phone number (802) 584-3155

Kitty Diggins, Dorothy Knott, Lise Shallberg

## **2016 GROTON HIGHWAY REPORT**

- Bridge # 18 on the Welton road. We received the final payment from VT AOT. These funds were used for our match on the Boulder Beach Project.
- Bridge # 26 on Boulder Beach road. We were awarded a Vermont AOT Structures Grant for \$100,000 to repair the invert of the large multi plate on Still Water Brock. This project will extend the life for many years without the need to dig up the road bed. The engineering for this project was provided by Vtrans at no cost to the Town. The Town's share of 20% for this project was augmented by in-kind work we were able to do on the project.
- Our crushed gravel stockpile will need to be replaced this year. We will also be able to recycle waste concrete from the dam removal behind the First Baptist on the Wells River.
- This summer we were able to replace the undersized six foot culvert that is on Rail Road St. The capacity was increased by 50%.this should alleviate the water washing out the road during high water events. We were able to find Seven foot by ten foot culvert for the replacement at VT Surplus Properties at a significant savings to the town.
- We were able to reuse the six foot culvert to address an issue on Brock road were able to install with our own equipment and more than doubled capacity at that site that has been wash out several times in the past.
- Vermont Better Back Roads grant for \$20,000 was awarded to us this year to correct 3 sites (1) Minard Hill Road we did stream bank stabilization and header repair on a large culvert. (2) Buzzy's Road was a combination of stream bank stabilization and stone lined ditches. (3) The Great road was stone lined ditches. The Town's match was in-kind work. We would like to thank the land owners who worked with us on these projects. These 3 sites that were identified in our capital budget plan that was completed in 2014 that addressed storm water runoff.
- Paving this year was compiled on Glover Road and Branch Brook Roads. Extensive ditching was part of both projects.
- We worked with other departments on their projects, supplying labor and equipment time, saving them money.
- We attended many classes and workshops sponsored by Vermont Local Roads, AOT and VTDEC this year. I also represent Groton on the NVDA Transportation Advisory Committee; and Represent small rural towns on the Advisory Committee for Vermont Local Roads.
- Phillip and I try our best to control cost while maintaining a level of service that keeps up with needed maintenance of roads. Thanks to each of you who gave input this past year. If you have any ideas or concerns please let us know.

Town garage phone 584-3209 Pager 802-290-1355

Brent Smith home 584-3765 or stop by the garage

**TOWN OF GROTON**  
**WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN**

1. TH#1 (POWDER SPRING RD) AND TH#2 (MINARD HILL RD) HAVE PRIORITY FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL BUS ROUTES, THEN MAJOR TRAFFIC ROUTES AND, THEN WE WILL PLOW THE ROADS WHICH WE FEEL CAUSE THE MOST PROBLEMS FOR THE PUBLIC (TRAFFIC VOLUME, STEEPNESS) AND OTHER ROADS IN THE MOST COST EFFICIENT MANNER.
2. THE TOWN OF GROTON HAS ONLY 2 EMPLOYEES TO DO THIS WINTER MAINTENANCE. IT TAKES ABOUT 6 HOURS TO COMPLETE PLOWING AFTER THE SNOW STOPS WE MAY VARY FROM ABOVE PRIORITIES FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, (FIRES, AMBULANCE, ETC.)
3. TOWN OFFICE AND FIRE STATION SHOULD BE PLOWED ENOUGH TO LET VEHICLES IN AND OUT DURING OFFICE HOURS. (PARKING LOT NEEDS TO BE EMPTY OF VEHICLES TO PLOW COMPLETELY)
4. THE TOWN WILL ENFORCE NO PARKING RULES AT ALL PLACES WHERE THE PLOW TRUCKS TURN AROUND.
5. VEHICLES PARKED OR ABANDON IN RIGHT OF WAY OR TOWN OWNED PROPERTY MAYBE MOVED AT OWNERS EXPENSE. THE TOWN OF GROTON WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO PERSONNEL PROPERTY LEFT IN RIGHT OF WAY.
6. NO PERSON SHALL PLOW OR OTHERWISE DEPOSIT SNOW ONTO THE TRAVELED WAY, SHOULDER OR SIDEWALK OF A CLASS 2 OR 3 TOWN HIGHWAY. (23 VSA S 1126a)
7. THE TOWN DOES NOT PLOW CLASS 4 ROADS OR PRIVATE ROADS.
8. AFTER 16 HOURS ON THE JOB WE ARE REQUIRED TO STOP OPERATIONS AND GET A MINIMUM OF 6 HOURS OFF.
9. SALT WILL BE APPLIED TO CLASS 2 PAVED ROADS AND PAVED END OF GOODFELLOW RD (5-1) WITH SAND ADDED AS NECESSARY. (SALT IS NOT EFFECTIVE WHEN ROAD TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 20 DEGREES)
10. SAND WILL BE APPLIED TO THE GRAVEL ROADS. (TEMPERATURES BELOW 0 SAND WILL NOT STAY ON ROAD)
11. NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS THERE WILL BE A LOWER LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE TO HELP CONTROL COSTS. IN MOST CASES, THERE WILL BE NO MAINTENANCE BETWEEN 10pm AND 4AM.
12. SIDEWALKS ARE CLEANED IN THE EARLY MORNING, THEN AGAIN WHEN STATE AND TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS ARE DONE PLOWING. THIS TAKES ABOUT 3.5 HOURS.

**ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) is a new group comprised of one member from each of the departments in town plus one select board representative. This group was formerly known as the Groton Building Committee. We have been working on the individual capital plans for each department. These plans will allow the town to properly budget future needs for the assets in the town.

Mary Grant  
Erich Crum (resigned)  
Brent Smith  
Caroline Diggins  
Carrie Peters  
Shaun Stetson  
Paul Berlejung  
Kristian Connolly

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

The Planning Commission has been working all year on updating the Town Plan. We have completed a town wide survey (results can be found at [grotonvt.com](http://grotonvt.com)). The Economic development and Transportation portion have been completed as well as many of the general updates. The Map updates and Flood Resiliency portion is in process. Alison Low from the NVDA has been working closely with us to have this completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. A first draft should be available at town meeting day. So far \$3024 of the \$7629 has been spent out of the grant money that the town received last year. The commission is also looking into the benefits of having a Village Designation. Information about this can also be found on the town website under Town Offices-Planning.

Thank you,

Carrie Peters  
Kelly Emerson  
Julie Oliver  
Ranee Curtis  
Nancy Vaughan

## **GROTON TREE WARDEN REPORT**

This year we worked on meeting with community members when they had concerns about trees and proximity to roads as well as issues with trees in the town cemeteries. I will continue to work with the select board and road commissioner to come up with solutions and a plan to manage trees in the Town of Groton. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, my contact information is 802-584-3243 and hknott15@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Knott  
Tree Warden  
Town of Groton

## **GROTON COMMUNITY CLUB**

The Groton Community Club is open to all Groton residents and there are no dues. We meet twice a year on a Tuesday in October and on a Tuesday in May at 7 PM in the Community Bldg. kitchen. Officers are Peter Lyon, President; Milt Lamberton, Vice President; Kathy Lamberton, Treasurer and Diane Kreis, Secretary.

Our main project is the Fall Foliage Day on the 1st Saturday in October under the direction of Peter Lyon. Next October we will celebrate our 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our famous Chicken Pie Supper. The proceeds from our supper go towards senior scholarships to all Groton students who go on for additional training after high school. We also provide funding to the library for programs and planting flowers throughout the town. We are coordinating the "Memorial Wall Project" and are working to put the stage back in production with a retractable basketball back board. This year we bought several new tables and chairs with racks to store them on for use in the community bldg.

To continue to make this work, we need everyone's help. Please volunteer if you can. It takes lot of workers to keep our excellent reputation for the best chicken pie supper anywhere. Groton residents can be really proud of what our village has been able to accomplish.

Diane Kreis, secretary

## **GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- The reunion of the Groton High School was held at the Community building in June. Members from the Historical Society attended and recorded several short interviews with attendees.
- On September 3rd we hosted Banjo Dan and his brother, Willy, for a concert, in Veteran's Park. They performed a collection of songs about William Scott, Groton's Sleeping Sentinel. The concert was underwritten by the Historical Society, the Rec. Committee, and the Library. Somewhere around 220 people attended. The Fire Dept. barbecued and sold chicken, and the Society sold pie by the slice. Mike and Sally Blair shared their extensive Civil War memorabilia collection.
- On Fall Foliage Day the Peter Paul House was abuzz with activity. Erik Volk, and Phil Coutu hosted a Walking Tour of downtown Groton. They created a map showing the old buildings, most of which are no longer standing, and told stories about Groton businesses as they strolled through the town with about 25 people.
- We did some maintenance work on the Peter Paul House, cleaned up the pantry, pruned the cedar trees in the front, cleaned the civil war uniform, and planted spring bulbs!
- Next year we need to paint the roof!

[www.grotonvthistory.org](http://www.grotonvthistory.org) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/grotonvthistory/](https://www.facebook.com/grotonvthistory/)

PO Box 89 - Groton - Vermont - 05046

Deborah Jurist - President

## **BUCKAROOS OF 302 SNOWMOBILE CLUB REPORT**

The Buckaroos are hoping for a much better winter this year compared to last winter. We had over 500 members despite the lack of snow last year, though current membership has been a little slow as of November. Our volunteer crew has already repaired two bridges on the 2004 trail as well as clearing trails and putting up gates. We perform trail projects no matter the weather; we've been fortunate that the weather has been mostly fair this fall. We'd like to thank our volunteers for all that they do and the hours that they put in every fall to keep our trails in top shape. We would also like to thank Matt Puffer for always doing a great job on every project we ask of him, our trails wouldn't look half as good as they do without him.

Our current list of Officers- President: Milt Lamberton; Vice President: Kevin McDonnell;  
Secretary: Taylor Lamberton; Treasurer, Trail Master, & Membership: Gary Lamberton

<b>FOOD SHELF REPORT - 2016</b>	
<b>NOTE:</b> This account is not funded by taxpayer dollars. These funds are from donations only but the account is under the Town Federal ID number and is maintained by the Town Treasurer.	
<b>MB Food Shelf- money market account</b>	
<b>Bank account balance 12/31/15</b>	<b>9,612.22</b>
Interest received on checking account	5.57
Donations received (cash & checks)*	3,080.30
*(does not include value of food/toys/clothes donated)	
Disbursements for groceries, toys & Misc items-Paid by Food Shelf Account	-208.89
<b>Bank account balance 12/31/16</b>	<b>12,489.20</b>
<b>Food Shelf payments made by General Fund on behalf of Food Shelf</b>	<b>-2422.70</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>10,066.50</b>
First and foremost, we would like to say "Thank You" to all the organizations and individual people who have so generously contributed to the food shelf and the "Operation Santa".	
We are very fortunate to have such wonderful, caring and generous people in our community. We would also like to thank the many business in town and outside of Groton and Ryegate area that helped by putting on food drives. This past year we supplied food and other necessities to over 445 men, women and children. We also distributed 28 Thanksgiving meal baskets and 28 Christmas meal baskets with all the fixings right through dessert for complete holiday meals! We also helped "Santa" by distributing toys to 57 Groton children.	
There were many donations of both food and money made to the food shelf in memory of people. To name a few people being remembered; Norman & Marion Murray and Gary Mason.	

**DEAN SHATNEY, SHERIFF**

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*ANNUAL REPORT*

For 2016

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years as we know the times are tough and we want people to feel that they can still afford our services. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has eighteen Law Enforcement Officers to start the New Year. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, in the county, but are unable to do that right now. I'm looking into a different location for the department's office because of the high rent the state wants to charge the county for our current location.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me at the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

Please check out our website listed at the top of this page, or our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Sheriff Dean Shatney

**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services**  
**Nearly 50 Years of Service**

NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table.  
It is *so much more* almost 50 years later.

*It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.*

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY 2016, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools, awarded 60 high school diplomas in the tri-county region.**
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. **In FY 2016, NEKLS awarded 35 GED's in the tri-county region.**
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **350 students for more than 9,396 hours in FY 2016 in the tri-county region.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in their transition to work or college.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English Speaking Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2016, NEKLS served 21 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual computer training.** In addition to computer classes, an average of **46 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. **In FY 2016, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received 247 referrals to EI and Family Support services.**
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2016, NEKLS served 87 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS also provides **prevention programming** aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use. **In FY 2016, NEKLS provided prevention education to students at North Country Union High School, Lake Region Union High School, North Country Union Junior High School and several of the elementary schools in the tri-county region.**

*NEKLS has a staff of 75 dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need of our services or at [info@neklsvt.org](mailto:info@neklsvt.org)*

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## **Caledonia Home Health & Hospice** **Visit Statistics for 2017 Town Appropriations**

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's (NCHC) certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice division.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex counties since 1968. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services to our community.

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 1,599 visits to the town residents of Groton, VT. Our staff visited 71 homes of community members living in the Groton area.

While working with residents, we provided physical, occupational, and speech therapies. We provided skilled nursing, medical social work, personal care attendants, and even home makers. We work together with primary care physicians so that care is specific and structured to treatment goals.

### **2017 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Groton, VT**

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) = **823 visits**
- Maternal Child Health = **22 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) = **100 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = **654 visits**

**Total Visits in Groton, VT = 1,599 visits**

### **Testimonials**

*"In the past 11 years of my care giving, home health has been my support at all times. They are the best! I could not have done it without them... I'm glad to have them on my side. They are a great team. We need more like them."*

*"My Physical Therapist and Nurse were methodical, practical, and explained things to me in terms I could understand. They were friendly, courteous, good listeners, and punctual as well as professional."*

*"The staff is very kind and caring. They make you feel good by the way they treat you as a friend and not a patient. They are on time and call 1st to let you us know they are coming. Very knowledgeable in all areas of healthcare. Thank you!"*

*"People from home health care agency were kind, communicative, thoughtful, and patient. Nothing but good thoughts for those people."*

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## Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS)

### Annual Fiscal Year Summary: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

In our 2016 fiscal year, our Emergency Services Team provided 24 hour, 7 days a week (24/7) crisis intervention care to 353 individuals. Our client satisfaction survey showed 67% of respondents felt they received the crisis help they needed to make a difference in their lives. When unexpected tragic events occurred, our Specialty Team responded to support individuals and families in schools and communities with how to deal with sudden grief and loss. We thank the **Town of Groton** voters for your **\$920.00** appropriation support last year toward our emergency/crisis services to residents in need in the NEK.

NKHS served **22** individuals last year from the **Town of Groton** out of a total of **3472** individuals who utilized our programs in your community, homes, schools, our offices, and through emergency services. We could not do this without our 500 dedicated employees, 4 of these from the Town of Groton. As a 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organization, our volunteer Board of Directors and Program Standing Committees provided oversight to support the agency's belief that human services should be cost effective, available to all no matter their age or ability to pay, and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

Please visit our website at [www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org) for more information about our agency and services. Our funding request is for the same amount as last year. We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

Sincerely,

D. W. Bouchard  
Executive Director

Nancy Warner  
President, Board of Directors

*We're all about being human.*

*NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975  
In 2016 NEKYS served 3107 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties*

**NEKYS Family Programs Provide:**

- Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.
- Supportive counseling for youth and families, case management, support for youth and families within their schools, and family mediation.
- Outdoor adventure opportunities that include kayaking, canoeing, hiking, swimming, and mountain climbing. The group works on learning coping skills and self-care strategies.
- Adult mentors once a week in the school for at-risk students in the 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Adult mentors establish supportive relationships that result in improved academic performance and positive life choices.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

**NEKYS Youth Program Include:**

- Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.
- Support to local young people ages 15-22 that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; have current or past involvement with foster care; are pregnant and/or parenting; experiencing mental health issues; struggling with substance abuse; have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Programs that utilize a positive youth development, trauma-informed approach that is tailored to meet the needs of young people. Encouragement for each young person is to identify their strengths and achieve goals related to housing, education, employment, and life skills.
- Access to short-term and long-term housing support that addresses the complex needs of young adults who are 18-22 years old. Young adults receive support which include in-home case management, rental assistance, landlord mediation, job skill development, and educational advancement support.

**NEKYS Restorative Justice Programs Include:**

- A voluntary and confidential alternative to court proceedings for individuals ages 10 through adult.
- Programs based on restorative justice practices that give the person who violates the law the opportunity to identify and repair the harm done to the victim, the community, and themselves.
- Opportunity for the individual who completes the requirements of the program to have his or her case closed in the legal system.
- Help for individuals to regain their driver's license while they pay off their fines and fees.
- Support for 16 to 21 year old youth who are referred to the program after receiving a notice to report from a police officer for possession and/or consumption of alcohol or marijuana.
- Assistance for youth ages 10 through 22 who have been adjudicated in Family Court, are on probation and require additional support by the Department for Children and Families.
- Pretrial Services – a new program involving risk assessment and needs screening.
- Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) – works with adjudicated youth to reduce/eliminate repeat offenses; works with at-risk youth using prevention techniques to keep them out of the juvenile justice system; truancy work with school systems.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

## **THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is a private, 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation whose mission is to support residents 60-plus, caregivers, and adults living with disabilities maintain an active, nutritionally balanced and financially secure lifestyle as they grow older. Our staff works closely with seniors to design a personal care plan that will best to meet their individual needs. Our range of options includes Medicare/Medicaid health insurance counseling, food-and-fuel assistance, in-home services, wellness programs, falls-prevention training, and volunteer opportunities. There is no charge for our programs and services.

During the past year your support allowed us to provide assistance to 73 residents of Groton, as well as more than 6,000 seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom, and to implement a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Burmeister".

Meg Burmeister

Executive Director

# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway  
Lyndonville, VT 05851  
Phone: 802-748-8170, Fax: 802-751-8349

Town of Groton  
Groton Town Office  
314 Scott Highway  
Groton, VT 05046

Date: October 19, 2016

Re: Town Appropriation

To: Members of the Selectboard,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2017 for an appropriation in the amount of \$800.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty five years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provided over 299,570 rides last year.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments.

Last fiscal year RCT provided 30 Groton residents with 2,468 trips travelling 91,580 miles at a cost of \$62,185.93.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Grant  
Executive Director

**Little Rivers Health Care**  
**A Federally Qualified Health Center**  
**Annual Report to Towns      Fiscal Year 2016**

Little Rivers Health Care is a federally qualified health center (FQHC), celebrating 10 years of providing primary health care services to more than 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford East Corinth, and Wells River.

Since its inception in 2006, Little Rivers has continued to expand its services to meet the needs of the community. We offer family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, behavioral health, and care coordination services, as well as oral health/dental care for children, sliding fee discounts, and access to discount prescription drugs.

We developed a migrant farmworker outreach program and several clinicians have been trained in agricultural occupational health and safety. More recently, in response to the state's opioid abuse crisis, a new addiction treatment program has been developed to address the need for access to this care. We continue to offer tobacco cessation and healthier living workshops on pain management, diabetes and other chronic conditions.

To improve access to care, we have an after-hours telephone hotline, and expanded office hours to include early morning, evening and Saturday appointments. We provide assistance with wrap around services such as transportation to assist those whose social and economic situations that impact their ability to manage their health.

Little Rivers also provided the following services to local residents in 2015 (the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission):

- 22,000 clinic visits
- Prenatal services for 59 expectant families
- Primary care for 332 veterans and 53 migrant workers
- 527 home visits for house-bound patients
- Dental services to over 300 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

*In 2015, Little Rivers provided services to 315 Groton residents, 31% of the population.*

Our partnerships with other community service providers have been critical to helping us accomplish our mission, and we are grateful to the many other service providers in our communities who have worked with us over the years to provide care that is more comprehensive and better-coordinated for our patients.

In 2015, Little Rivers contributed a total of \$4.4 million to the local economy, provided jobs for over 60 people, and brought in over \$1 million in federal dollars to our communities. In return for our grant funding, we are expected to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all.

*Carole Freeman, Board Chair*

*Gail Auclair, CEO*

Little Rivers at  
Wells River  
65 Main St.  
Wells River, VT  
802-757-2325

Little Rivers at  
East Corinth  
720 Village Rd.  
E. Corinth, VT  
802-439-5321

Little Rivers at  
Bradford  
437 S. Main St.  
Bradford, VT  
802-222-9317

Administration and  
Billing:  
146 Mill Street  
Bradford, VT  
802-222-4637



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
P.O. Box 1191  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259  
[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2016

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

For towns under 1,000 population . . . . . \$ 50  
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . \$100  
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . . \$150  
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . . \$200  
For towns over 4,000 population . . . . . \$300

Sincerely,  
Melinda Vieux  
*President, Green Up Vermont*

**PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU REQUIRE A SECOND REQUEST LETTER FOR FUNDS DISTRIBUTION.**

**Town report information for Green Up Day, May 7, 2016**  
**(This is available for download at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) under "About Us.")**

Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.

**Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,  
Always the first Saturday in May.**



Report of 2016 Activity for Groton  
Town Appropriation Request: \$650

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

**The Advocacy Program** is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2016 we:**

- supported 683 individuals with direct advocacy
- housed 16 adults and 16 children in our shelter for a total of 2,021 bed-nights, and
- reached 285+ adults and 1,100 youth with our prevention programming.

**Kingdom Child Care Connection** is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. **In 2016 we:**

- helped 108 families find high-quality child care at no-cost, and
- connected over 564 families with the State of Vermont's Child Care Financial Assistance Program.

In addition to our work with families, we also interacted directly with the region's 92 child care providers, offering over 272 hours of professional development opportunities to make sure the people responsible for taking care of our communities' youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.

**The Family Room** is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we helped 110 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as parenting education, counseling and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

**Cornucopia** is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **This past year, Cornucopia trained 10 women in culinary arts while providing 33,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to homebound, Newport-area seniors and 2,000 meals at its weekly community meal site.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. **At least 12 Groton households were served directly by Umbrella in 2016,** and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Groton's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee A.K. Swain  
Executive Director



THE COMMUNITY  
RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE CENTER

December 23, 2016

Linda Nunn, Town Clerk  
1476 Scott Highway  
Groton, VT 05046

Dear Ms. Nunn:

The Community Restorative Justice Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2017 warning for the Groton Town Meeting:

**Shall the Town vote the sum of \$250 to support the operation of The Community Restorative Justice Center during the ensuing year? The CRJC believes in preventing and resolving conflict in the community using victim and community needs as guiding information in repairing harm and restoring right relations. We work with schools, neighborhoods, and the criminal justice system to respond to community needs as it relates to justice being served. In this process, we use community members to work with their neighbors to resolve conflict and repair harm.**

The Community Restorative Justice Center holds restorative justice panel meetings for cases referred directly from law enforcement as well as cases referred from the Department of Corrections. Cases that go through the CRJC have a 27% reduction in recidivism. In the past 12 months, the CRJC heard 5 restorative justice cases involving Groton residents. We also support restorative practices at schools in the area. Appropriations from the Town of Groton would also give technical support to neighborhood associations as requested. The CRJC mission states that we are *committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and southern Essex Counties.*

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely



Susan A. Cherry, Executive Director  
The Community Restorative Justice Center, Inc.

## **VOTER'S ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

2016 VITAL RECORDS				
BIRTHS				
Name	Date of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name	
Powell, Isabella Ann	January 8, 2016	Herman Arthur Powell	Leslie Marie Paye	
Smith, Artemis Orange	January 31, 2016	Aaron Jackson Smith	Alissa Ann Smith	
Hallock, Joseph Henry	February 17, 2016	Matthew Alexander Hallock	Tamara May Currier	
Grant, Piper Elizabeth	March 10, 2016	Jared Andru Grant	Rachel Lynn Wedge	
Carpenter, Cameron John	July 1, 2016	Anthony Leon Carpenter	Britany Lynn	
Stetson, Paige Jordan	July 23, 2016	Shaun Thomas Stetson	Tonya Lynn Stetson	
Hatch, Avah Renee	August 9, 2016	Jacob Osmund Hatch	Kateland Nicole Forkey	
Holder, Soren Sofia	August 29, 2016	Michael Holder	Simone Rebecca Lessac Chenen	
Tinkham, Mya Anne	September 12, 2016	Aaron Paul Tinkham	Heather Anne Bailey	
CIVIL MARRIAGES				
Applicant A	Applicant A Residence	Applicant B	Applicant B Residence	Date
Ruggles, Tonya Jean	Groton, Vermont	Gardner, Jonathan Craig	Groton, Vermont	April 16, 2016
Shannon, Robert David	Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	Bennett, Tammy Marie	Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	June 18, 2016
Hallock, Matthew Alexander	Groton, Vermont	Currier, Tamara May	Groton, Vermont	June 28, 2016
Santana, Jessica Lee	Groton, Vermont	FiField, Jason R	Groton, Vermont	July 16, 2016
Ricker, Trisha Ann	Groton, Vermont	Bartlett, Cody James	Groton, Vermont	October 3, 2016
Jobin, James Edward III	Groton, Vermont	Messier, Cayla Marie	Groton, Vermont	October 22, 2016
Smith, Nicholas Eric	Groton, Vermont	Lata, Linda K	Groton, Vermont	December 31, 2016
Deaths				
Name	Date of Death	Age	Residence	Place of Death
Wellman, Christopher	January 21, 2016	69 Years	Groton, Vermont	Groton, VT
Smith, Jordan Kenneth	March 4, 2016	31 Years	Groton, Vermont	Groton, VT
Ricker, Marie Ellen	May 11, 2016	52 Years	Groton, Vermont	Woodsville, NH
Colby, Sarah Elizabeth	June 2, 2016	35 Years	Groton, Vermont	Old Orchard Beach, ME
Smith, Marcus Richard	July 5, 2016	34 Years	Wells River, Vermont	Groton, VT
McLeod, Melvin Ross	July 1, 2016	93 Years	Groton, Vermont	Woodsville, NH
Crane, Jody Marie	August 9, 2016	60 years	Groton, Vermont	Groton, VT
Florio, Michael	October 2, 2016	71 Years	Groton, Vermont	St. Johnsbury, VT
Tinkham, Russell Harley	October 13, 2016	60 Years	Groton, Vermont	Groton, VT
Rowell, Betty D	December 28, 2016	76 Years	Groton, Vermont	Woodsville, NH

**AVAILABLE AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Application for voter registration  
Applications for building permits and copies of zoning ordinances  
Dog license  
Green Mountain Passports for free admissions to State sponsored events for residents 62 years old or older with a \$2.00 charge  
Motor vehicle registration forms  
Safety zone signs  
Vermont State Income Tax forms  
The Clerk does motor vehicle, motor boat & snowmobile registration renewals.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

TOWN MEETING: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Community Building. Solid Waste vote will be by Australian ballot from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

USD #21 SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING: Monday, March 6, 2017 at Blue Mountain Union School, Wells River, VT at 7:00 pm in the library. Australian ballot vote will take place the next day, March 3 at Town Meeting from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm in each of the Towns of Wells River, Ryegate and Groton.

GROTON FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 7, 2017

**BUSINESS HOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Groton Selectboard Meetings**

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 pm

**Groton Free Public Library Hours**

Monday 2:30-7 pm; Wed. 10am-4pm  
Friday 2:30-7pm; Saturday 10am-12pm

**Groton Town Clerk Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5 pm.

**Groton Town Treasurer Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 3 pm.

**Recycling Center (East Ryegate)**

Friday 4 - 6 pm  
Saturday 8 - 12 pm

The following meet on posted notice: The Board of Adjustment, The Board of Civil Authority, Lister's, Library, Cemetery Commission and the Planning Commission.



## **RABIES CLINIC**

Date: March 15, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

Place: Groton Town Garage

The Town Clerk will be in her office at the Groton Community Building for licensing of your animals.

April 1, 2017 all dogs must be licensed!

\$10.00 fine per dog if late.

Rabies Clinic being done by

**Oxbow Veterinary Hospital**



