2017 GROTON TOWN REPORT



REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

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| Justices of the Peace | Linda Nunn | 802-584-3881 | |
| Justices of the Peace | Dorothy Knott | 802-584-3243 | |
| Justices of the Peace | Deborah Jurist | 802-584-3049 | |
| First Constable | Jim Downing | 802-584-3211 | |
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| Free Public Library | Luisa Lindsley | 802-584-3358 | |
| Lister | Caroline Diggins | 802-584-3155 | |
| _ Lister | Dorothy Knott | 802-584-3155 | |
| Lister | Lise Shallberg | 802-584-3155 | |

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WARNING: NOTICE OF GROTON, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

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 5, 2018, at 10 of 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, 2017.
- ARTICLE 3 To see if, as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2648 (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 Treasurer | Three Years |
| Selectperson | Three years |
| Lister | Three years |
| Library Trustee | One Year |
| Library Trustee | Three Years |
| Library Trustee | Three Years |
| Cemetery Commissioner | Three Year |
| First Constable | Two Years |
| Second Constable | Two Years |
| Town Grand Juror | One year |
| Town Agent | One year |
| Town Agent to Convey Real Estate | One year |

- ARTICLE 5 Shail the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shail have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32, to take effect in the year 2019 with a Selectboard appointed assistant for the assessor?
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the select board have authority to acquire the real property of the Estate of Ernest J. Cilley located at 1494 Scott Highway in Groton, Vermont adjacent to and bohind the Community Building and Emergency Service Building when it becomes available for sale for a price of up to the town's assessed value (presently \$85,600) when the purchase and sale agreement is signed?

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- ARTICLE 7 To elect by bailot one School Director to serve on the Board of Unified Union School District #21, for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town of Groton set the due date of Friday, November 9, 2018, by 5:00 PM as the deadline for the payment of taxas? (Postmarks <u>are not</u> 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 expanses 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 praceding articles.

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Wade Johnson Sr., Selectboard Debore Trucisk Selectboard

Recorded before posting this 25th day of January 2018, at 5:00 P.M.

Linda L. Nunn, Town Clerk

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WARNING NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE MARCH 6, 2018

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 6, 2018 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 \$760,519?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The NEKWMD finished 2017 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2016 - 2981 tons in 2017 compared to 2962 tons in 2016. While tonnage for paper and cardboard were down, almost every other category saw increases compared to 2016. Tonnages for scrap metal, e-waste, and glass were all up significantly compared to 2016. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2017 and were generally on the high side. Some policy changes in China sent ripples throughout some markets, but so far we have been isolated from those actions. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. This is good news considering 2016 ended with a deficit of \$53, 459. Revenues in 2017 were 12% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 4.7% above projections. Sale of recyclables, including scrap metal, was responsible for most of the increase in revenues.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2017. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd 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 2017 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2018 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD assisted 10 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations by the July 1, 2017 deadline.

The NEKWMD is entering 2018 with a proposed budget of \$760 519 -- an increase of less than 1% compared to 2017. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will remain the same for 2018. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.19.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2017. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors in 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 rated 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 WOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT \$21 ANNUAL WEETING AND PUE LIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Rarah 5 & March 6, 2018

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 Menozial Library in Wells River, Vermont on Monday, March 5, 2018 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 Clark Treasurer

Acticle 2:

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

Acticle 3:

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

Acticle 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 Tucsday, March 6, 2018.

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 |
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| Greton: | Groton Community Building in Groton |
| Wells River: | Village Garage in Wells River |

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018 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:

Shali the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 approve the school board to expend \$8,786,500, 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 \$16,038.02 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .9% less than spending for the current year.

Signed by the Board of School Directors this 3rd day of January, 2018 at Wells River, Vermont.

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GROTON, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

The citizens and legal voters of the Town of Groton gathered at the Groton Community Building on March 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM to act on the following articles along with casting their ballots for the Blue Mountain Union School District # 21 budget and the NEK Waste Management District Budget.

Moderator Wayne Dyar called the meeting to attention informing the voters the polls for the voting on the Blue Mountain Union School District # 21 budget and the NEK Waste Management District Budget by Australian ballot opened at 10:00 AM.

Moderator Wayne Dyer announced the Sophomore Class from Blue Mountain Union School were selling refreshments, there is information on the back tables for the non-profit Agencies, there were also copies of the Yown Plan available on the back table.

Henry Knott spoke on behalf of the Groton Fire Department and the Groton-Ryegate FAST Squad concerning the need for people to have address signage as when they are called out for an emergency they are only given an address and if there isn't signage telling them where your address is, it delays them getting to you. Henry Knott explained the Fire Department were selling reflective 911 address signs you could purchase with your address on it which would aid in finding your place in an emergency.

Moderator Wayne Dyer stated he had a request from Karen Woods representing Cottage Hospital to speak if there were no objections from the voters. Hearing no objections Karen Woods spoke on health care and thanked people for using Cottage Hospital.

Representative Chip Conquest didn't bring his town mosting information sheet, Representative Conquest also spoke on the budget, Governor's foci's on affordability of higher Education, rather to fund the Veteran's home, legalization of small amounts of marijuana, rural economic committee for energy and telecommunications.

The Plag Salute was given.

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Moderator Wayne Dyer stated the floor was open for anyone wishing to offer prayer or words of inspiration or encouragement.

Words of inspiration were offered by Alisse Smith, Phil Coutu and Mark Gleicher. Richard Montague offered words encouragement. Lawrence Daniels Sr. offered a prayer.

Moderator Wayne Dyer welcomed the Blue Mountain Union School Seniors to Town Meeting.

Moderator Wayne Dyer 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 Numa nominated Brent Abare. Richard Montague seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations Brent Abare 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, 2016. Moderator Brent Abare, asking if the Town Report would be accepted as written. Gary Lamberton made the motion to accept the Town Report. Stan Pierce seconded the motion.

Treasurer Lisa Hart explained there was a corrections on pages 27, there was an \$8,000.00 Delinquant Tax Penalty revenue that was forgotten in the report changing the amount to be raised by 2017 town taxes figure from \$416,213.00 to \$408,213.00 which changes the figure for total estimated tax revenue needed for 2017 from \$731,947.00 to \$723,947.00. Roberta Dana spoke stating on page5 Article 7 the wording should say the \$4,533.00 money was for a Professional audit not for the <u>purpose to fun</u>d fina<u>ncial Auditing services.</u>

Linda Nunn answered stating she had listen to the recording many times and it said for the <u>purpose bo</u> <u>fund financial Auditing services.</u>

Peter Lyon stated we are recognizing two people this year for their contributions to the community. Diane Kreis denoted the funds to purchase a tractor trailer load of decorstive blocks for the memory wall that with this purchase we believe we are close to having all the blocks necessary to complete the first tiers from end to end. Bob Farquharson donated his time and his excavator to install the next set of decorstive blocks and also the memory granite slabs that cap the wall so the first section is nearly complete. We want to thank Diane and Bob for their generous donations

Gary Lamberton stated there was an error on page 23 it reads that Andrew Dorsett was put in as Agent to Convoy Real Estate and it should be Gary Lamberton. Lisa Hart explained there was a misprint. Roberta Dana questioned a figure of \$4533.00 on page 31. Lisa Hart answered the Town Report is correct.

Stan Pierce stated two Special Town Meetings had been held and questioned if these meeting minutes should have been in the Town Report? Linda Nunn answered I wasn't asked for them so I didn't give the minutes to them. They probably should have been put in the Town Report.

Lawrence Daniels Sr. requested the minutes for the two special Town Meetings be printed in next year's Town Report. Linda Nunn answered they could be.

Mark Gleicher questioned why the two new Justice of the Pezce names were left out of the Town Report?

Linda Nunn answered the Town Report was for 2016 and the Justice of the Peace didn't take office until February 10, 2017 so this was the reason.

Hearing no more corrections the 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. John Gordon made the motion to elect a Road Commissioner. Susan Gordon seconded the motion. Hearing no objections the motion passed to elect 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:

Jim Downing nominated Brent Smith for 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.

Viola Emerson nominated Linda Nunn for Town Clerk for three years. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Linda Nunn was elected Town Clerk. Passed by voice vote.

Viols Emerson nominated Mary Grant for Selectboard for One year. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Mary Grant was elected Selectperson. Passed by voice vote.

Brant Smith nominated Deborah Jurist for Selectboard for Three years. Phil Coutu seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clark cast one ballot. Deborah Jurist was elected Selectperson. Passed by voice vote. Caroline Diggings nominated Borothy Knott for Lister for Three years. Lynn Palmer seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Dorothy Knott was elected Lister. Passed by voice vote.

Kristian Connolly nominated Bill Paton for Library Trustee for Two years. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Bill Paton was elected Library Trustee. Passed by voice vote.

Erik Volk nominated Suzette Murray for Library Trustee for Three years. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Suzette Murray was elected Library Trustee. Passed by voice vote.

Aaron Smith nominated Shaun Stetson for Cemetery for one year. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Shaun Stetson was elected Cemetery Commissioner. Passed by voice vote.

Aaron Smith nominated Tony Dennis for Cemetery for two years. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Tony Dennis was elected Cemetery Commissioner. Passed by voice vote.

Erik Volk nominated Roberta Dana for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for three years. Julie Oliver nominated Carria Paters for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for three years. Hearing no other nominations a paper ballot vote was done with a ballot count result of Roberta Dana 48 votes, Carria Peters 69 votes. Total number of votes 117. The Moderator stated that someone needs to have a majority of the votes. Carrie Paters was elected to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for three years.

Linds Nunn mode the motion to have the Selectboard appoint the Yown Grand Juror. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the Selectboard are authorized to appoint a Town Grand Juror for one year. Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

Brent Smith 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.

Linda Nunn made the motion to have the Selectboard appoint the Town Agent to Convey Real Estate. Stan Piarce 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 4: (Second part) to authorize the Selectboard to fix the compensations of the elected officials: Hearing no objections it was passed by voice vote.

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? Aaron Smith spoke on behalf of the Fire Department explaining the need for upgrading the equipment. There were several comments, with Richard Montague making the motion to authorize the expenditure. Lyrne Palmer seconded the motion. Hearing to objections it was passed by voice vote.

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)? Brenda Shapard made the motion to approve the opening of some roads. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Jim Downing explained there was a piece in the newspaper that voiced many concerns of speed control, noise & smoke & narrow roads. There were many questions and comments there were some for opening the roads so they could get from one place to another and many against. Wayne Dyer called the question. Susan Gordon seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with undetermined results. The motion has been made for a paper ballot was requested. Moderator Brent Abare stated if you vote yes this means the roads would be open if you vote no this means the roads would not be open if you vote no this means the roads would be open if you vote no this means the roads wouldn't be opened. Hearing no objections a paper ballot vote was done with a ballot count of yes 41 votes, no 61 votes. Total number of votes 102. The Moderator stated that the no's have it. (B) If (A) above passes, then which <u>one</u> of the following proposed routes will be open? (A) Did not pass so the remainder goes away.

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. Carrie Peters nominated Julie Oliver for School Director to serve on the Board of Unified Union School District #21, for a three (3) year term. Asron Smith seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations or objections the clerk cast one ballot. Julie Oliver was elected School Director to serve on the Board of Unified Union School District #21, for a three (3) year term. Passed by voice vote.

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 <u>are not</u> accepted as a timely payment) Stan Pierce moved the question. Susan Gordon seconded the motion. Hearing no objections to the due date it was passed by voice vote.

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? Lisa Hart, Town Treesurer made the motion to set the amount at \$975,571.00. Stan Pierce are the additional request added in. Lisa Hart Yes. Stan Pierce seconded the motion. Susan Gordon thanked the Town for supporting Area of Aging Service.

Roberta Dana questioned the increase in pay. Selectperson Mary Grant responded to the question stating the Selectboard had asked the employees what they thought their pay increase should be as they hadn't received any increase in several years and the increase equals about fifty cents a year. If the state raises the minimum wage to \$15.00 we will be ahead of them for once. The Highway has done a great job. Richard Montague stated what the Town employees are paid is a small amount.

Roberta Dana questioned why the book keeping weges and Auditing weges were still in there? Lise Hart responded that the bookkeeping weges are for the Selectboard Secretary and her administrative duties weges. Mary Grant responded to the question concerning the Auditors weges as they are there for the CPA weges for doing the auditing and helping to put the town report figures together at the end of the year.

Roberta Dana questioned the \$6,382.00 for sidewalk. Lisa Hart and Carrie Peters responded this was a Repo printing error putting the town report together. These figures are from 2015. The totals at the bottom are correct. Roberta Dana wanted to amend the motion to reduce the figure by \$6,982.00, making the amount to be raised \$968,569.00. Lisa Hart responded again, to explain this is a <u>hypo error</u> and that they are 2015 figures and it was not added to the bottom line and the bottom line is <u>correct</u>. Janet Page stated that if the treasurer states the figures are correct then we do not need the amendment. The question was called to cease debate. It is not for the amendment. The aye's have it to cease debate without the amendment .

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.

Stan Pierce sidewalk project plans and if the state grant is still in place? Brent Smith stated the pole is Removed. When the pole was removed there were other problems found. There was water leaking up into the parking lot so a DI was installed and then when this was being done they found more pipes under where the sidewalk would be going. When they due for the drainage they found the parking lot base is in poor condition and when the excavating work was being done out back of the Community Building the water lines to the spring had been cut off. Then to repair the parking lot there needs to be eighteen inchesto two feet of gravel put in before we pave.

Then as many of you know there are several water lines that run under the parking lot that we need to deal with. We did get the second grant. Brent Smith stated that he had been here for many years and he didn't want to intentionally spend tax payers dollars so wants to have a plan in place before starting a project that would cost the tax payers un-necessary money. Brent Smith stated that he will meet with the Selectboard to see where they want to go now. Stan Pierce stated that during the special town meeting people were concerned if the grants would still be in piece. The grants are still place and the Selectboard has just signed more papers on the grants.

Erik Volk stated the Library has a survey on the back table that they would like people to fill out.

Mark Shallberg spoke stating that there are many people and businesses that have given of their time and donations for work that have been done on various Town projects. We wouldn't be where we are with these projects without their contributions. However, there are several projects in various stages of completion namely: the memory wall, the drainage ground the Community Building and the well, gutters for the Community Building, a design and plan for the back-up septic system for the Community Building. The design and plan for the back-up septic system for the Community Building were identified by the old Building Committee as too priority. These issues have been brought up at previous town meetings. The taxpayors are discopolited that no response has been received from the Selectboard regarding these issues. I would like to propose this as a Resolution that the Selectboard address these issues that have been set aside and uncompleted. We would like Cost Estimates and Completion Dates (Inclusive of all grants and donations) for each of the four items previously stated by June 1, 2017. We recognize that the Selectboard has had the task of making many decisions about various projects and the taxpayers appreciate what they have done in the past and present. Alissa Smith stated there is a bad smell from the bathrooms. Mary Grant spoke on these issues stating it will take a lot of money. The settic is working and being pumped. Peter Lyon is working on the wall. There are other projects that need to be done first. The Moderator's menter spoke and there can't be money issues discussions made at this article. The Resolution was amended to report back to the people with the status on when these issues will be Completed by June 1, 2017. (minus cost estimates)

Caroline Diggins reported that the Town will be doing a Town Wide Appraisal.

Linda Nunn wanted Thank the Sophomore Class, the Mothers and Pathers for all their cooking and time. Linda Numn: Thanked everyone for electing her back into office.

Linda Nuna: Thanked Wayne Dyer for being her righthand man and jumping in each time she needed help with Town Meeting.

Linda Nunn: Thanked Brent Abare for all of his work.

Mary Graft, Selectboard

Nunn, Town Clerk Linda

Moderator

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| 2018 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget | Budget FY - | Actual FY - | Budget FY - | Nataa |
| & 2017 Budget vs Actual | 2017 | 2017 | 2018 | Notes |
| | GENERAI | L FUND EXPENSE | S | |
| SELECTBOARD | | | | |
| Selectboard & Secretary Wages & All | | | 0.450 | |
| Payroll Taxes | 5,950 | 4,774.25 | 6,150 | |
| Bookkeeper Wages | 3,000 | 184.00 | 2,000 | |
| Postage, Supplies, Training & Mileage | 990 | 652.93 | 890 | |
| SELECTBOARD TOTAL | 9,940 | 5,611.18 | 9,040 | |
| TOWN CLERK & TREASURER | | | | |
| Clerk & Assistants, Accrued Vacation & | | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 45,192 | 41,733.33 | 45,658 | |
| Treasurer & Assistants Wages, | | | | |
| Accrued Vacation & Payroll Taxes | 57,243 | 54,740.37 | 56,800 | |
| Benefits | 3,120 | 3,151.50 | 3,173 | |
| Health Insurance | 5,924 | 6,019.16 | 6,244 | |
| Training & Mileage | 4,200 | 866.00 | 1,200 | |
| TOTAL | 115,679 | 106,510.36 | 113,075 | |
| OFFICE EXPENSES - CLERK & | | | | |
| TREAS | | | | |
| Dues, Postage, Supplies & Advertising | 4,795 | 3,770.56 | 3,735 | |
| Telephone/Internet | 1,750 | 1,742.79 | 1,750 | |
| NEMRC Disaster Recovery&Support, IT | | | | |
| Services & Equipment | 3,110 | 1,190.36 | 7,848 | New main copier in Clerk office |
| OFFICE EXPENSES - CLERK & | | | | |
| TREAS TOTAL | 9,655 | 6,703.71 | 13,333 | |
| DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION | | | | |
| Del Tax Collector Wages | 8,000 | 8,730.65 | | Off set by Del Penalty revenue |
| Payroll Taxes | 612 | 935.90 | | (wages paid by penalty portion of |
| Postage,Supplies,Telephone&Advert | 670 | 839.40 | | del tax payments) |
| NEMRC/ IT Services | 1,345 | 1,436.96 | 366 | |
| Training & Mileage | 1,100 | 255.50 | 150 | |
| TOTAL | 11,727 | 12,198.41 | 10,443 | |
| AUDITORS & TOWN REPORT | | | | |
| Wages/Exp & Payroll Taxes | 3,715 | 2,118.86 | 431 | |
| Postage,Supplies&Advertising | 800 | 256.77 | 400 | |
| Printing & Reproduction | 2,400 | 1,721.12 | 1,800 | |
| Training & Mileage | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| AUDITORS & TOWN REPORT | | | | |
| TOTAL | 6,915 | 4,096.75 | 2,631 | |
| ELECTIONS | | | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 1,879 | 384.86 | 1,108 | |
| Postage & Supplies&Advertising | 850 | 87.58 | 850 | |
| Training & mileage | 100 | 60.00 | 100 | |
| ELECTIONS TOTAL | 2,829 | 532.44 | 2,058 | |
| LISTERS | | | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 29,110 | 27,011.64 | 29,401 | |
| Dues, Postage & Supplies | 845 | 1,152.16 | 880 | |
| Telephone/Internet | 750 | 1,158.77 | 950 | |
| Training & Mileage | 1,550 | 615.70 | 1,350 | |
| IT Services, NEMRC&GIS Mapping | 5,860 | 5,572.39 | 5,899 | |
| LISTERS TOTAL | 38,115 | 35,510.66 | 38,480 | |

| 2018 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget & 2017 Budget vs Actual | Budget FY - 2017 | Actual FY - 2017 | Budget FY - 2018 | Notes |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| TOWN GENERAL EXPENSES | 2017 | 2017 | | |
| VLCT Pacif, Worker's Comp, Unemp | | | | |
| Ins | 12,715 | 12,749.75 | 12,699 | |
| INSURANCE TOTAL | 12,715 | 12,749.75 | | |
| Professional Audit/Services | 0 | 0.00 | 12,699 3,000 | |
| Attorney Fees | 1,800 | 1,375.00 | 2,500 | |
| LEGAL &PROFESSIONAL | 1,000 | 1,375.00 | 2,500 | |
| SERVICES | 1,800 | 1,375.00 | 5 500 | |
| NVDA | 767 | 767.00 | 5,500 767 | |
| VLCT | 2,145 | 2,145.00 | 2,191 | |
| DUES TOTAL | • | • | | |
| | 2,912 | 2,912.00 | 2,958 | |
| Money Order Fee,Wire Fee &Interest Expense | 1,675 | 955.78 | 1 000 | |
| Caledonia County Tax | • | | 1,000 | |
| COUNTY TAX & INTEREST EXP | 14,000 | 13,582.00 | 14,000 | |
| TOTAL | 45 675 | 44 527 70 | 15 000 | |
| TOWN GENERAL EXPENSES | 15,675 | 14,537.78 | 15,000 | |
| TOWN GENERAL EXPENSES | 33,102 | 21 574 52 | 36,157 | |
| ADMINISTRATION TOTAL | 227,962 | 31,574.53 202,738.04 | 225,217 | |
| PLANNING & ZONING | 221,902 | 202,730.04 | 223,217 | |
| PLANNING & ZONING PLANNING COMMISSION | | | | |
| Stipend & Payroll Taxes | 323 | 64.59 | 323 | |
| Postage, Printing & Reproduction | 258 | 8.34 | 308 | |
| Training & Mileage | 200 | 0.00 | 85 | |
| PLANNING COMMISSION TOTAL | 781 | 72.93 | 716 | |
| ZONING | | . 2.00 | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 1,346 | 947.33 | 1,346 | |
| Postage, Supplies & Advertising | 208 | 0.00 | 158 | |
| Training & Mileage | 200 | 0.00 | 200 | |
| ZONING TOTAL | 1,754 | 947.33 | 1,704 | |
| PLANNING AND ZONING TOTAL | 2,535 | 1,020.26 | 2,420 | |
| TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| | | | | |
| TOWN CLOCK TOTAL | 300 | 300.00 | 450 | |
| FIELDS & PARKS | | | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 1,292 | 895.92 | 1,292 | |
| Gasoline, Propane & Electricity | 500 | 500.08 | 700 | |
| Repairs-Tractor (2004 John Deere) | 300 | 218.83 | 300 | |
| Repairs-Land | 100 | 671.39 | 100 | |
| Bldg-Tractor Garage, Equipment | 100 | 390.23 | 150 | |
| FIELDS & PARKS TOTAL | 2,292 | 2,676.45 | 2,542 | |
| Ryegate/Groton Recycling | 7,000 | 6,188.82 | 7,000 | |
| Green Up Day | 200 | 247.50 | 250 | |
| SOLID WASTE TOTAL | 7,200 | 6,436.32 | 7,250 | |
| STREETLIGHTS TOTAL | 7,225 | 7,154.31 | 7,200 | |

| 2018 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget | Budget FY - | Actual FY - | Budget FY - | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|
| & 2017 Budget vs Actual | 2017 | 2017 | 2018 | Notes |
| COMMUNITY BUILDING | | | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 0 | 10.79 | 0 | |
| Building Repairs & Maintenance | 9,500 | 4,925.49 | 7,000 | |
| Rubbish Removal & Supplies | 1,700 | 2,247.00 | 1,900 | |
| Electricity & Fuel Oil | 8,000 | 7,794.01 | 7,800 | |
| COMMUNITY BUILDING TOTAL | 19,200 | 14,977.29 | 16,700 | |
| TOWN MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL | | | | |
| Supervisor Wages, Wages, Payroll | | | | |
| Taxes | 21,272 | 14,028.09 | 21,272 | |
| Supplies & Mileage | 2,100 | 760.18 | 1,700 | |
| TOTAL TOWN MAINT. PERSONNEL | 23,372 | 14,788.27 | 22,972 | |
| | | | | |
| | 312 | 161.48 | 362 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL | 0 | 4.80 | 0 | |
| TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | 59,901.00 | 46,498.92 | 57,476 | |
| | - / - | | | |
| DEVELOPMENT | 746 | 140.20 | 533 | |
| DECREATION COMMITTEE TOTAL | 0.005 | 4 400 00 | 0.005 | |
| RECREATION COMMITTEE TOTAL COMMITTEES TOTAL | 2,325 | 1,489.92 | - | |
| | 3,071 | 1,630.12 | 2,858 | |
| ANIMAL CONTROL TOTAL | 2.250 | COC EE | 2.250 | |
| HEALTH OFFICER TOTAL | 3,250 850 | 686.55 596.33 | 2,250 964 | |
| EMER SERVS INSURANCE TOTAL | 10,743 | 11,514.00 | 964 | |
| EMER SERVS GENERAL | 10,743 | 11,514.00 | 12,007 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Ambulance Contract | 16,715 | 16,714.50 | 19,754 | |
| Repairs-ES Building | 1,000 | 659.32 | | |
| Rubbish Removal & Supplies | 500 | 892.74 | , | |
| Telephone/Internet | 1,550 | 1,679.80 | | |
| Electricity, Fuel Oil, Propane | 3,800 | 3,988.98 | | |
| Dispatch Fees, Radios & Pagers | 6,200 | 4,819.46 | | |
| EMER SERVS GENERAL EXP | | | | |
| TOTAL | 29,765 | 28,754.80 | 33,404 | |
| FAST EXPENSES | | | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 12,380 | 17,863.36 | 17,225 | |
| Supplies & Equipment | 4,390 | 6,571.38 | 7,000 | |
| Training & Mileage | 9,000 | 4,574.12 | · · | |
| FAST EXPENSES TOTAL | 25,770 | 29,008.86 | 32,625 | |
| FIRE DEPT EXPENSES | | | | |
| Wages, Stipend & Taxes | 12,111 | 13,229.71 | 12,111 | |
| | 1,300 | 1,205.00 | | |
| Gasoline & Diesel | 1,225 | 923.22 | | |
| Tanker Loan Payment Repairs & Maintenance | 20,321 7,000 | 20,320.59 6,451.77 | | |
| Supplies | 5,538 | 5,017.26 | | |
| Training & Mileage | 5,800 | 6,032.97 | | |
| Equipment-General | 33,800 | 30,889.29 | | |
| FIRE DEPT EXPENSES TOTAL | 87,095 | 84,069.81 | 60,632 | |
| FOREST FIRE EXPENSES TOTAL | 2,077 | 639.17 | - | |
| | _,••• | | _, | |

| 2018 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget | Budget FY - | Actual FY - | Budget FY - | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|
| & 2017 Budget vs Actual | 2017 | 2017 | 2018 | Notes |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | | | | |
| Wages, Payroll Taxes, Dues | 11,271 | 11,247.91 | 11,383 | |
| Supplies, Training, Mileage | 750 | 480.57 | 675 | |
| | 730 | +00.07 | 0/3 | |
| Dispatch Fees, Radios & Pagers, Equip | 6,520 | 5,594.59 | 2,920 | |
| FIRST CONSTABLE TOTAL | 18,541 | 17,323.07 | 14,978 | |
| CRUISER EXPENSES | | | | |
| Gasoline, Repairs, Maint. & Supplies | 1,850 | 2,131.63 | 2,950 | |
| Equipment-Cruiser | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| CRUISER EXPENSES TOTAL | 1,850 | 2,131.63 | 2,950 | |
| CONSTABLE / CRUISER | | | | |
| INSURANCE TOTAL | 4,134 | 4,133.88 | 4,430 | |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT TOTAL | 24,525 | 23,588.58 | 22,358 | |
| PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL | 184,075 | 178,858.10 | | |
| CEMETERY | , | , | , | |
| Contracted Work, Riverside Cemetery | 900 | 180.00 | 900.00 | |
| Restoration of Old Stones | 2,100 | 2,170.00 | 2,100 | |
| Mowing | 8,000 | 7,938.00 | | |
| Dues & Supplies | <u>8,000</u> 575 | 255.00 | 7,938 575 | |
| | | | | |
| CEMETERY EXPENSES TOTAL | 11,575 | 10,543.00 | 11,513 | |
| LIBRARY | | | | |
| Wages & Payroll Taxes | 19,537 | 20,327.34 | | |
| VLCT PACIF-Insurance | 1,058 | 1,057.00 | | |
| Postage & Delivery&Training | 800 | 471.84 | 800 | |
| Cleaning | 0 | 108.00 | | |
| Building Rent | 3,700 | 3,700.00 | | |
| Books & Periodicals | 5,000 | 5,525.24 | 5,000 | |
| Office Supplies | 800 | 1,049.46 | | |
| Furnishings & Equipment Telephone/Internet | 200 920 | 866.74 1,033.15 | 200 1,000 | |
| Software/Support & Computer Repairs | 1,000 | 607.80 | 1,000 | |
| | 33,015 | 34,746.57 | 48,088 | |
| | 55,015 | 54,740.57 | 40,000 | |
| AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS Caledonia Home Health | 4.050 | 4 250 00 | 4 250 | |
| NEK Learning Services | 1,350 | 1,350.00 | 1,350 | |
| | 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 | 2,000 | 2,000.00 | 2,000 | |
| Community Restorative Justice | 250 | 250.00 | 250 | |
| Green Up Vermont | 100 | 100.00 | 100 | |
| Umbrella | 650 | 650.00 | | |
| AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTAL | 7,170 | 7,170.00 | 7,170 | |
| RESERVE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS | | | | |
| Comm Bldg Improvement Fund | 20,000 | 20,000.00 | 20,000 | |
| Emer Servs Bldg Improvement Fund | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | | |
| Emer Servs Vehicles Fund | 20,000 | 20,000.00 | | |
| Reappraisal & Tax Maps Fund | 1,200 | 1,200.00 | 1,200 | |
| Recreation Fund | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | 5,000 | |
| Sidewalk Fund | 7,500 | 7,500.00 | | |
| Professional Services Fund | 0 | 0.00 | | |
| Town Emergency Fund | 0 | 0.00 | 5,000 | |
| | | | | |
| RESERVE FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS TOTAL | 58,700 | 58,700.00 | 65,450 | |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | - | \$ 541,905.01 | 586,569 | |
| SERENALI OND IOTAL | ÷ 505,004.00 | ÷ 541,505.01 | 500,505 | |

| 2018 PROPOSED Town & Highway Budget | Budget FY - | Actual FY - | Budget FY - | Netes |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| & 2017 Budget vs Actual | 2017 | 2017 | 2018 | Notes |
| | HIGHWAY | Y FUND EXPEN | SFS | |
| | | | | |
| IWY LABOR | | | | |
| Wages, OT, Temp. Wages, Accrued | | | | |
| Vacation & Payroll Taxes | 92,383 | 96,665.40 | 96,169 | |
| Benefits | 34,919 | 37,155.52 | 33,454 | |
| HWY LABOR TOTAL | 127,302 | 133,820.92 | 129,623 | |
| HWY INSURANCE TOTAL | 16,972 | 16,938.00 | 19,947 | |
| WY CONTRACTED WORK | 10,972 | 10,938.00 | 13,347 | |
| Roadside Mowing | 6,300 | 6 270 00 | 6,300 | |
| 5 | | 6,270.00 | | |
| Boulder Beach plowing Misc Contracted work | 3,500 | 2,973.50 | 3,600 | |
| HWY CONTRACTED WORK TOTAL | 900 | 500.00 | 900 | |
| | 10,700 | 9,743.50 | 10,800 | |
| | E 000 | 4 000 45 | 4 500 | |
| Culverts | 5,000 | 4,893.40 | 4,500 | |
| Paving | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| Signs | 2,000 | 83.27 | 1,800 | |
| Buildings | 3,000 | 0.00 | 3,800 | |
| HWY INFRASTRUCTURES TOTAL | 10,000 | 4,976.67 | 10,100 | |
| HWY MATERIALS | | | | |
| Sand | 13,000 | 10,944.80 | 14,000 | |
| Salt | 8,400 | 6,497.86 | 8,400 | |
| Chloride | 12,000 | 11,951.28 | 12,000 | |
| Gravel | 30,000 | 22,322.03 | 30,000 | |
| HWY MATERIALS TOTAL | 63,400 | 51,715.97 | 64,400 | |
| HWY OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
| Gasoline & Diesel | 13,500 | 16,587.22 | 13,500 | |
| Rental Equipment | 750 | 0.00 | 6,000 | |
| Supplies | 4,050 | 5,115.98 | 4,150 | |
| Training & Mileage | 100 | 60.00 | 100 | |
| Radios & Pagers | 550 | 475.95 | 500 | |
| HWY OPERATING EXP TOTAL | 18,950 | 22,239.15 | 24,250 | |
| HWY EQUIP REP & MAINT TOTAL | 25,000 | 24,021.03 | 25,000 | |
| HWY GARAGE REPAIRS & MAINT TOTAL | 6 222 | 6 570 00 | 6 050 | |
| IDEWALK MAINT | 6,232 | 6,570.06 | 6,050 | |
| Nages & Payroll Taxes | 6,670 | 4,116.93 | 4 072 | |
| Gasoline | , | , | 4,973 | |
| Sidewalk expense | 300 | 218.26 | 250 | |
| | 500 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| Bldg-Tractor Garage Repairs-Tractor (2004 John Deere) | 1,800 | 1,112.07 | 700 | |
| , | 1,000 | 497.91 | 400 | |
| SIDEWALK MAINT TOTAL | 10,270 | 5,945.17 | 6,323 | |
| HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES TOTAL | 288,826 | 275,970.47 | 296,493 | |
| | | _/0,0/014/ | | |
| Hwy Equipment Reserve | 58,741 | 58,741.00 | 60,503 | |
| Hwy Infrastructure Reserve | 10,000 | 10,000.00 | 10,000 | |
| Hwy Paving Reserve | 30,000 | 30,000.00 | 30,000 | |
| HWY RESERVE APPROPRIATION TOTAL | 98,741 | 98,741.00 | 100,503 | |
| | | | | |
| HIGHWAY BUDGET TOTAL | 387,567 | 374,711.47 | 396,996 | |
| | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND AND HIGHWAY BUDGET | | | | |
| TOTALS | 975,571 | 916,616.48 | \$ 983,565.00 | |

TOWN OFFICERS 2017

| Moderator: | Brent Abare | 2018 |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Road Commissioner: | Brent Smith | 2018 |
| Town Clerk: | Linda Nunn | 2020 |
| Town Treasurer: | Lisa Hart | 2018 |
| Selectboard: | Mary Grant Wade Johnson, Sr. Deborah Jurist | 2018 2019 2020 |
| Listers: | Caroline Diggins Lise Shallberg Dorothy Knott | 2018 2019 2020 |
| BMU District #21 Directors: | Sara Dennis Brent Abare Julie Oliver | 2018 2019 2020 |
| Library Trustees: | Diane Kreis Erik Volk Kristian Connolly Bill Paton Suzette Murray | 2018 2018 2019 2019 2020 |
| Cemetery Commission: | Shaun Stetson Tony Dennis Aaron Smith | 2018 2019 2020 |
| Collector of Current Taxes: | Lisa Hart | 2018 |
| Coll. of Delinquent Taxes: | Carrie Peters | 2020 |
| First Constable: | James Downing, Jr. | 2018 |
| Town Agent: | Wade Johnson, Sr. | 2018 |
| Town Grand Juror: | Gary Lamberton | 2018 |
| Agent to Convey Real Estate | : Gary Lamberton | 2018 |

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

| Health Officer | Daniel Webster | 2018 |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Deputy Health Officer | none | 2018 |
| Fire Chief | Wayne Knott | 2018 |
| Fire Warden | Wade Johnson, Sr. | 2021 |
| Emer. Management Coordinator | Brent Smith | 2018 |
| Fence Viewers | Terry Dana E. Charles Frost, Jr. Kenneth Murray | 2018 2018 2018 |
| Inspectors Wood, Lumber, Shingles | Kenneth Ricker Robert Dorr | 2018 2018 |
| NVDA Representative | Peter Lyon | 2018 |
| NVDA Alternate | None | 2018 |
| Zoning Administrator | Bradley Houghton, Jr. | 2018 |
| 911 Coordinator | Brent Smith | 2018 |
| Board of Adjustment | Aaron Smith E. Charles Frost, Jr. Mark Gleicher | 2018 2018 2018 |
| Selectboard Secretary | Debra Johnson | 2018 |
| Animal Control Officer | Michele Boyer | 2018 |
| NEK Solid Waste Supervisor NEK Solid Waste Alternate | Timothy Dailey, Sr. Caroline Diggins | 2018 2018 |
| Tree Warden | Henry Knott | 2018 |
| Webmaster | Dave Spencer | 2018 |
| Planning Commission | Carrie Peters Julie Oliver (res.) Ranee Curtis (res.) Kelly Emerson (res.) Nancy Vaughan (res.) | 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 |
| Weigher of Coal | Richard Peters | 2018 |

APPOINTED BY TOWN CLERK

| Assistant Town Clerk | Carrie Peters | 2018 |
|----------------------|---------------|------|
| | Dorothy Knott | 2018 |
| | Lisa Hart | 2018 |

APPOINTED BY TOWN TREASURER

| Assistant Treasurers | Carrie Peters | 2018 |
|----------------------|---------------|------|
| | Linda Nunn | 2018 |

APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR OF CURRENT TAXES

| Asst Collector of Current Taxes | Carrie Peters | 2018 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Asst Collector of Current Taxes | Linda Nunn | 2018 |

TOWN AGENT

Town Agent

Wade Johnson, Sr.

2018

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

| Selectboard | Justices of the Peace |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Grant | Brittany Wilson |
| Wade Johnson, Sr. | Timothy Dailey, Sr. |
| Deborah Jurist | Tirone 'Toni' Dyer |
| | Linda L. Nunn |
| Town Clerk | Brent Smith |
| | Deborah Jurist |
| Linda Nunn | Dorothy Knott |

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dan Robinson (Res.) Lisa JL Hart - Chair Mary Grant - SB Member Brent Smith - Hwy Caroline Diggins - Lister Carrie Peters - Planning Shaun Stetson - Fire Dept Kristian Connolly - Library

RECREATION COMMITTEE

| Lisa Hart | Paul Berlejung (res.) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Anne Hatch | |
| Janet Page | |
| Kristian Connolly (res.) | |
| Deborah Connolly (res.) | |

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Groton Select Board has been working hard with all departments to keep the budgets in line. The Treasurer and Town Clerk have been a great help in keeping the Board informed and maintaining a quality control system. All departments have worked hard on a Capital Plan and have a system in place to track those large expenses leading the board to better decision making processes and helping to stay within the budget.

The highway department has completed many jobs this year. Please see 2017 Highway Report.

The sidewalk project is complete. The pole has been removed from the parking lot. There are still some issues concerning the drainage under the parking lot that need to be addressed in the future.

The Memory Wall has not been completed, as issues with land ownership and rights are of concern. Hopefully, we can all come together in some form of an agreement to settle the issues, in the coming year. However, the Board worked hard to address all the issues brought up in the Resolution passed by the Town last year. There is a report addressing this separately.

The Board is continuing to seek funding for the renovation of kitchen & meeting room area, and handicap entrance to downstairs.

The Library is going to continue renting their space for the next five years once a fair rental lease has been completed. Good job to the Trustees, as this has been a long process with hours of research and budgeting constraints.

The Fire department and Fast squad have been invaluable in assisting with the capital plans as they have very high asset management items to address. We are all very lucky to have so many volunteers who put in so many long hours of training.

The Select Board appointed a Rail Road Bed Committee made up of a diverse group of Groton residents, to develop an ordinance for the Rail Road Bed. This process is going forward and will include the public before adoption.

FY 18 brings a 1% cost of living increase for elected officials and staff. This represents level funding but without losing a sense of future growth and planning.

Thank you to the citizens of Groton for allowing us to serve you.

Mary Grant, Chair Wade Johnson, Sr. Deborah Jurist

| 2017 Actual Revenues & 2018 Estimated Revenues | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | |
| | 2017 | | 2018 | |
| | Anticipated | 2017 Actual | Estimated | |
| | Revenues | Revenues | Revenues | |
| TAX REVENUES (no education taxes) | | | | |
| Current Taxes - 2017 | 524,834 | 538,728.92 | 0.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Delinquent Tax Interest | 7,000.00 | 6,079.22 | 7,000.00 | |
| Delinquent Tax Penalty Revenue | 8,000.00 | 11,790.47 | 8,000.00 | |
| TOTAL TOWN TAX REVENUES | 539,834.00 | 556,598.61 | 15,000.00 | |
| | | | | |
| INTERGOVERMENTAL REVENUES | | | | |
| Current Use | 40,000.00 | 41,744.00 | 40,000.00 | |
| PILOT(Payment in lieu of taxes) & Leaseland Revenue | 68,001.00 | 78,327.53 | 72,001.00 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | | |
| Interest Earned | 65.00 | 157.95 | 65.00 | |
| Pre Year School Tax Refund | 0.00 | 13,138.33 | 0.00 | |
| Misc Revenue | 0.00 | 13,491.20 | 0.00 | Adjustments for 2016 Del Ta |
| Workers Comp Insurance Refund | 0.00 | 114.00 | 0.00 | |
| TOWN CLERK REVENUE | | | | |
| Recordings, Vault Revenue | 4,500.00 | 5,970.00 | 4,500.00 | |
| Marriage & Dog Licenses | 2,150.00 | 1,994.00 | 2,150.00 | |
| Liquor/Tobacco Licenses | 325.00 | 140.00 | 150.00 | |
| Copies & Faxes Revenue | 2,300.00 | 2,631.75 | 2,300.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Renewals | 300.00 | 261.00 | 300.00 | |
| LISTER REVENUE | 1,900.00 | 804.00 | 800.00 | |
| ZONING REVENUE | 700.00 | 680.00 | 700.00 | |
| COMMUNITY BLDG REVENUE | 2,550.00 | 3,397.63 | 2,600.00 | |
| FAST Revenue(from Town of Ryegate) | 8,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 8,000.00 | |
| CONSTABLE REVENUES | 4,000.00 | 5,169.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| Cemetery Interest into GF | 0.00 | 0.35 | 0.00 | |
| Summer Performer Grant | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | |
| TOWN REVENUES | 149,791.00 | 192,090.43 | 152,566.00 | |
| Proposed 2018 Town Budget | | | 586,569.00 | |
| Difference to be raised by 2018 TOWN Taxes | | | 434,003.00 | |
| HIGHWAY REVENUES | | | | |
| Hwy 2017 Current Tax Revenue | 318,567.00 | 318,567.00 | 0.00 | |
| State Hwy Aid | 65,000.00 | 64,879.86 | 64,000.00 | |
| Seyon Road Plowing | 2,833.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Hwy Sand Income | 4,000.00 | 4,601.20 | 4,000.00 | |
| Hwy Miscellaneous Revenue | 0.00 | 855.00 | 0.00 | |
| Hwy Insurance Refund / Claim | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| HIGHWAY REVENUES | 390,400.00 | 388,903.06 | 68,000.00 | |
| Proposed 2018 Highway Budget | | | 396,996.00 | |
| Difference to be raised by 2018 HWY Taxes | | | 328,996.00 | |
| TOTAL Estimated Tax Revenue needed for 2018 | + + | | 762,999.00 | |

Town of Groton

Employee Wage Summary Report 01/01/17-12/31/17

| Employee | Position | Gross | Hourly Rates | Employer Share of Payroll Taxes r | | Employer Cost (excluding Insurance) |
|--|--|------------|-------------------------------|--|----------|--|
| | | | | | nem | |
| ACHILLES ANDREW S. | Fire Fighter/EMT Level 2 | 975.00 | 15.00/18.75 | 74.61 | | 1,049.61 |
| AVERY DANIEL J. | Fire Fighter /Forest Fire Fighter | 118.94 | 10.18/18.75 | 9.09 | | 128.03 |
| BLISS DONALD F. | Mowing/Snow removal | 2,977.68 | 15.27 | 227.79 | | 3,205.47 |
| BRULEIGH CHARLES E. | Fire Fighter/Forest Fighter | 1,018.75 | 12.50/18.75 | 77.94 | | 1,096.69 |
| CARLE JUSTIN D. | Fire Fighter/Forest Fire/FAST | 180.02 | 10.18/18.75 | 13.78 | | 193.80 |
| COLBY LILIAN C. | Fire Fighter /EMR Level 1 | 1,002.50 | 15.00/ 18.75 | 76.70 | | 1,079.20 |
| CROWLEY LILLIAN M. | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 3,503.52 | 8% Penalty | 268.01 | | 3,771.53 |
| CURTIS DEREK | FAST | 2,775.00 | 15.00 | 212.30 | | 2,987.30 |
| CURTIS RYAN R. | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 895.84 | 10.18/18.75 | 68.53 | | 964.37 |
| DIGGINS CAROLINE K. | Lister/Ballot Clerk | 18,797.00 | 19.00/11.00 | 1,438.01 | | 20,235.01 |
| DOSCINSKI LEONARD E. | Fire Fighter/Forest Fire/FAST | 1,830.00 | 15.00/18.75 | 140.00 | | 1,970.00 |
| DOWNING JAMES A. JR | 1 st Constable/ Temp Hwy Equip | 12,355.00 | 20.00/18.75 | 945.18 | | 13,300.18 |
| GORDON SUSAN | LIBRARY | 393.75 | 10.50 | 30.11 | | 423.86 |
| GRANT, MARY | Select Board- Chair | 1,250.00 | Stipend | 95.63 | | 1,345.63 |
| HART LISA | Treasurer /Collector taxes/Asst Clerk/ Ballot | 40,807.50 | 20.00/14.00/11.00 | 3,121.84 | 1,020.29 | 43,929.34 |
| HATCH ANNES. | Librarian | 9,992.05 | 17.45 | 764.42 | | 10,756.47 |
| HATCH, HAROLD | Temporary Hwy | 1,060.00 | 20.00 | 81.09 | | 1,141.09 |
| HOUGHTON BRADLEY E. | Zoning Administrator | 880.00 | 25.00 per permit/40.00 month | 67.33 | | 947.33 |
| JOHNSON CARLA R. | Ballot Clerk | 44.00 | 11.00 | 3.37 | | 47.37 |
| JOHNSON DEBRA E. | Select Board Secretary/Town Report Preparer | 2,451.00 | 65.00 per meeting/16.00 | 187.53 | | 2,638.53 |
| JOHNSON WADE A. SR | Select Board member/Forest Fire Warden/FF | 1,826.25 | 1250.00/18.75/12.50 | 139.72 | | 1,965.97 |
| JOY CARROL B. | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 982.50 | 15.00/ 18.75 | 75.18 | | 1,057.68 |
| KNOTT DOROTHY L. | Lister/Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter/Fast/Ballot Clerk/Asst Clerk | 7,627.75 | 14.00/12.50/18.75/11.00/14.00 | 583.56 | | 8,211.31 |
| KNOTT HENRY E. | Tree Warden/Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter/Fast | 2,610.00 | Stipend 300.00/15.00/ 18.75 | 199.66 | | 2,809.66 |
| KNOTT WAYNE C. | Fire Chief/Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter/Fast | 5,481.25 | Stipend 1250.00/12.50/18.75 | 419.34 | | 5,900.59 |
| LAMBERTON GARY F. | IT Person | 1,250.00 | Stipend 1250.00 | 95.63 | | 1,345.63 |
| LAPHAM FRANK | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 1,543.75 | 12.50/18.75 | 118.11 | | 1,661.86 |
| LAVERTU SCOTT | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 1,267.50 | 15.00/18.75 | 96.98 | | 1,364.48 |
| LINDSLEY, LUISA | LIBRARIAN | 8,245.00 | 17.00 | 630.74 | | 8,875.74 |
| LOURENCO JOSEPH M. | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 250.00 | 12.50/18.75 | 19.13 | | 269.13 |
| Mcdonnell, Kevin | Forest Fighter | 37.50 | 18.75 | 2.87 | | 40.37 |
| McWilliams, Renee | Library | 252.00 | 10.50 | 19.27 | | 271.27 |
| NUNN LINDA L. | Town Clerk/Asst Treasurer/Temp Selectboard Secretary | 38,029.50 | 20.00 | 2,938.02 | 950.83 | 40,967.52 |
| PALMER PHILUP E. | HWY Equipment Operator/Fire Fighter | 43,045.17 | 18.75 | 3,293.11 | 1,076.11 | 46,338.28 |
| PETERS CARRIE A. | Assistant Treasurer/Asst Clerk/Ballot | 12,218.00 | 18.00/14.00/11.00 | 1,602.58 | | 13,820.58 |
| ROBINSON DANIEL C. | CEDC Chairman | 130.24 | 16.28 | 9.96 | | 140.20 |
| SHALLBERG LISE M. | Lister/Ballot Clerk | 3,216.50 | 14.00/11.00 | 246.08 | | 3,462.58 |
| SHALLBERG, MARK | MAINTENANCE PERSON | 12,123.00 | 18.00 | 927.39 | | 13,050.39 |
| SMITH AARON J. | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 2,332.50 | 15.00/18.75 | 178.44 | | 2,510.94 |
| SMITH BRENT D. | Hwy Road Commissioner / Fire Fighter | 46,390.19 | 20.00 | 3,548.87 | 1,159.79 | 49,939.06 |
| STETSON SHAUN T. | Fire Fighter/ Forest Fighter | 1,710.00 | 15.00/18.75 | 130.83 | | 1,840.83 |
| WALLS, JOSHUA | FAST | 162.88 | 10.18 | 12.46 | | 175.34 |
| WEBSTER, DANIEL | Health Officier | 500.00 | stipend | 38.25 | | 538.25 |
| Totals- Employees Repor | | 294,539.03 | and a second | 23,229.44 | 4,207.02 | |
| Total Health Care Costs | | | | | 1,201.02 | 39,644.67 |
| Total Cost of Employee's including benefits | | | | | | 357,413.14 |

| TOWN OF GROTON | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| BALANCE SHEET BY FUND-201 | .7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ASSET | General | Cemetery | Library | Reserve Funds | Grant Fund | Food Shelf | FAST | Total |
| | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Restricted | Restricted | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| CASH ACCOUNTS MB-General Fund | | | | | | | | 205 005 40 |
| | 295,005.46 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 295,005.46 |
| MB-Customer ACH Deposits | 0.17 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.17 |
| MB-HRA acct | 1,125.44 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,125.44 |
| WRSB-Del Tax Acct | 245.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 245.68 |
| Petty Cash | 56.38 | | | | | | | 56.38 |
| MB-Perpetual Care | | 87,755.64 | - | - | - | - | - | 87,755.64 |
| MB-H.Hosmer Trust | - | 3,282.14 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,282.14 |
| WRSB-Development Funds | - | 8,652.80 | - | - | - | - | - | 8,652.80 |
| WRSB-Cemetery Lot Fund | - | 4,258.74 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,258.74 |
| WRSB MJ Ricker Hall Trust | - | 1,062.18 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,062.18 |
| TD Roosevelt Carter Trust | | 6,190.37 | - | - | - | - | - | 6,190.37 |
| Library Funds | - | - | 7,117.88 | - | - | - | - | 7,117.88 |
| Library Endowment Fund | - | - | 50,967.25 | - | - | - | - | 50,967.25 |
| Library Capital Improvement | - | - | 31,161.04 | - | - | - | - | 31,161.04 |
| Library ACH Account | - | - | 9.00 | - | - | - | - | 9.00 |
| Library American Fund Stock | - | - | 20,327.27 | - | - | - | - | 20,327.27 |
| Reserve Fund | - | - | - | 343,906.39 | - | - | - | 343,906.39 |
| Grant Fund | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (|
| Food Shelf | - | - | - | - | - | 12,237.62 | - | 12,237.62 |
| FAST | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,736.49 | 1,736.49 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Total CASH ACCOUNTS | 296,433.13 | 111,201.87 | 109,582.44 | 343,906.39 | 0 | 12,237.62 | 1,736.49 | 875,097.94 |
| Receivables | | | | | | | | |
| Del Tax Interest/Other Re | 3,522.35 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,522.35 |
| Del Tax Receivable | 104,004.60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 104,004.60 |
| Penalty Receivable | 5,964.16 | _ | - | _ | - | - | - | 5,964.16 |
| Accounts Receivable | - | _ | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | (|
| Gilman Note Receivable | 610,000.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 610,000.00 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Total Receivables | 723,491.11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 723,491.11 |
| N/R-Gilman Housing | | | 50,000.00 | | | | | 50,000.00 |
| N/R-Loan to Donald Bliss | _ | _ | - | 1,175.00 | _ | _ | _ | 1,175.00 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 14,655.68 | _ | _ | 1,173.00 | - | - | | 14,655.68 |
| Due To/From Acct | 24,400.00 | 343.02 | (4,316.94) | 0 | (19,434.39) | (991.69) | 0 | 0.00 |
| | 24,400.00 | 343.02 | (4,310.94) | 0 | (13,434.39) | (391.09) | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,058,979.92 | 111,544.89 | 155,265.50 | 345,081.39 | (19,434.39) | 11,245.93 | 1,736.49 | 1,664,419.73 |

| | General | Cemetery | Library | Reserve Funds | Grant Fund | Food Shelf | FAST | Total |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Liability | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Restricted | Restricted | |
| Dental Insurance Payable | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (|
| AFLAC Payable | (354.64) | - | - | _ | - | - | - | (354.64) |
| , Health Ins Payable | 9,300.36 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 9,300.36 |
| Prepaid Health Ins - HRA | 1,390.58 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 1,390.58 |
| Accounts Payable | 8,646.79 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 8,646.79 |
| Del Tax Penalty Fees | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (|
| Prepaid Taxes | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (|
| Deferred Tax Revenue | 111,710.15 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 111,710.15 |
| Tax Clearing Account | | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (|
| Gilman Housing Grant Liab | 610,000.00 | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 610,000.00 |
| Fire Truck Insurance Claim | 5,040.15 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 5,040.15 |
| Fees Due the State of Vt | 0 | | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 3,040.13 |
| | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Total Liability | 745,733.39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 745,733.39 |
| | 743,733.33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 745,755.55 |
| Fund Balance | General | Cemetery | Library | Reserves | Grants | Food Shelf | FAST | |
| | Ceneral | centetery | Library | neserves | Grants | 1 oou onen | 17101 | |
| Fund Balance General Fund | 203,105.93 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 203,105.93 |
| Fund Balance Cemetery | - | 13,663.98 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 13,663.98 |
| Non-spendable Perpetual Ca | | 85,036.25 | | _ | | | | 85,036.25 |
| Restricted-Cart/Hosm/Hall | _ | 10,506.58 | _ | _ | - | | _ | 10,506.58 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance Library | - | - | 65,485.06 | - | - | - | - | 65,485.06 |
| Library #1 Endowment Fund | - | - | 56,958.26 | - | - | - | - | 56,958.26 |
| Library #2-Capital Improv Fund Balance Reserves | - | - | 30,755.87 | - | - | - | - | 30,755.87 |
| | - | - | - | 51,645.88 | - | - | - | 51,645.88 |
| Community Bldg Improve | - | - | - | 33,301.78 | - | - | - | 33,301.78 |
| Emer Servs Bldg Improve | - | - | - | 25,775.37 | - | - | - | 25,775.37 |
| Emer Servs Vehicles | - | - | - | 3,642.96 | - | - | - | 3,642.96 |
| Reappraisal/ Tax Maps | - | - | - | 96,116.81 | - | - | - | 96,116.81 |
| Recreation | - | - | - | 6,079.92 | - | - | - | 6,079.92 |
| Restoration/Preservation | - | - | - | 28,510.74 | - | - | - | 28,510.74 |
| Town Emergency Fund | - | - | - | 2,685.43 | - | - | - | 2,685.43 |
| Hwy Equipment | - | - | - | 68,832.50 | - | - | - | 68,832.50 |
| Highway Infrastructure Fu | - | - | - | 41,181.28 | - | - | - | 41,181.28 |
| Sidewalk Reserve Fund | - | - | - | 2,470.74 | - | - | - | 2,470.74 |
| Highway Paving | - | - | - | 25,771.05 | - | - | - | 25,771.05 |
| Prof. Services Res Fund | - | - | - | 11,137.81 | - | - | - | 11,137.81 |
| Food Shelf Fund Balance | - | - | - | - | - | 10,066.50 | - | 10,066.50 |
| FAST Fund Balance | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,235.95 | 2,235.95 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Total Prior Years Fund Balance | 110,140.60 | 109,206.81 | 153,199.19 | 397,152.27 | 1,672.88 | 10,066.50 | 2,235.95 | 783,674.20 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance Current Year | 203,105.93 | 2,338.08 | 2,066.31 | (52,070.88) | (21,107.27) | 1,179.43 | (499.46) | 135,012.14 |
| | | | | | | | - | |
| Total Fund Balance | 313,246.53 | 111,544.89 | 155,265.50 | 345,081.39 | (19,434.39) | 11,245.93 | 1,736.49 | 918,686.34 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Total Liability & Fund Balance | 1,058,979.92 | 111,544.89 | 155,265.50 | 345,081.39 | (19,434.39) | 11,245.93 | 1,736.49 | 1,664,419.73 |

| Community Bldg Improvement Fund | | Emergency Services Vehicle Reserve Fund | |
|---|------------|--|-------------|
| Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 21,994.05 | Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 40,625.4 |
| Revenues: | 21,00 1100 | Revenues: | |
| Interest received on account | 14.55 | Interest received on account | 17.5 |
| 2017 Budget appropriation | 20,000.00 | 2017 Budget appropriation | 20,000.0 |
| Loan repayments from Donald Bliss | 200.00 | | |
| | | Disbursements: | |
| Disbursements: | | Purchased new rescue vehicle | -57,000.00 |
| CB Rain Gutters | -7,841.00 | | 3,642.9 |
| Misc repairs | -1,065.82 | Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 22,549.38 |
| Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 33,301.78 | | 22,045.50 |
| Recreation Reserve Fund | | Interest received on account | 13.84 |
| Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 4,369.11 | 2017 Budget appropriation | 5,000.00 |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Interest received on account | 3.08 | | |
| 2017 Budget appropriations | 5,000.00 | Mixed repairs to Fire Dept Building | -1,787.8 |
| Donation | 30.00 | Dank balance on 40/24/47 | 05 775 0 |
| Disbursements: | | Bank balance on 12/31/17 Highway Infrastructures Fund | 25,775.37 |
| Banners & Hardware | -1,822.27 | | 31,161.10 |
| Basketball Backboards donation | -1,500.00 | | |
| Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 6,079.92 | | 20.12 |
| Restoration & Preservation Fund | | 2017 Budget appropriation | 10,000.00 |
| Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 25,054.43 | | |
| Revenues: | | Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 41,181.28 |
| Interest received on account | 14.83 | | |
| Recording fees collected in 2017 | 3,784.00 | | 125,258.57 |
| Disbursements: | | Revenues: Interest received on account | 39.93 |
| Land Record Books | -342.52 | | 58,741.00 |
| Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 28,510.74 | | 00,741.00 |
| Sidewalk Reserve Fund | | Disbursements: | |
| Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 18,415.56 | New Dump Truck | -115,207.00 |
| Revenues: | | Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 68,832.5 |
| Interest received on account | 8.10 | | |
| 2016 budget appropriations | 7,500.00 | | 3,012.28 |
| Disbursements: | | Revenues: Interest received on account | 5.73 |
| Paving | -23,436.49 | | 30,000.00 |
| | | | 00,000.00 |
| Advertising | -16.43 | | |
| Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 2,470.74 | Disbursements: | |
| Reappraisal & Tax Mapping Fund | | Paving a damaged section of Minard Hill Rd | -7,246.96 |
| Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 90,527.25 | | |
| | 00,021120 | Dank halanaa an 19/21/47 | 05 774 0 |
| Revenues: | | Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 25,771.0 |
| Interest received on account | 55.56 | Town Emergency Fund | |
| 2017 budget appropriation | 1,200.00 | Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 2,683.86 |
| Reappraisal funds from State of Vermont | 6,834.00 | Interest received on account | 1.57 |
| | 0,004.00 | | 1.0 |
| Disbursements: | | Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 2,685.43 |
| | | Total of all Reserve Bank balances as of | 2,003.4 |
| New GIS Mapping | -2,500.00 | 12/31/17 | 345,506.39 |
| | | | |
| Bank balance on 12/31/17 | 96,116.81 | - | |
| Professional Services Fund | | | |
| Bank balance on 12/31/16 | 11,131.23 | | |
| Interest received on account | 6.58 | | |
| | 2.00 | | |
| Bank balance on 12/31/2017 | 11,137.81 | | |

Reserve fund Articles as voted by year with description of purpose and amount balance as of December 31, 2017

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 \$96,116.81**

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 \$33,301.78**

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 \$25,775.37**

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 \$3,642.96

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 \$12,237.62**

Restoration and Preservation Reserve Funds

March 7, 2006 (1st 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 (2nd 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 \$28,510.74**

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 \$6,079.92**

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 \$2,685.43**

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 \$ 2,470.74

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 \$ 11,137.81

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 \$25,771.05**

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 \$68,832.50**

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 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 maybe 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 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 \$41,181.28**

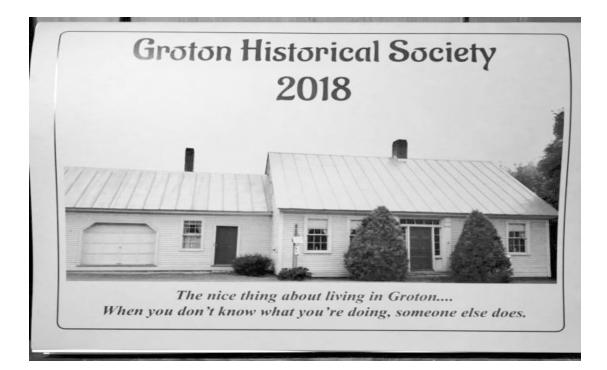
TOWN PROPERTY VALUES AS OF 12/31/17

| Date | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Acquired | Description | Notes | Value | Tota |
| | Buildings | | | |
| 7/3/96 | BldgBoy Scout | Camp | 6,100.00 | |
| | BldgComm Bld | g/vault | 1,247,551.00 | |
| | BldgFire Statio | n | 274,454.00 | |
| 7/3/96 | BldgHwy Garag | BldgHwy Garages (both) | | |
| | BldgGazebo | Band stand | 13,227.00 | |
| 7/3/96 | BldgPump Hou | se | 10,140.00 | |
| | TOTAL VALUE O | F BUILDINGS | | 1,881,700.00 |
| | ContentsComn | nunity Building | | |
| 12/14/98 | ContentsCB | CB - chairs, tables, etc. upstairs | | |
| 12/14/98 | ContentsCB | CB - furnaces (2) | | |
| 12/14/98 | ContentsCB | CB - kitchen contents | | |
| 5/19/05 | ContentsCB | Listers - all office equip | | |
| | ContentsCB | CDT - office equip | | |
| 12/14/98 | ContentsCB | Office - Clerk & Treas office equipme | ent | |
| | ContentsCB | Zoning-office equipment | | |
| | TOTAL Contents | 5CB | | 100,000.00 |
| | TOTAL Contents | sLibrary | | 230,000.00 |
| Equipment V | /alues as of 12/31/1 | 5 | | |
| 12/31/02 | Equip1st Const | able | 2,350.00 | |
| 12/31/02 | Equip2nd Constable | | 0.00 | |
| 11/29/11 | EquipCruiser 2 | 012 Chevrolet Impala | 11,900.00 | |
| | TOTAL EquipC | TOTAL EquipConstables | | 14,250.00 |
| 6/1/90 | EquipFAST | Equipment | 9000 | |
| | TOTAL EquipF | AST | | 9,000.00 |
| 3/30/04 | EquipJD Tracto | r/Mower/Snowblower | 7,400.00 | |
| 10/20/11 | EquipStihl Strin | g Trimmer | 250.00 | |
| | Equipmisc old | snowblower, push lawnmower | 250.00 | |
| 12/15/13 EquipJD Sno | | lower | 1,600.00 | |
| | TOTAL EquipT | ractor, Mowers, etc. | | 9,500.00 |
| | EquipFire Depa | irtment | | |
| 11/3/90 | EquipFD | Equipment | 225,460.00 | |
| | EquipFD | 40' container for training | 3,750.00 | |
| 7/4/05 | | Repeater | 12,400.00 | |
| | EquipFD | Repeater | ±=) 100100 | |
| | EquipFD EquipFD | 1956 Chevy Pump Truck | 5,500.00 | |
| 1/25/13 | EquipFD | • | • | |
| 1/25/13 12/31/03 | | 1956 Chevy Pump Truck | 5,500.00 | |
| 1/25/13 12/31/03 | EquipFD EquipFD | 1956 Chevy Pump Truck 1991 Ford Pumper/Tanker (refurk 2001 Freightliner Fire Truck | 5,500.00 3,850.00 | |
| 7/4/05 1/25/13 12/31/03 12/31/02 12/7/07 | EquipFD EquipFD EquipFD | 1956 Chevy Pump Truck 1991 Ford Pumper/Tanker (refurk | 5,500.00 3,850.00 45,650.00 | |

| Town Proper | ty Values Continue | ed | | |
|-------------|--|---|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1/15/72 | EquipHwy | 10-I beams | 2,200.00 | |
| 1/15/90 | EquipHwy | Brush mower | 100.00 | |
| 1/15/90 | EquipHwy | Culvert thawer | 7,220.00 | |
| 1/15/90 | EquipHwy | Grader '83 130 Caterpillar | 25,500.00 | |
| 1/15/94 | EquipHwy | Storage trailer | 400.00 | |
| | EquipHwy | Small equipment & tools | 37,751.00 | |
| 1/15/95 | EquipHwy | Stone rake | 1,000.00 | |
| 7/22/15 | EquipHwy | TRK11: 2015 Western Star Truck, | 185,000.00 | |
| 6/15/99 | EquipHwy | Lowboy trailer | 500.00 | |
| 11/3/06 | EquipHwy | Loader - '02 924G Caterpillar | 39,850.00 | |
| 4/21/08 | EquipHwy | Backhoe 2004 Cat 420 | 39,300.00 | |
| 7/4/05 | EquipHwy | Dell PC & monitor (was Fire Dept | 125.00 | |
| 11/2/09 | EquipHwy | TRK9: 2010 Truck, plow, sander, | 64,480.00 | |
| 4/27/12 | EquipHwy | TRK10: 2012 Chevrolet K3500 / (| 25,500.00 | |
| 9/21/12 | EquipHwy | Chipper - 2001 Morbark 2012-D | 12,000.00 | |
| | TOTAL EquipHwy | | | 440,926.00 |
| 11/3/90 | TOTAL EquipF | Recreation | | 1,500.00 |
| | TOWN LAND | | | |
| 1/25/97 | LandBoy Scout | | 17.35 acres | 35,300.00 |
| | LandRR bed-D | epot Flat | 0.42 acres | 8,200.00 |
| | LandParking L | akeside Dr | 0.11 acres | 9,300.00 |
| 1/25/97 | LandVillage Co | emeteries | 16.43 acres | 31,200.00 |
| | LandScott Hwy | LandScott Hwy (town garage prop) | | 32,600.00 |
| 1/25/97 | LandPuffer Me | LandPuffer Memorial Ball Field | | 23,700.00 |
| | LandWilliam Scott Cemetery | | 0.48 acres | 12,000.00 |
| | LandOld Ceme | LandOld Cemetery-Great Rd | | 13,600.00 |
| | LandOld Ceme | etery-Glover Rd | 0.37 acres | 12,400.00 |
| | LandOld Ceme | etery-Dominicus Grey-Glover Rd | 0.11 acres | 9,300.00 |
| | LandGravel Pit | LandGravel Pit - Welton Rd | | |
| 1/25/97 | • | LandMill St pump house | | 1,100.00 |
| | | State Forest Hwy (Park St to Ricker Pc | 25.4 acres | 21,100.00 |
| | LandStump Du | mp - Little Italy Rd | 8.5 acres | 24,800.00 |
| 2/14/97 | | Land RR bed Little Italy Rd to Ryegate line | | 9,100.00 |
| 1/25/97 | LandOld Dum | o - Goodfellow Rd | 9.1 acres | 22,700.00 |
| | LandCommunity Bldg land | | 0.47 acres 0.59 acres | 17,100.00 |
| | LandFirehouse | LandFirehouse bldg land | | 18,900.00 |
| 1/25/97 | LandVeterans | LandVeterans Memorial Park | | 18,900.00 |
| | LandRR bed - Powder Spring Rd (near Welch Block) 1.2 | | 1.2 acres | 1,200.00 |
| 1/25/97 | LandFrost Mer | LandFrost Memorial Ball Field 1.7 acres | | |
| 7/3/03 | LandCemetery | - Park St | 6 acres | 27,000.00 |
| | TOTALTown L | and | _ | 486,200.00 |
| | TOTAL VALUE (| OF ALL TOWN PROPERTY | | 3,751,396.00 |

| Owner(s) of Property | Total Acres Owned | Acres Enrolled in Program | | Total Assessed Property Value | | ssessment Amt Exempted from Taxes | | axable Value | Am | ount of Tax Exempted |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Anagnostakis, Christopher & Sandra | 106.00 | 101.00 | \$ | 138,600.00 | \$ | 101,500.00 | \$ | 37,100.00 | \$ | 2,049.79 |
| Beck, Darren D. | 49.00 | 49.00 | \$ | 51,600.00 | \$ | 44,200.00 | \$ | 7,400.00 | \$ | 892.62 |
| Blandford-Berlejung, Mary & Paul (homestead) | 74.00 | 59.00 | | 270,500.00 | \$ | 76,300.00 | \$ | 194,200.00 | 1 | 1,610.31 |
| Berry, Russell & Cecille | 219.00 | 219.00 | \$ | 206,400.00 | \$ | 176,400.00 | \$ | 30,000.00 | \$ | 3,562.40 |
| Brueckner, William C. & Dawn | 370.00 | 362.00 | | 318,100.00 | \$ | 217,600.00 | \$ | 100,500.00 | \$ | 4,394.43 |
| Cassani Robert E & Shirley J | 178.50 | 178.50 | \$ | 151,800.00 | \$ | 126,000.00 | \$ | 25,800.00 | \$ | 2,544.57 |
| 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 | \$ | 75,100.00 | \$ | 127,300.00 | \$ | 1,516.64 |
| Crum, Kathleen | 126.76 | 124.76 | \$ | 176,500.00 | \$ | 115,000.00 | \$ | 61,500.00 | \$ | 2,322.43 |
| Cutone, Richard J & Victoria (homestead) | 131.00 | 129.00 | \$ | 439,900.00 | \$ | 113,200.00 | \$ | 326,700.00 | \$ | 2,389.09 |
| DeMartino, Paul | 93.08 | 84.34 | \$ | 87,600.00 | \$ | 54,900.00 | \$ | 32,700.00 | \$ | 1,108.71 |
| Doscinski, Leonard & Patricia (homestead) | 104.70 | 102.70 | \$ | 409,100.00 | \$ | 123,800.00 | \$ | 285,300.00 | \$ | 2,612.80 |
| Ducharme, Dennis & Helen | 69.69 | 69.69 | \$ | 71,800.00 | \$ | 61,700.00 | \$ | 10,100.00 | \$ | 1,246.03 |
| 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 |
| Emerson Chris W | 75.00 | 71.00 | | 64,200.00 | \$ | 49,700.00 | \$ | 14,500.00 | \$ | 1,003.69 |
| Engle, James & Priscilla | 775.00 | 773.00 | | 997,800.00 | \$ | 575,400.00 | \$ | 422,400.00 | \$ | 11,620.20 |
| Engle, James B. | 147.00 | 147.00 | | 136,000.00 | \$ | 114,700.00 | \$ | 21,300.00 | \$ | 2,316.37 |
| Foster-Jerry Lund Mountain Trust | 692.43 | 688.43 | | 458,600.00 | \$ | 307,300.00 | \$ | 151,300.00 | \$ | 6,205.92 |
| 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 | \$ | 36,500.00 | \$ | 22,900.00 | \$ | 737.12 |
| Greenough, Bradley | 124.00 | 122.00 | | 218,400.00 | \$ | 68,100.00 | \$ | 150,300.00 | \$ | 1,375.28 |
| Grimes James III | 124.00 | 107.00 | | 94,800.00 | \$ | 48,300.00 | \$ | 46,500.00 | | 975.42 |
| Hart, Steven & Lisa | 55.00 | 55.00 | | 47,300.00 | \$ | 38,700.00 | φ \$ | 8,600.00 | | 781.55 |
| Hersey, Christie M. | 125.00 | 123.00 | | 79,900.00 | \$ | 48,000.00 | Ψ \$ | 31,900.00 | \$ | 969.36 |
| Kersaken Ventures LLC | 560.95 | 150.30 | | 559,300.00 | \$ | 51,900.00 | \$ | 507,400.00 | \$ | 1,048.12 |
| Martell, Robert E. & Lori A. | 339.12 | 334.02 | | 784,800.00 | \$ | 463,400.00 | \$ | 321,400.00 | \$ | 9,358.36 |
| Moore, Donald F JR | 28.40 | 28.40 | | 67,200.00 | \$ | 63,100.00 | \$ | 4,100.00 | \$ | 1,274.30 |
| Meadowsend Timberlands LTD | 128.00 | 128.00 | | 126,500.00 | \$ | 108,000.00 | \$ | 18,500.00 | \$ | 2,181.06 |
| Morse, Norman (homestead) | 144.00 | 134.50 | | 427,100.00 | \$ | 131,300.00 | φ \$ | 295,800.00 | \$ | 2,771.09 |
| Niemaszyk Walter | 378.50 | 366.17 | | 373,500.00 | \$ | 257,400.00 | φ \$ | 116,100.00 | \$ | 5,432.43 |
| Oliver Troy A | 47.00 | 45.00 | | 116,700.00 | φ \$ | 38,200.00 | φ \$ | 78,500.00 | | 771.45 |
| Page, Keith R | 39.00 | 45.00 | | 49,000.00 | | 29,900.00 | \$ \$ | 19,100.00 | | 603.83 |
| Park Forestry NY LLC | 935.60 | 935.60 | | 636,400.00 | | 501,000.00 | | 135,400.00 | | 10,117.70 |
| Pigeon Pond LLC (Bailey & Gable) | 1,050.00 | 1,042.00 | | 2,396,100.00 | | 1,220,400.00 | φ \$ | 1,175,700.00 | | 24,645.98 |
| Powers, Craig & Brenda (homestead) | | | | | <u> </u> | | | | P. | - |
| | 35.70 | 32.47 | | 289,600.00 | | 47,400.00 | \$ | 242,200.00 | | 1,000.38 |
| Puffer, Mathew | 222.00 | 201.00 | | 243,000.00 | \$ | 136,700.00 | \$ | 106,300.00 | | 2,760.66 |
| 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 | - | 92,800.00 49,100.00 | ¢ | 210,300.00 | | 1,958.54 |
| Smith, Brent & Pamela (homestead) | 41.00 | 39.00 | | 206,500.00 | | , | \$ | 157,400.00 | | 1,036.26 |
| Thomas, Bryce & Miriam | 90.00 | 90.00 | | 67,900.00 | | 54,900.00 | \$ ¢ | 13,200.00 | | 1,154.45 |
| Thomas, F. Bryce (1997 Trust) | 163.00 | 160.50 | | 216,400.00 | | 127,600.00 | | 88,800.00 | | 2,576.88 |
| Thomas, Paul A. & Frederick Bryce III | 37.10 | 37.10 | | 70,700.00 | <u> </u> | 65,300.00 | \$ | 5,400.00 | | 1,318.73 |
| Thomas, Paul A | 126.00 | 109.50 | | 196,700.00 | \$ | 116,400.00 | \$ | 80,300.00 | | 2,350.70 |
| Thomas, Paul A | 65.10 | 63.10 | | 89,300.00 | | 62,200.00 | \$ | 27,100.00 | | 1,256.13 |
| Timbervest Partners III Vermont LLC | 237.00 | 224.80 | | 183,200.00 | \$ | 139,200.00 | \$ | 44,000.00 | - · | 2,811.14 |
| Uttero, Peter J. | 363.00 | 357.00 | | 388,700.00 | \$ | 214,500.00 | \$ | 174,200.00 | | 4,331.83 |
| 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 | | 253,700.00 | <u> </u> | 40,000.00 | \$ | 213,700.00 | | 807.80 |
| Zimmermann Groton Forestry, LLC TOTALS | 760.00 10,084.41 | 760.00 9,458.36 | | 579,700.00 14,708,400.00 | \$ \$ | 497,400.00 7,459,300.00 | \$ \$ | 82,300.00 7,196,700.00 | \$ \$ | 10,044.99 152,838.84 |
| TOTALS | 10,004.41 | 3,430.30 | Ψ | 17,100,400.00 | φ | 1,-13,500.00 | Ψ | 1,130,100.00 | φ | 132,030.04 |
| Homestead values exempted from land use | | | | | \$ | 909,300.00 | | | \$ | 19,190.78 |
| Non-residential values exempted from land | use | | | | \$ | 6,558,800.00 | | | \$ | 132,454.97 |
| | | | | | \$ | 7,468,100.00 | | | \$ | 151,645.74 |

| | Property Description | Acres | | 2016 Appraised Value |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| tal Conservation | Groton Lake Damsite | 3.00 | \$ | 63,100.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Seyon Pond | 26.00 | \$ | 106,700.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Ricker Pond Damsite | 13.00 | \$ | 12,500.00 |
| rks & Recreation | TNC/Moffatt Acquisition | 329.00 | \$ | 250,000.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Lyon Acq - Seyon Block | 42.00 | \$ | 29,700.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Page Acquisition | 25.70 | \$ | 24,300.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Ricker Pond Campsite & frontage | 39.00 | \$ | 175,100.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Lake Groton Cottage Lots | 2.07 | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Stillwater Campground | 42.00 | \$ | 136,100.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Big Deer Campground | 25.00 | \$ | 28,600.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Boulder Beach | 25.00 | \$ | 109,900.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Kettle Pond Campground & frontage | 20.00 | \$ | 86,000.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Natural Woodland Areas | 149.00 | \$ | 105,300.00 |
| rks & Recreation | Forest Land * | 11,702.03 | \$ | 13,207,200.00 |
| life | Pine Mountain WMA | 372.00 | \$ | 372,800.00 |
| life | Levi Pond WMA ** | 259.20 | \$ | 78,800.00 |
| tal Conservation | St. Hilaire Parcel *** | 100.00 | \$ | 80,100.00 |
| | Totals | 13,174.00 | \$ | 14,869,200.00 |
| | - | al Conservation St. Hilaire Parcel *** | al Conservation St. Hilaire Parcel *** 100.00 | al Conservation St. Hilaire Parcel *** 100.00 \$ |



| | (Values set by the State of Vermont) | | |
|-------------|---|---|----------------|
| Building | | | State Value |
| No. | Building Description | Building Location | as of 4/1/2016 |
| 24110 | Pine MT WMA Barn | Powder Spring Rd | 6,699 |
| 24407 | Ranger's ResStillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 9,203 |
| 24408 | Park Shelter - Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 21,978 |
| 24409 | Toilet #1 Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 16,094 |
| 24410 | Toilet #2 Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 37,027 |
| 24411 | Shelter & Toilet #2 - Rickers | 526 State Forest Rd | 25,000 |
| 24412 | Ranger's House - Rickers | 526 State Forest Rd | 30,000 |
| 24413 | Garage Storage - Rickers | 526 State Forest Rd | 23,668 |
| 24414 | Toilet Building #1 - Rickers | 526 State Forest Rd | 12,964 |
| 24415 | Toilet #3 - Rickers | 526 State Forest Rd | 18,289 |
| 24,416 | Toilet #2 - Boulder Beach Rec Area | 440 Boulder Beach Rd | 37,027 |
| 24417 | Picnic Shelter - Boulder Beach | 440 Boulder Beach Rd | 35,285 |
| 24418 | Ranger's House - Big Deer | 303 Boulder Beach Rd | 81,100 |
| 24419 | Toilet Building #5 - Big Deer | 303 Boulder Beach Rd | 18,116 |
| 24420 | Toilet#1- Boulder Beach Rec Area | 440 Boulder Beach Rd | 8,199 |
| 24421 | Helper's Quarters - E. Big Deer | 303 Boulder Beach Rd | 35,176 |
| 24422 | Helper's Quarters - W. Big Deer | 303 Boulder Beach Rd | 35,895 |
| 24423 | Nature Center - Boulder Beach | 329 Boulder Beach Rd | 67,900 |
| 24424 | Toilet Building #3 - Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 16,094 |
| 24425 | Contact Station - Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 26,769 |
| 24430 | Contact Station - Rickers | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 9,785 |
| 24432 | Storage Shed - Ricker | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 4,239 |
| 24433 | Storage Shed - Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 4,170 |
| 24434 | Woodshed - Ricker Pond | 526 State Forest Rd | 11,749 |
| 24435 | Woodshed - Stillwater | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 11,749 |
| 24436 | Garage - Big Deer | 303 Boulder Beach Rd | 15,283 |
| 24439 | Concession Bldg - Boulder Beach | 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 36,763 |
| 24440 | Merrill/Otis Camp | Merrill/Otis Camp | 89,300 |
| 24441 | Boulder Beach Contact Station | 329 Boulder Beach Rd | 2,860 |
| 24442 | Boulder Beach Storage Shed | 329 Boulder Beach Rd | 6,294 |
| 24445 | Ricker's Lakeside Cabin | 526 State Forest Rd | 7,196 |
| 24498 | Seyon Remote Cabin | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 3,378 |
| 24499 | Seyon Fish Hatchery | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 19,100 |
| 24500 | Seyon Woodshed | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 7,473 |
| 24501 | Seyon Ranch - Residence | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 762,700 |
| 24502 | Seyon Ranch - Garage | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 23,600 |
| 24503 | Seyon Ranch - Barn | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 15,119 |
| 24504 | Barn / Residence at Seyon | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 20,500 |
| 24505 | Old Wheel House - Seyon | 400 Seyon Park Rd | 24,400 |
| 24506-24510 | Ricker Pond Cabin 1-Cabin 5 | 526 State Forest Rd | 88,665 |
| 24516-47 | Lean -to | 526State Forest Rd | 44,172 |
| 24546 | Fish Shed | 526 State Forest Rd | 12,192 |
| | | | |
| 24547 | Dock Lean To - Bear, Deer, Fox, Moose, | 526 State Forest Rd | 20,320 |
| 80010/14 | | 303 Boulder Beach Rd | 18,405 |
| 80338-80373 | Lean To -Group 1-26 | 6993 State Forest Rd | 95,706 |
| 80364-80370 | Lean To - Remote 12-14-07-08-09-11-13 | 6993 State Forest Rd | 25,767 |
| 80503-80525 | Lean To - Bittersweet-Violet | 526 State Forest Rd 126 Boulder Beach Rd | 84,663 |
| 80573-80591 | Lean To - Chestnut-Tamarack | | |

| Property Transfers April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|
| Grantor | Grantee | Location | |
| Dorsett, Andrew L & Jennifer P | Meteer, Ruth A | 670 Minard Hill Rd | |
| Ricker, Evelyn Estate | Giroux, Brian R & Laurie | 2182 Powder Spring Rd | |
| Demattino, Paul | Demartino, Paul J Revocable trust | Green Rd | |
| Demattino, Paul | Demartino, Paul J Revocable trust | Green Rd | |
| | Hegarty, Brenda j, Clegg, Barbara J, Taylor, Lance | | |
| Taylor, Richard L & Janet W | R, Peacock, Bonnie J, Taylor, James A | Branch Brook Rd | |
| Odell, Randall, Walker, Ann, Odell, Brian, Odell, Kendall | Camp Muffit, LLC | 982 West Shore Dr | |
| Wilson, Albert & Waterhouse, Cindy J | Waterhouse, Lee J & Cindy J | 811 State Forest Rd | |
| Brooks, Richard W | Wohlleb, Brian C & Jodi A | 244 Welton Rd | |
| Collins, Michael E & Ashley | Brooks, Richard W | 1992 Scott Hwy | |
| Poulin Family Revocable Trust | Kersaken Ventures, LLC | Annis Rd | |
| Formica, Michael J | Thomson, Valarie D | 1756 Annis Rd | |
| 21st Mortgage Corporation | Russo, Emily & Fulford, Mason | 816 Glover Rd | |
| Meagher, John J | Foster-Jerry Lund Mountain Trust | Levi Pond Rd | |



| Property Transfers April 1, 2017- December 31, 2017 | | |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| Grantor | Grantee | Location |
| Brooks, Barry & Christle | Bartlett, Nathan | 1191 Glover Rd |
| Ketchum, Justin T | Oliveira, Manuel & Maria | 185 Cliffs Hill Rd |
| Smith, Kenneth & Mary K | Kersaken Ventures, LLC | 1794 Annis Rd |
| Wilder, Nancy | Wilder, Nancy J & Mark H | Hi Goodwin Rd |
| Farley, Brian P & Vicki M | Federal National Mortgage Association | 6243 Scott hwy |
| Stanton, Mary M Estate | Federal National Mortgage Association | 5491 Scott Hwy |
| Sykas, Paul W & Patricia A | Wuenschel, Faith E | 932 West Shore Rd |
| LaBrie, Ernest & Linda | LaBrie, Ernest | 1222 Seyon Pond Rd |
| McNerney, Cornelius J | Crowley, Lillian M | 97 Glover Rd |
| Ruggles, Patricia A | Ruggles, Jayson E | 726 Heath Rd |
| Citifinancial Servicing LLC | Bernier Properties LLC | 1070 Scott Hwy |
| Hogan, Kerry A | Nahmias, Michael H | 3135 State Forest Rd |
| Routhier, Dennis & Denise M | Page, Keith R | off Levi Pond Rd |
| Pinette, Dawn M & Donald | Boyce, David & Mary Ellen | off Welton Rd |
| Pinette, Dawn M & Donald | Boyce, David & Mary Ellen | off Welton Rd |
| Patterson, Daniel W | Patterson, Daniel W, Collin D, Shannon R | Willow Lane |
| Rahne, Kenneth R | Rahne, Kenneth R & Laura L | 96 Cliff's Hill Rd |
| Azumbrado Simmons Family Trust | Page, Keith R | off Levi Pond Rd |
| Martell, Robert E | Martell, Robert E & Lori A | 500 Sunset Trail |
| Tinkham, Debra M | Tinkham, Debra M & Wright, Dane | 125 Seyon Pond Rd |
| Marsh, Natalie M | Klein, Martin & Bonnie | Seyon Pond Rd |
| Maloney, John R & Elizabeth Trustees | Schaarschmidt, Ralf II Trustee | 398 Sunset Trail |
| Dugas, Evelyn | Russo-Savage, Donna & Stuart Freeland | 201 South Sunrise Dr |
| Ducharme, Dennis G & Helen M | Ducharme, Helen M | US Rte 302 |
| Brown Market Real Estate LLC | Bone, Jennifer & David | 1261 Scott Hwy |
| Shaker Shack Properties LLC | LaRosa, John M & Joyce B | 43 W Coldwater Brook Rd |
| Huskey, David & Santina | Huskey, David, Santina, Ian & Faith | 68 Minard Hill Rd |
| Thomson, Valarie D | Thomas, Paul A | 1756 Annis Rd |
| Schmidt, Donald F Jr & Tocci, Leslee G | Emerson, Paul & Sasha | 901 Seyon Pond Rd |
| Oliviera, Manuel A & Maria A | Cipolla, Genevieve | 185 Cliff's Hill Rd |
| Hatch, Chad W | Hatch, Chad W & Allan, Tammy L | 1638 Powder Spring Rd |
| Melville, Lois E Revocable Trust | Beane, Raymond R | 2193 Goodfellow Rd |
| Darling, Colleen | Slayton, Stacy J | 11 West Witherspoon Dr |
| Martell, Robert E | Martell Groton LLC | 500 Sunset Trail |
| Grimes, James III & Nolan, Ellen | Grimes and Nolan Revocable Trust Dated M | Grimes Acres Rd |
| Zierke, Susan A | Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/ | 43 Mill St |
| Conlan, Jane M | Duprey, Stephen M & William H | 9900VT RT 302 |
| Town of Groton | Jalbert, David W | 400 Sunset Trail |
| O'Grady, Scott | Jalbert, David W | 400 Sunset Trail |
| Town of Groton | Boyce, Mary Ellen | 189 Seyon Pond Rd |
| Engle, James B & Priscilla J | Engles, Priscilla Joyce & James Bruce Living Trust | 141 Engle Rd |
| Engle, James B & Priscilla J | Engles, Priscilla Joyce & James Bruce Living Trust | Heath Brook Rd |

Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes - Adopted April 2017 Summary

To be fair to all town taxpayers, this 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.

It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to contact the Collector of Delinquent Taxes to set up an arrangement to make payments, if needed. A time frame for payment will depend on circumstances and may stretch at most to August 1st of the following year that taxes were due. Scheduled payments must be regularly made and the property cannot 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 the August 1st deadline will be processed for tax sale or for other methods 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 methods 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 will work with people in a diplomatic and professional manner to help them become current in their obligation to the town. However, if a taxpayer fails to contact me, or if a taxpayer does not become 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 delinquent property tax owners from the Town Treasurer, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will mail the initial notice. 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 monthly 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 onetime penalty in an amount set by the voters, (8%), is assessed on the original amount of the tax delinquency.

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 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, or by visiting our Town website at www.grotonvt.com 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. 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 August 1st of the following year that the taxes were originally due, 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.

Carrie Peters Collector of Delinquent Taxes Town of Groton 1476 Scott Highway Groton, Vermont 05046 802-584-3004 Cdt@grotonvt.com

Delinquent Tax Report as of 12/31/2017

| Name | Tax Year | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| BATSAKIS, ANDREW J | 2017 | LORD, JOHN | 2015 |
| BEAMIS, SHIRLEY E | 2017 | MERRYFIELD, MICHELLE | 2017 |
| BOYCE, DAVID B | 2017 | PAGE, CURTIS B | 2017 |
| BOYCE, DOUGLAS P | 2017 | PHILLIPS, PAMELA | 2017 |
| BRINKMAN, STAN B | 2017 | POWELL, HERMAN | 2016 |
| BROWN, LAURA | 2017 | QUINTAINE, MARIE | 2017 |
| CALVELLO, NICHOLAS | 2016/2017 | ROBINSON, DANIEL C | 2017 |
| CARBONNEAU, JON S | 2017 | SANVILLE, ARNOLD | 2017 |
| CAREY, JANNEL ANNETTE | 2017 | SANVILLE, CHARLOTTE | 2017 |
| CONTI, RICHARD | 2017 | SKINNER, ROBERT | 2017 |
| CROWN, SHAWN | 2017 | SLAYTON, DAVID | 2017 |
| CROWN, SHAWN | 2017 | SMITH, RACHEL | 2017 |
| DARLING, HENRY & STANLEY | 2017 | WILLIAMS, PERLEY | 2017 |
| DARLING, HENRY & SARAH | 2017 | WOOD, ROSE-MARIE | 2016/2017 |
| EDWARDS, GALE LYN | 2017 | ZIERKE, SUSAN | 2017 |
| ELLISON, DAVID | 2016/2017 | | |
| FARR, BRADLEY | 2017 | | |
| FLORIO, MICHAEL A | 2017 | | |
| FULFORD, HEIDI A | 2017 | | |
| GARDNER, JONATHON | 2017 | | |
| GOODRICH, ROBERT F | 2015/2017 | Total Principal Outstanding | |
| GROTON COMMERCIAL LLC | 2017 | | |
| GROTON COMMUNITY HOUSING | 2017 | Tax Year 2015 | \$ 6,065.15 |
| HART, RONALD F | 2017 | | |
| KENNEDY, MICHAEL A | 2017 | Tax Year 2016 | \$ 4,627.15 |
| KVAM,MATHEW W | 2017 | | |
| LAKIN, CHARLES | 2017 | Tax Year 2017 | \$ 93,312.30 |
| LAKIN, JAMES E SR | 2017 | | |
| LASELL, HORACE JAME | 2017 | Total | \$ 104,004.60 |
| LEININGER, TINA M | 2015/2016/2017 | | |
| LEPENVEN, LARRY J | 2017 | | |
| LESIEUR, KELLY F | 2017 | | |

| MAIL TO: TAX BILL B | interest for the first three month (or fraction thereof) a SPAN # TOTAL HOUSES HOUSES HOUSES | DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2017 BY 5:00 p.m. E.S.T, POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. to a one time 8% late penalty and 1% months (or fraction thereof) and 1.5% per C after the first three months. HOUSESITE TAX INFORMATION 267-084- SCL CODE: 084 PARCEL ACRES 3.10 SITE VALUE 221,300 SITE EDUCATION TAX 3,286.97 SITE MUNICIPAL TAX 1,597.12 SITE TOTAL TAX 4,884.09 FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES |
|--|--|--|
| ASSESSED VALUE | +OMESTEAD ,200 223,200 | |
| | | TAX RATE x GRAND LIST = TAXES 0.4551 x2,232.00= 1015.78 0.2637 x2,232.00= 588.58 0.0029 x2,232.00= 6.47 1.4853 x2,232.00= 3315.19 |
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| PAYMENT DUE | TAX YEAR | LONGER OWN THIS |
| 11/03/2017 | 2017 | PROPERTY. SEE |
| OWNER NAME PARCEL ID AMOUNT 2365.02 DUE AMOUNT | | INSERTS FOR INFORMATION ON FORMS OF PAYMENT. NOTE: CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED IN EXACT AMOUNT ONLY. |

- A. Last day to pay property taxes before they become delinquent.
- **B.** Your individual property Identification number.
- C. These figures are used by the State of VT in calculating your state payment, if any.
- **D.** This amount is your assessed value of your residential property.
- E. If you are a NON Resident your assessed value is located here Or if you own a second property in the town of Groton
- F. This is the amount the town has calculated to cover Town and Highway expenses plus the Veterans Exemption that the Town approved in 2009. This exemption reduces a Veterans property value by \$40,000. The State of VT pays the taxes on \$10,000 and the town covers the remaining taxes on \$30,000.
- *G.* This is the amount sent to Blue Mountain Union. This rate is figured by the State of VT and if you filed form HS-122 then you are charged the Homestead Education Rate. If you did not file form HS-122 then you are charged the Non-Residential Rate, also figured by the State of VT.
- *H.* State of VT calculates this figure (from info in section C and from your income taxes) & this is applied to your tax bill to reduce the amount owed.
- *I.* What you owe to the Town of Groton.
- J. Payments are accepted every day all year.

Groton Free Public Library 1304 Scott Highway Groton, VT 05046

802-584-3358 grotonlibraryvt@gmail.com www.grotonlibraryvt.org

GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

2017 was a year of change for the Groton Free Public Library as we said goodbye to our longtime Librarian Anne Hatch and welcomed our new Librarian Luisa Lindsley. Luisa, the former Library Director at Tenney Memorial Library, continues to improve and expand our Library services and programs.

In addition to our standard services, the library continues to offer other free services such as interlibrary loan, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks, online Universal Classes, Vermont Online Library, and Heritage Quest. Our Friends of the Library group runs a year-round Book Sale, with a special sale weekend during Fall Foliage. Proceeds purchase items for our library.

In 2017, in addition to our ongoing programs and groups, we were also able to offer a large assortment of community programs which included:

- Light Up For Love (February) Craft night where participants made colorful paper-mâché lanterns, creative stamp art and finger paintings!
- Herbal Creations Workshop (March) Workshop led by local herbalist showing participants how to make herbal teas, bath & body products & aromatherapy items.
- Build A Better World with Wildlife Encounters (June) Interactive program allowing attendees to meet a variety of live animals!
- Build A Better World with Astronomy & Myth (June) Presentation covering newly discovered planetoids and other secrets of our solar system.
- Build a Better World with Trucks (June) A chance to meet and interact with our local road crew and their equipment.
- **Build a Better World with Butterflies (July)** Workshop to learn more about butterflies, how to entice them into your yard and how to build your own butterfly feeder.
- **Comic Book Workshop**: **Be Your Own Hero (July)** Workshop to lean how to draw basic figures and create a simple fourpage comic book.
- Build A Better World With Magic (August) Audience participation packed magic show by popular magician Tom Joyce!
- **Poetry For Kids**: Walt Whitman (August) Reading and Book Signing by Karen Karbiener exploring the life and work of our nation's greatest poet!
- Make an Origami Holiday Ornament (December) Ornament making workshop using the ancient art of Origami.
- **The Genealogy of Happiness (December)** Program to explore the different conceptions of happiness in Western philosophy, religion and politics and the "new science of happiness."
- Vermont vs. Hollywood (December) Program exploring 100 years of Vermont in film and the hold Vermont has had on the imagination in the media age.
- **Groton Library Holiday Party (December)** A party celebrating the magic of the season including crafts, songs, musical performances, delicious treats and a special visit from Santa.

Our library services, materials and programs are free and open to the public, so please stop in any time to see this amazing community resource. Thank you for your continued support!

Board of Trustees: Kristian Connolly (Chair), Diane Kreis, Sue Murray, Bill Paton, Erik Volk.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>: Vicki Burgess, Judith Chandler, Deborah Connolly, Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb, Susan Gordon, Joan Haskell, Martha Montague, Kirsten Murch, Janet Page, Nancy Spencer.

Librarian: Luisa Lindsley

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

| 2017 Library Budget vs. 2017 Actual Spent | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expenses paid from Town General Fund | 2017 Budget | Actual | 2018 Budget |
| Librarian wages | 18,148 | 18,882.80 | 20,020 |
| Payroll taxes | 1,389 | 1,444.54 | 1,532 |
| VLCT PACIF-Insurance | 1,058 | 1,057.00 | 1,035 |
| Postage & delivery | 720 | 390.65 | 720 |
| Cleaning | - | 108.00 | - |
| Building rent | 3,700 | 3,700.00 | 16,601 |
| Supplies-Library | - | 215.95 | |
| Books & periodicals- | 5,000 | 5,525.24 | 5,000 |
| Office supplies | 800 | 833.51 | 800 |
| Telephone/internet | 920 | 1,033.15 | 1,000 |
| Training | 80 | 81.19 | 80 |
| Software/support | 700 | 607.80 | 700 |
| Computer Repairs & Legal Fees | 300 | 0 | 400 |
| Furnishings & Equipment | 200 | 866.74 | 200 |
| TOTAL | \$33,015 | \$34,746.57 | \$48,088 |
| Library Budget vs. Expenses | . , | . , | . , |
| Expenses paid by Library Fund | 2017 Budget | Actual | 2018 Budge |
| Transfers Out | 0 | 5,000.00 | (|
| Programs Expense | 1,200 | 1,385.43 | 1,500 |
| Postage | - | - | (|
| Building Operations | 2,000 | 2,000.00 | - |
| Books & Periodicals | - | - | 1000 |
| Training & Mileage | 100 | 264.83 | 260 |
| Technology Services/Soft | - | - | (|
| Computer Maintenance | - | - | |
| Computers | - | - | 2500 |
| Furnishings | - | - | (|
| TOTAL | 3,300 | 8,650.26 | 5,260 |
| | | | |
| Library Fund Revenue | A | | |
| Funds are entered into Library Fund | Actual | | |
| Books & Copy revenue | - | | |
| Dividends American Funds | 710.96 | | |
| Donations/Annual Appeal | 2,895.70 | | |
| Fundraising revenue | - | | |
| Grant revenue | - | | |
| Interest income | 183.65 | | |
| Program revenue | 50.00 | | |
| Gains - Investments | 1,876.26 | | |
| | | | |
| Transfers In PayPal Revenue/Donations | 5000 | | |

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?

2017- LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Operating 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 \$7,228.67**

Endowment 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 \$50,967.25**

Capital Fund Certificate of Deposit

Anonymous gift restricted to capital improvements or non-budgeted items at the discretion of the Library Trustees. Balance \$31,161.04

American Funds

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 \$20,327.27

Library Pay Pal Fund

Fund Account was established to receive money electronically for Annual Appeal Donations. Balance \$9.00

2017 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 internment 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 internment 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 L | OT PRICES and | d FEES fo | r 2017 | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| | # of | | | | | SETTING | | |
| | traditional | # of | | | | OF | | TOTAL |
| | burial | cremation | | PERPETUAL | | CORNER | TOTAL FOR | FOR NON |
| SIZE | sites | sites | LOT PRICE | CARE | FEES | STONES | RESIDENTS | 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.

CEMETERY REPORT

There was a fair bit of activity this year in the cemeteries of Groton.

With the help of Steve Murray, a number of problem trees were taken care of this year. The spruce in the middle of the old village cemetery had taken a bad turn and was neatly removed without harm to any neighboring lots. Likewise a number of limbs were trimmed off the roadside maples lining the cemetery on the north end of Glover road. They were overhanging many of the old stones there.

Again this year Tony Dennis was able to straighten a good many stones in the old village cemetery. He has been working the last couple of years on this for us and has done a great job. Tom Gandin cleaned a large swath of stones for us as well.

Also, thanks to Chris Knudson of CK Lawn Care for keeping all the cemeteries mowed and trimmed for us again this year.

Respectfully submitted

Aaron Smith Tony Dennis Shaun Stetson



| Cemetery Funds Activity - 2017 | |
|--|--------------------|
| Devenues | |
| Revenues | 1 075 00 |
| Lot Sales (after disbursements) Corner stone income | 1,975.00 105.00 |
| | 20.00 |
| Recording fee income | |
| Corner stone setting fees income | 50.00 |
| Development Funds (non-resident lot sale) | 0.00 |
| Perpetual Care income (lot sales) | 200.00 |
| Interest Revenue | 34.58 |
| Total Revenue | 2,384.58 |
| Expenditures paid from Cemetery Accounts | |
| Deposited to Development Funds | 0.00 |
| Deposited to Perpetual Care Fund | 0.00 |
| Recording fees (Groton Town Clerk) | 40.00 |
| Corner stones expense (Gandin Bros) | 0.00 |
| Ad For Mowing | 0.00 |
| Misc Exp | 6.50 |
| | 46.50 |
| | |
| Expenditures paid from General Fund | |
| Dues & meetings | 0.00 |
| Stone cleaning/Restoration | 2,170.00 |
| Mowing | 7,938.00 |
| Bushhog Riverside Cemetery | 180.00 |
| Repairs & maintenance | 0.00 |
| Rubbish removal | 0.00 |
| Markers & flags | 255.00 |
| | 10,543.00 |
| | |
| Cemetery Funds Balances 12/31/17 | Balances |
| TD Bank-Roosevelt Carter Trust | 6,190.37 |
| WGSB H. Hosmer | 3,282.14 |
| WRSB Development Funds | 8,652.80 |
| WRSB Cemetery Lot Expenses | 4,258.74 |
| WRSB Mary Jane Ricker Hall Trust | 1,062.18 |
| MB Perpetual Care | 87,755.64 |
| TOTAL | 111,201.87 |

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

"The Groton Recreation Committee has been very active in our Community in 2017! If you are interested in helping to develop recreational activities in town, or have any recreational ideas, please contact Lisa Hart at LJLHART@yahoo.com.

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

Men's Friday night pickup basketball in the Groton Gym ran from November to May.

We underwrote (\$350) for equipment for Nathan Walton's Futsal program in 2017, 3 weeks starting January 14th.

An Intro to Tae Kwon Do class took place on four Sundays in May and June, co-sponsored and led by Blue Wave Tae Kwon Do. About 21 children and adults enjoyed the free program.

We underwrote (\$300) the Strawberry farm band which played at the GHS's Road Rally event on September 24th.

The Annual Halloween Party was a great success this year. This event was run by Jazzy Children's Fund and had about 50 children in attendance. Recreation donated \$225.00.

In November, the Rec Committee co-sponsored a Women's Self Defense course with Blue Wave Tae Kwon Do.

The SD Ireland Holiday Cement Mixer returned on Saturday, Dec. 16, in front of My Farmer's Market, approximately 150 people attended.

Recreation Committee donated \$1500.00 to help with the basketball hoop replacements.

In the fall the Committee purchased town wide banners and the brackets to be placed on the Utility poles in the village of Groton. We should be seeing these up soon.

Committee member Janet Page, and her husband, Tom, continue to generously donate their time, money and effort to provide seasonal decorations for the Memorial Park gazebo.

Rec Committee Members:

Spring 2017: Paul Berlejung, Kristian Connolly, Deborah Connolly, Lisa Hart, Anne Hatch and Janet Page.

Fall of 2017: and currently Lisa Hart, Anne Hatch and Janet Page.

1st CONSTABLE REPORT

In 2017, I provided the following Law Enforcement services as Groton's First Constable:

| Patrol | 394.50 hours |
|---|--------------------|
| Training | 59.50 hours |
| Court | 4.50 hours |
| Accidents | 3.25 hours |
| Miscellaneous | 4.0 hours |
| Serving Papers | 14.50 hours |
| | |
| Total | 516.25 hours |
| Total <u>During Patrol work, I issued:</u> | 516.25 hours |
| | 516.25 hours 81 |
| During Patrol work, I issued: | |
| During Patrol work, I issued: Tickets | 81 |

As of December 31, 2017, the Town of Groton has received \$5169.00 in civil fines from tickets being issued.

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

Respectfully submitted

James A Downing 1st constable

ZONING REPORT 2017

In 2017, there were 18 permits processed. Of these 18 permits 17 were approved and one was denied.

Permits and Amended permits cost \$50.00. They can be obtained from the Town Clerks Office or the town website at <u>www.grotonvt.com</u>.

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.

Brad Houghton JR.

Zoning Administrator

PLANNING COMMISSION

This year the Planning Commission finished the updated Town Plan. It was adopted on May 18th, 2017. We also requested regional approval from the Regional Planning Commission and had a hearing on August 15th, 2017. The plan was approved again regionally which helps qualify the town for grant money during certain projects. Another area where regional approval is helpful is for Village Center Designation. Village center designation supports the revitalization efforts of small to medium-sized historic centers. The designation brings financial incentives, training and technical assistance needed to attract new business and life to smaller communities.

We would like to thank Alison Low from the NVDA. She was a tremendous help to us during this entire process.

The town plan and all updated maps can be found on the town website www.grotonvt.com

Respectfully,

Carrie Peters Julie Oliver (resigned) Ranee Curtis (resigned) Kelly Emerson (resigned) Nancy Vaughan (resigned)

GROTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year we insulated the station with blown in insulation in the ceiling. This should help to cut down on the fuel oil being used. We are working on a new electrical entrance for the station. Many hours of volunteer labor have gone in to these projects.

Fire Calls - 2017 – 51

<u>Training</u>: Members of the Fire Dept. have achieved an incredible amount of training.

Level I - 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. Hours when we could have been home with our families.

PLEASE INSTALL A 911 SIGN ON YOUR HOME. PLEASE PUT YOUR HOUSE NUMBRER ON BOTH SIDES OF YOUR RURAL MAILBOX. WE SPEND MANY PRECIOUS MINUTES TRYING TO FIND <u>YOU</u> WHEN YOU DIAL 911.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Wayne C. Knott

Groton Volunteer Fire Department

Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad 2017 Town Report

The Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad is a paid-call department, and for insurance and administrative reasons, is part of the Groton Fire Department. The difference between a completely volunteer department and a paid-call department is that members of a paid-call department get paid when they respond to a call. Most other time spent with the FAST Squad, such as training and community outreach are uncompensated, volunteer hours. The Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad currently has 7 active, licensed members, with additional members in the training and/or recertification process. Additionally, we have a dedicated core of Groton Fire Department personnel that respond to most FAST Squad calls to provide assistance.

We are always looking for additional help, if you are interested, please reach out to Derek Curtis, Head of Service for more information.



Extricating a simulated patient from a logging accident, several area departments and employees from one logging company participated. Coincidentally, 1 week after this training GVFD and Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad responded to a real logging accident where some of the learned skills were utilized.



What is a FAST Squad?

I'll start out this year's report with quick answers to a couple of questions that I commonly hear. The two most common questions are what is a FAST Squad? And, why don't you transport patients, instead of having Woodsville Ambulance transport?

First, what is a FAST Squad? There is no "standard definition" of FAST; we use a common definition, **F**irst Aid **S**tabilization **T**eam. This is a team comprised of trained, licensed **E**mergency **M**edical **T**echnicians (EMTs) who provide medical care until the ambulance arrives on scene, and continue to assist ambulance personnel with patient care.

Why don't you transport patients? The Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad is not licensed by the State of Vermont Department of Health as a transport agency. To attain and maintain a transport service license, we would need an ambulance (our current Rescue 1 is not an ambulance), and additional staff that could commit to 24/7/365 availability. We would also need to purchase and maintain additional equipment, and maintain additional insurance; all of this comes at a significant cost.

Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad Call Volume



Groton Rescue 1 – Used Truck Purchase

The Groton Fire Department, working with the Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad, recently purchased a used rescue vehicle from Clinton, NJ to respond to medical and rescue calls with. The old Rescue 1 was aging, and was not configured to safely carry the equipment required for the types of calls it responded to, and is in excellent condition. Our original target budget for a new rescue truck was more than \$150,000; we were able to purchase this truck for less than \$60,000, and expect to get many years of service from it. This new (to us) vehicle is configured to allow for the safe transport and storage of medical and rescue equipment, while still providing a space for the FAST Squad to conduct rehab operations (keeping hard working personnel healthy) during major events.



Community Outreach

A major focus of the FAST Squad this year is community outreach. How do we better serve our communities? We will be hosting low to no cost community CPR courses and Stop the Bleed courses. In addition, we will be attending town events such as the Ryegate Summer and Winter festivals, the Turkey

Dip, Groton Fall Foliage to provide emergency medical support, but also public education on topics such as cardiac health, stroke awareness, drug addiction, and free blood pressure clinics. Though we love helping people, we would prefer to help people **prevent** an emergency situation, rather than respond to one.

If you have ideas or suggestions on how the FAST Squad can reach more people in the community, and be a resource, please let us know.

To keep current on FAST Squad activities, please like or follow either (or both) the Groton Emergency Services (https://www.facebook.com/Groton.Emergency.Services) or the Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad (https://www.facebook.com/grotonryegate.fastsquad.1) Facebook pages.

Respectfully Submitted, Derek Curtis Head of Service, Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad grotonryegatefast@gmail.com 802-745-7598 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Groton.Emergency.Services/ https://www.facebook.com/grotonryegate.fastsquad.1

| FAST - GROTON RYEGATE FAST SQUAD ACCOUNT | 2017 |
|--|----------|
| NOTE: 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. | |
| FAST Squad Account | |
| Bank account balance on 12/31/16 | 2,235.95 |
| Interest received | 0.54 |
| \$ put towards purchase of new Rescue Vehicle | -500.00 |
| | 1,736.49 |

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

This year the fire season, there was only 1 brush fire. Thanks for all the fire fighters that participated.

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 or 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 5PM 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 have 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 a couple of years 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.

Respectfully submitted, Wade Johnson, Sr., Forest Fire Warden Justin Carle, Forest Fire Warden Deputy TOWN OF GROTON BOARD OF LISTERS 1476 SCOTT HIGHWAY GROTON, VT, 05046

2017 has been a very busy year for the Listers. Upon looking at the Equalization study for the Town of Groton, since our last Town-wide reappraisal, which was completed in the 2010 Tax year, it became evident that we needed to have an appraisal in 2018 or 2019. We have been diligent in putting money into our reappraisal reserve fund. This means no extra monies have to be raised for the Reappraisal, which will begin sometime after the 2018 grievances are completed. We have contracted Vermont Appraisal Co., which is a firm on the State approved list. As time gets closer for the appraisal to begin, we will get the word out to one and all.

We are also proud to say that our Tax maps can be found on our Town of Groton web site. Go to www.grotonvt.com. In the upper left corner of the page click on Listers /Tax maps, next click on the red box, finally click on the words underscored. This will bring up the map of Groton. Then on the left side of the page put in your information. We are still new at this and if you run into any problems or have questions or suggestions, please call the Listers' office at (802) 584-3155.

There are 3 items that you can help us with:

- 1) Please send us a change of address, in writing, when you move
- 2) Please notify us, in writing, when the footprint of the property is changed This means: A building burns, collapses, or is torn down
- 3) Please register with the Town Clerk any certified survey of the property, that never has been recorded. This helps to make our records more accurate.

LISTER OFFICE HOURS: Monday --- Thursday 8:30 -- 12:30 or by appointment

LISTER PHONE: (802) 584-3155 LISTER e-mail: lister1@grotonvt.com

LISTERS: Kitty Diggins, Dorothy Knott, Lise Shallberg

2017 GROTON HIGHWAY REPORT

- We were awarded a Vermont AOT Structures Grant for the engineering of the culvert on the north end of Minard Hill road near the Ryegate town line this year. Our plan is to have that grant completed and be able to go out to bid for replacement in the summer of 2018. This site has suffered damage many times and was identified in our capital budget plan that was completed in 2014 that addressed storm water runoff.
- Our crushed gravel stockpile wasn't replaced this year. We were unable to crush this year because we used much of our gravel budget for repairs for the July event. We hope to be able to crush next year and recycle waste concrete from the dam removal behind the First Baptist on the Wells River when we do.
- This summer we were able to replace the two undersized four foot culverts that were on Heath Brook Rd. The capacity was increased and this should alleviate the water washing out the road during high water events. We were able to get a used ten foot by sixteen foot culvert for the replacement. This culvert was one that the Town of Danville was replacing with a bridge. Patrick Ross, Vermont stream alteration engineer located the culvert and provided the engineering and oversight of project at no cost to the town. With the AOT Structures grant and the in kind work we did, the cost was very low to the town. This site that was identified in our capital budget plan that was completed in 2014. The plan addressed storm water runoff.
- We were able to replace two under sized culverts on the Harv Orr road with six foot by four and one half foot culverts that were given to the town by the State. We were able to install them at different two stream crossings using rented equipment. This will more than double the capacity at both sites. These sites have been washed out several times in the past. These sites were identified in our capital budget plan that was completed in 2014 addressing storm water runoff.
- A Vermont Better Roads grant for \$20,000 was awarded to us this year to correct issues and ongoing damages on the Scott Hwy end of the Glover Road. The Stream was widened and the stream bank was stabilized, new culverts were added and new stone lined ditches were installed. This site was identified in our capital budget plan, which was completed in 2014, and addressed storm water runoff.
- No paving was done this year because we needed the funds for repairs caused by the July Event.
- Most of the sidewalks were repaved on Scott Hwy. The Groton Hwy department did all the prep and finish work.
- We worked with other Groton 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 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

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) is a group that started in 2016 and 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.

<u>In 2017</u>

The Committee finished the Capital Investment Plan.

The Committee has been working with the Groton Community Club on applying for a grant to replace the Basketball Backboards in the Groton Gym, so the stage can be used once again.

The Committee has started to work on an economic development discussion with local businesses. We are trying to hold area event in the Community Gym on strategy for our business's hopefully in March 2018.

Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month in kitchen located at the Community Building.

Thank you,

Lisa JL Hart –Chair/Recreation Mary Grant –SB Member Dan Robinson-Chair-Resigned Brent Smith- Hwy Caroline Diggins-Lister Carrie Peters-Planning Shaun Stetson- Fire Dept Kristian Connolly- Library

TREE WARDEN REPORT

This year we worked on meeting with community members when they had concerns about trees and proximity to roads. On Hooper Hill Rd. 4 hazard trees were removed after a branch struck a passing vehicle. During road work on Glover road the Highway Dept. removed trees to make room for drainage expansion.

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 2017

The Groton Community Club is open to all Groton residents and there are no dues. We meet twice a year in October and again in May. Officers are Peter Lyon, President, Donna Robinson, Vice President, Kathy Lamberton, Treasurer, Diane Kreis, Secretary and Dan Robinson, System Analyst.

Our main project is the Fall Foliage Day on the lst Saturday of October under the direction of Peter Lyon. Next October we will celebrate our 63rd 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 thru out the town. Our main project this year is getting the stage at the community center ready for use after 40 years. The Community Club has received donations of \$4250 towards the retractable backboards. The Community Club has applied for and received a grant for \$3500 from the Vermont Building Communities Grant Program. Once all the equipment has been received Groton Timberworks will begin the installation.

To continue to make this work we need everyone's help. Please volunteer if you can to continue to keep our excellent reputation for the best chicken pie supper anywhere. As Groton residents we can be really proud of what our village has accomplished.

Diane Kreis, secretary

GROTON VT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2017 YEARLY SUMMARY

2017 was a fun and productive year for the GHS (Groton Historical Society). We generally are active from April to October each year, meeting at the Peter Paul House the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. It takes a fair amount of money to maintain the Peter Paul House and as such, many of our activities include a fundraising component. We are funded through our membership dues and financial contributions and do not receive any funding from the town of Groton. The GHS is run through the efforts of our officers and active members. We are all volunteers. Our President, Deborah Jurist, has been an outstanding leader, putting in many hours of time as well as donating many materials and supplies. Other officers, who also have contributed greatly, include Vice President-Brent Smith, Secretary-Philip Coutu and Treasurer-Erik Volk. Willard Benzie creates and publishes our quarterly newsletter

Highlights of 2017 included a Donut Making and Sugar on Snow Event in April, Historic Road Rally Hunt in September, Fall Foliage Day Open House in October, and a Book/Calendar Sale with Organ Performance in December. We have also worked on various initiatives to help preserve and communicate our local history including showcasing local historical quilts, providing genealogical assistance and working to archive and preserve local historical artifacts and clothing.

We sent out a fundraising letter this past summer asking for donations to fund the painting of the metal roof at the Peter Paul House. We also raised funds by digitally converting, editing and updating several local historical books, then printing and selling them at various events and local venues. Our President, Deborah Jurist using images donated by local artist Altoon Sultan, created a beautiful GHS wall calendar which we also sold. We completed our annual membership renewal mailing in December and continue to receive renewals and new memberships through this effort. With our fundraising, generous contributions and membership renewals, we were able to get the roof painted, pay our bills and also enter 2018 on a stable financial footing. We appreciate all the donations and efforts by the community to help reach our goals of preserving the Peter Pail House and Groton's historical past. Check out our excellent website at www.grotonvthistory.org where you can see historic photos and learn more about our town's history. Like us on Facebook. Finally email your comments and/or questions to grotonvthistory@gmail.com or mail to: GHS PO Box 89 Groton, VT 05046. Hope to see you at the events in 2018!

Sincerely,

Philip J. Coutu Groton Historical Society Secretary

BUCKAROOS OF 302

The Buckaroos of 302 had a terrific winter last year. We set a record for membership as we had over 600 members join! Currently, as of December, membership stands at 400 for this season but is expected to grow as the season progresses. Our volunteer crew replaced an old wooden bridge with a brand-new steel framed bridge in West Groton in September. We also had volunteers help with trimming trails and had a record number of people come and volunteer 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 60 miles of trails in top shape, including six miles of the town owned railroad bed. We had a good start to the season as we were able to be out riding for Opening Weekend, hopefully it will keep getting better!

Our current list of Officers- President: Taylor Lamberton; Vice President: Kevin McDonnell; Secretary: Willis Page; Treasurer & Trailmaster: Gary Lamberton; Media Coordinator: Suzanne Pare



RR BED COMMITTEE REPORT

In the fall of 2017, the Select Board appointed a Railroad Bed Committee to create a town ordinance which will define what is allowed and what is not allowed and means of enforcement relative to the property owned by the Town of Groton known as the Railroad bed. The objective is to create an ordinance to maintain the railroad bed for public use.

From the Groton Town Plan:

The rail bed of the Montpelier & Wells River Railroad now serves as part of the Cross Vermont Trail, a four-season, multi-use route for recreation and alternative transportation through northern central Vermont. When completed, the Vermont CrossTrail will run about 90 miles, connecting towns from Lake Champlain to the Connecticut River. While this ambitious endeavor is still a work in progress, Groton already contains the longest stretch of the trail, enhancing the premier destination for recreation-based tourism. The rail bed has historic and cultural significance to Groton, and many residents currently enjoy it for dog walking, snowmobiling, hiking, cycling, and even horseback riding. Connectivity and wayfinding between the trail, the various state forest sites, and the Village Center, as well as visitor amenities (such as parking) are essential and should be given special planning consideration. It is also important that the Town actively maintains the portion of the rail bed, even though it is not actually a town road.

Current information about the Groton Railroad Bed Committee can be found at <u>grotonvt.com</u> under town offices or you can contact any member of this committee who are listed on the website.

The Town Plan (look at the Recreation Section for information about the RR Bed,) can also be found at <u>grotonvt.com</u>

Approved by the Committee Jan. 5, 2018



FOOD SHELF REPORT

A special and heartfelt thank you to all that gave donations in 2016-2017.

Groton is very fortunate to have such wonderful, caring and generous people in our community. We would like to thank the many business's 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 many families in both the Town of Groton and Ryegate. We also distributed Thanksgiving meal baskets and Christmas meal baskets with all the fixings right through dessert for completing holiday meals! We also helped "Santa" by distributing toys to Groton children.

There were donations of both food and money made to the food shelf in memory of Norman & Marion Murray.

Donations were received from:

Fred Olsen, Diane Kreis, Alan Massey & Kirsten Murch, James Kuhnhenn & Louise Reynolds, Kenneth & Barbara Nelson, Nicholas & Holly McLure, Paul Clark, Robert & Florette Dorr, Tom & Janet Page, Warren Tripp, Sue, Linda and Nicholas Smith, Nicole Wolfgang and family, Harry and Judith Chandler, Juelle Lamberton.

The Red Hat Ladies, Wells River Chevrolet, Groton Methodist, Groton Baptist Church, Blue Mountain Union School, teachers and parents, students, Town of Ryegate, Ryegate Church Groups, Ryegate TNTs, Blue Mountain Grange.

There may be people we have missed but we say "Thank you to everyone"!

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please feel free to call us at the Town Office. A phone call in advance gives us time to prepare and also means less waiting for your items.

The office numbers are 584-3276 or 584-3131. Thank you for your cooperation!

With Sincere Gratitude, Linda and Lisa

| NOTE: 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. | |
| Food Shelf Account | |
| Bank account balance 12/31/16 | 12,489.20 |
| Interest received on checking account | 3.05 |
| Donations received (cash & checks)* | 5,141.00 |
| *(does not include value of food/toys/clothes donated) | |
| Total Donations received | 5,144.05 |
| Food Shelf owes the General Fund for purchases made | 991.69 |
| Food Shelf paid 2016 groceries thru General Fund in 2017 | -2,422.70 |
| Disbursements for groceries & holiday gifts | -2,256.54 |
| Purchase of AED located in entrance to town office | -1708.08 |
| Bank account balance 12/31/17 | 12,237.62 |

TOWN OF GROTON, VERMONT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, June 23, 2016

The citizens of the Town of Groton, who are legal voters in the Town of Groton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Groton Community Building in Groton Village on June 23, 2016 at 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Flag Salute was given. Mary Grant, Selectboard Chairperson stated there would be a moment of silence. Mary Grant announced the Special Town Meeting is called to order and the first action of business was to elect a Moderator. The motion was made to nominate Mary Grant as moderator. Mary Grant declined as she felt it was a conflict of interest as she is on the Selectboard. Mary Grant asked if there were any nominations for moderator. Stan Pierce nominated Peter Lyon, Mary asked if there were any other nominations Linda Nunn nominated Brent Abare. Hearing no other nominations. Mary Grant called for a show of hands for Peter Lyon the count was a show of 16 hands. Mary Grant called for a show of hands for Brent Abare the count was a show of 18 hands. Brent Abare was nominated moderator for the Special Town Meeting by the show of 18 hands.

Brent Abare read the warning:

ARTICLE 1: "Shall the voters of the Town of Groton instruct the Selectboard to make improvements to the Sidewalk and entrance adjacent to the Community Building and Fire Station that would further help safety, aesthetics and drainage without the use of any type of curbing and to remove all curbing in this area if the project has been completed before this meeting?

Brent Smith called to move the motion. Wayne Knott seconded the motion.

Andrew Dorsett gave a power point presentation explaining this is a pilot project. Andrew explained in the power point viewing that where the black car is shown parked down near route 302 is where the granite curbing would go. This is being funded by a matching grant fund. Andrew explained about the sand and water drainage issues. Andrew spoke about the Town's parking area collapsing due to water drainage issues. Andrew stated the issue is from the grassy area to the light pole in the center of the entrance to the Community Building and Fire Station. Andrew stated that if we didn't go with this design that the town would need to go back to the state and re-do the permit. There were many questions asking, if there were other options, if the State was demanding that the curbing be put in, if and how it would affect the plowing of the parking lot.

Brent Smith handed out paperwork with some information regarding the other options than putting in granite curbing. Brent stated he had been Road Commissioner for 20 plus years and in the constitution of the State of Vermont it shows on page 2 article 6 (Officers servants of the people) reads: That all power being originally inherent in and co[n]sequently derived from the people, therefore, all officers of the government, whether legislative or executive, are their trustees and servants; and at all times, in a legal way, accountable to them. Brent referred to e-mails he had from Jon Kaplan and Nathan Covey both are with the Vermont Agency of Transportation giving some of their findings concerning the sidewalk project and curbing issues. Brent Smith enclosed some diagrams giving illustrations as to what could be used instead of granite curbing.

There were more questions and concerns that were addressed by both Andrew Dorsett and Brent Smith.

Aaron Smith called the question. Hearing no more questions Brent Abare repeated the article for the vote. Brent Abare all in favor of the article vote by saying I. The Article passed by voice vote.

Election Official

Moderato

Selectboard Member

| Respectfully submitted, | |
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| Linda Nunn | |

GROTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, NOVEMBER 17, 2016

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 Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Groton Town Meeting officially opened at 6:02 P.M. by Moderator Wayne Dyer. Moderator Wayne Dyer read the Warning for the Special Town Meeting. Moderator Wayne Dyer explained this would be broken into two parts. Second part will be To transact any other business that properly comes to the meeting.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Groton vote to set aside a 15 minute period, beginning 30 minutes and ending 15 minutes before Town Meeting is scheduled to begin as the sole designated period for interested individuals to gather to offer words of encouragement through prayer, poetry, or other personal expressions of gratitude?

This is the article as warned. Moderator Wayne Dyer stated he needed a motion. Stan Pierce made the motion. Deborah Jurist seconded the motion.

The Moderator read the article again.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Groton vote to set aside a 15 minute period, beginning 30 minutes and ending 15 minutes before Town Meeting is scheduled to begin as the sole designated period for interested individuals to gather to offer words of encouragement through prayer, poetry, or other personal expressions of gratitude?

Mary Beriejung stated she felt that a non-denominational prayer would be best.

Deborah Jurist explained that it wasn't the intention that there not be prayer at Town Meeting just having a time set so that people not wanting to participate would know when it was so they could attend.

Lawrence Daniels spoke giving information from the House of Representatives "Journal of the House from Wednesday, March 20, 1991" Resolution relating to the 38th birthday of Rex "the Wonder Horse".

Barbara Johns Schwartz requested the Moderator read the warning again. The Moderator read the warning.

There was much discussion with pros and cons on wording concerning prayer.

Mark Wilson made the motion to amend the motion. Linda Nunn made this suggestion to read "Shall the Town of Groton vote to preserve its tradition of prefacing Town Meeting with an opportunity to offer words of encouragement through prayer, poetry or other personal expressions of gratitude". Motion seconded by Rodney Tinkham.

Moderator asked if there was any other discussion on the amendment.

There was much discussion concerning the amendment. The question is called to stop the debate.

The ayes have it to stop the debate.

A paper ballot was called for by seven people. Voting yes means we will go with the amendment and no vote would be that we return to the original wording of the warned article.

Total votes cast was 55, yes 34 and no 21. The yes has it. So we will go with the amended wording.

Deborah Jurist made the motion to amend the motion suggesting to read "Shall the Town of Groton vote to preserve its tradition of prefacing Town Meeting with an opportunity to offer

words of encouragement through prayer, poetry or other personal expressions of gratitude to end ten minutes after the start of town meeting". Motion seconded by Mark Gleashia,

The 2' vote was a total of 52 votes cast, 19 yes and 33 no. The no has it. So that motion failed. Emily Pratt made the motion to amend the motion suggesting to read "Shall the Town of Groton vote to preserve its tradition of prefacing Town Meeting with an opportunity to offer words of encouragement through non-denominational prayer, poetry or other personal expressions of gratitude". Motion seconded by Eric Volk. There was much discussion concerning the wording. Motion made to stop discussion. Motion seconded.

The 3¹d vote was a total of 50 votes cast, 26 yes and 24 no, The amendment passed. The main motion became "Shall the Town of Groton vote to preserve its tradition of prefacing Town Meeting with an opportunity to offer words of encouragement through non-denominational prayer, poetry or other personal expressions of gratitude".

The 4t^h vote was a total of 50 votes cast, 31 yes and 19 no. The motion passes.

To transact any other business that properly comes to the-meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Linda L. Nunn, Election Official

Wayne Dyer, Moderator

Wade Johnson, Sr. Selectboard

Groton Special Town Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 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 Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Groton Town Meeting officially opened at 6:00 P.M. by the Moderator Brent Abare. The Flag Salute was done. Moderator Brent Abare read the rules of the body.

Moderator Brent Abare read the Special Groton Town Meeting Warning.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Groton vote to purchase from the Estate of Ernest J. Cilley real property located at 1494 Scott Hwy., Groton, VT. consisting of 2.68 acres and dwelling (located beside and behind the Community Building and Emergency Service Building for the amount of \$98,000.00. Colleen Darling, Administrator of Estate and James Cilley agree to sign a document releasing the Town of Groton from responsibility for any damages incurred to said property.

Wayne Dyer called the motion to accept the article as printed. The motion was seconded.

Where was much discussion for and against alone with pros and cons of the purchase of the Estate of Ernest J. Gilley consisting of a building and 2.68 acres more or less?

Dave Sanville called the vote. Caroline Diggins seconded the motion.

There were 54 show of hands to end discussion and 21 show of hands to extend the discussion. The vote to end the discussion passed.

Brent Abare called the motion to accept the article as printed. The motion was seconded.

A paper ballot vote was called for by seven people and approved.

Moderator Brent Abare re-read article one. A paper ballot vote took place with the results being: 86 ballots cast, 43 yes votes to purchase 43 no votes not to purchase for a tie.

Moderator Brent Abare cast the deciding vote of yes to purchase the property. Article 1 passed by 44 votes.

There were several out-burst concerning the vote, One individual David Boyce from the losing side, was dismissed from the Assembly for intimidating and insulting voters from the prevailing side. During the discussion for Reconsideration, another individual Mary Ellen Boyce from the losing side was dismissed from the Assembly for attempting to disrupt the process for the vote.

Moderator Brent Abare read article 2.

ARTICLE 2: To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting. There was discussion concerning the reconsideration to vote again on article one. Moderator Brent Abare explained it is possible to reconsider the vote. The vote to reconsider is not a vote to amend it can be debatable. An individual from the prevailing side Phillip Gibney motioned to reconsider the vote. The motion was seconded,

Richard Montague recommended to table the vote for reconsideration.

Wayne Dyer recommended to vote no on the reconsideration tonight and get up a petition.

After much discussion a vote to hold the reconsideration vote was voted on by voice vote.

Yes would be to reconsider and no would be to end the discussion. There were 26 yes and 39 no votes. The discussion was to end the reconsideration vote.

Richard Montague made the motion to adjourn. Caroline Diggins seconded the

motion. The Groton Special Town Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Linda L. Nunn

Brent Abare

DEAN SHATNEY, SHERIFF

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ANNUAL REPORT

For 2017

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 and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. 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 purchased a new radar cart that we can use in different towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. 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), <u>Responsible Operators Against Distractions</u>, 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 twenty two Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year and three new deputies will go to the academy in March. 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 facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely, Sheriff Dean Shatney

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services

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 2017, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools awarded 74 high school diplomas in the tri-county region.
- The General Educational Development Program (GED) leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In FY 2017, NEKLS awarded 21 GED's in the tri-county region.
- Adult Education and Literacy Programs served 293 students for more than 9,649 hours in FY 2017 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 students' transition to work or college.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (English for Speakers of Other Languages) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. In FY 2017, NEKLS served 8 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 81 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 2017, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 300 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 2017, NEKLS served 65 K-12 students in the tri-county region.
- NEKLS also provides prevention programming aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use. In FY 2017, NEKLS worked closely with the Newport Rotary Club and other community partners, along with grassroots organizations NEK End Addiction and NEK Stand Strong to address the area's opioid epidemic. These efforts resulted in a presentation by Brandon Novak at North Country Union High School, the Conversations of Hope panel discussion, and the Opioid Overdose Awareness & Memorial Walk.

NEKLS has a staff of **57 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 <u>info@neklsvt.org</u>.

Thank you for your generous support!

<u>Caledonia Home Health & Hospice</u> <u>Visit Statistics for 2018 Town Appropriations</u>

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 1,571 visits to the town residents of Groton, VT. Our staff visited 65 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.

2018 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Groton, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) =771 visits
- Maternal Child Health= 8 visits
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) = 81 visits
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = 711 visits

Total Visits in Groton, VT = 1,571 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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www.nkhs.org

December 18, 2017 Updated

Town Clerk and Select Board Members Town of Groton 1476 SCOTT HIGHWAY GROTON, VT 05046

Dear Town Clerk and Select Board Members:

We at Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past! We are asking for your support again by adding our request to the 2018 Town Meeting Warning.

Article: Shall the **Town of Groton** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$920.00** to **Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.,** a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support the provision of 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/crisis services to residents of the **Town of Groton**.

We calculate our appropriations request by \$1.05 per person from your town's 2010 census. We are asking for the same amount as last year to help support our Emergency Crisis Services program. Our dedicated emergency crisis on-call employees provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week support for anyone calling for themselves or someone they love who is in a mental health crisis. These services are not fully funded through any other funding streams, so your support is very important. Please share the attached Annual Fiscal Year Summary with your voters.

NKHS is a Designated Agency contracting with the State of Vermont serving the mandated service areas of adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, children and youth with serious emotional disabilities, and adults with chronic mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. NKHS employs over 500 dedicated staff doing their best to meet your needs or those of your family member and friends in the Northeast Kingdom. Our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors provides oversite for the leadership team and the organization.

If you need more information, please contact Ruth Marquette, Administrative Assistant, at 334-6744, ext. 2325.

Thank you for your support and recognition of our value to the Northeast Kingdom.

Carol Boucher, Interim Executive Director /rm



NORTHEAST KINGDOM **HUMAN** SERVICES

Serving the NEK since 1960

We're all about being human.

NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975 In 2017 NEKYS served 3160 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 1st-8th 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.



New directions for living well.

For over 35 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a trusted resource for older Vermonters to age in place. The Council on Aging is the go-to place for older Vermonters to gain assistance for aging well in their communities. We offer a Senior Helpline, health insurance counseling, staff specially trained to help people develop long range planning as they age, caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support in aging in place, as well as assistance applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal aid we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by 300 volunteers who serve as Senior Companions, Meals on Wheels drivers, lead wellness programs and assist people in their homes.

During this past year **70** residents of Groton used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving, programs like 3SqVt, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, transportation and many other topics.

We sincerely thank the residents of Groton for their continued support to make a difference in the lives of the residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit we are able to remain independent and put the focus on the consumers who need unbiased assistance.

We're just a call away ... 800-642-5119

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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 1476 Scott Highway Groton, VT 05046-5603

Date: October 19, 2017

Re: Town Appropriation

To: Members of the Selectboard,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2018 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. Last year RCT provided 266,776 rides throughout our service area.

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 36 Groton residents with 3,631 trips travelling 136,136 miles at a cost of \$87,090 or an average cost per trip of \$23.98..

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 2017-2018

Little Rivers Health Care, a federally qualified health center (FQHC), continues to provide primary health care services to roughly 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford, East Corinth, and Wells River. Our services include medical, behavioral health, care coordination, access to discount prescription drugs, and oral health/dental care for children. We offer sliding fee discounts to all who qualify under the federal guidelines and provide wrap-around services to assist those whose social and economic situations impact their ability to manage their health.

In 2016, the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission, Little Rivers provided services to 5588 individuals in the course of 22,000 visits. As reported in years past, we offer health care for all ages, from pre-natal to end of life, including obstetrics, home visits, and farm outreach visits. We continue to collaborate with other FQHCs in the state to provide dental services to over 350 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

In 2016, Little Rivers provided services to 328 Groton residents (32% of the population), representing approximately 1279 visits.

Our new Medication Assisted Treatment program for those struggling with addiction has grown steadily this past year and we will continue to grow and develop that program given the overwhelming need for those services. As a lead entity for the Blueprint for Health program in our region, Little Rivers has been able to offer educational programs and support groups for those with diabetes and other chronic illnesses as well as chronic pain management and tobacco cessation.

Of those that we serve, ~57% are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, 27 % are Medicaid beneficiaries, 26% are Medicare beneficiaries, and 5% are uninsured.

Our collaborations with other community service providers and state agencies have been especially important, resulting in more comprehensive and better-coordinated care for our patients. Together, we are able to leverage our collective resources more fully than without these partnerships.

In 2016, Little Rivers brought \$1.4 million in federal money to the local economy and provided jobs for over 60 people. The current building renovation that has just begin on our Bradford clinic is being funded primarily with a \$1 million federal grant and is providing additional business for local contractors. This project is expected to be completed by next spring and will enable us to serve more residents from that site.

As an FQHC, Little Rivers is expected to demonstrate community support; therefore the contributions from our towns and generous donors are especially important to us and deeply appreciated. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our communities.

William Campbell, 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 www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day marked its 47th 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. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." 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 <u>www.greenupvermont.org</u>.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover sixteen percent of the operating 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.

Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition!

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



Report of 2017 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:

<u>The Advocacy Program</u> 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 2017 we:

- supported at least 683 individuals with direct advocacy
- housed 29 adults and 23 children in our shelter for a total of 2427 bed-nights
- reached 500 adults and 1,000 youth with our prevention programming

<u>Kingdom Child Care Connection</u> is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. We are responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality child care services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. In 2017 we:

- connected 479 families with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- offered 25 professional development opportunities to 77+ child care providers to ensure the people
 responsible for taking care of our youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their
 best.

<u>The Family Room</u> 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 75 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent. Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

<u>Cornucopia</u> is 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. To date, Cornucopia has provided over 31,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 10 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 13 households in Groton and 1 child care providers were served directly by Umbrella in 2017, 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,

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Executive Director

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RESTORATIVE Programs: *Community Development; Neighborhoods *Mediation; Circles

*School Training and Support

*Free Legal Clinic/Information and Referral

*Restorative Justice Panels

* Restorative Reentry and CoSA

January 4, 2018

Select Board, Town of Groton c/o Linda Nunn, Town Clerk 1476 Scott Highway Groton, VT 05046

Dear Select Board of Groton:

The Community Restorative Justice Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2018 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 and attending to the needs of victims and community. 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 two (2) restorative justice cases involving Groton residents. Appropriations from the Town of Groton would also give technical support to neighborhood associations and mediation referrals 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.

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Little Rivers Health Care A Federally Qualified Health Center Annual Report to Towns Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Little Rivers Health Care, a federally qualified health center (FQHC), continues to provide primary health care services to roughly 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford, East Corinth, and Wells River. Our services include medical, behavioral health, care coordination, access to discount prescription drugs, and oral health/dental care for children. We offer sliding fee discounts to all who qualify under the federal guidelines and provide wrap-around services to assist those whose social and economic situations impact their ability to manage their health.

In 2016, the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission, Little Rivers provided services to 5588 individuals in the course of 22,000 visits. As reported in years past, we offer health care for all ages, from pre-natal to end of life, including obstetrics, home visits, and farm outreach visits. We continue to collaborate with other FQHCs in the state to provide dental services to over 350 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

In 2016, Little Rivers provided services to 328 Groton residents (32% of the population), representing approximately 1279 visits.

Our new Medication Assisted Treatment program for those struggling with addiction has grown steadily this past year and we will continue to grow and develop that program given the overwhelming need for those services. As a lead entity for the Blueprint for Health program in our region, Little Rivers has been able to offer educational programs and support groups for those with diabetes and other chronic illnesses as well as chronic pain management and tobacco cessation.

Of those that we serve, ~57% are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, 27 % are Medicaid beneficiaries, 26% are Medicare beneficiaries, and 5% are uninsured.

Our collaborations with other community service providers and state agencies have been especially important, resulting in more comprehensive and better-coordinated care for our patients. Together, we are able to leverage our collective resources more fully than without these partnerships.

In 2016, Little Rivers brought \$1.4 million in federal money to the local economy and provided jobs for over 60 people. The current building renovation that has just begin on our Bradford clinic is being funded primarily with a \$1 million federal grant and is providing additional business for local contractors. This project is expected to be completed by next spring and will enable us to serve more residents from that site.

As an FQHC, Little Rivers is expected to demonstrate community support; therefore the contributions from our towns and generous donors are especially important to us and deeply appreciated. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our communities.

William Campbell, Board Chair

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

Gail Auclair, CEO

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: <u>http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us</u>

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

NOTICE OF UPDATED COMMUNITY BUILDING USE POLICY

The community building plays an important role in our community and we hope to promote its use while continuing to meet the g rowing cost of maintenance. We ask that those using the facility contribute a portion of the money required to cover the cost of cleaning, utilities and heating.

Taxpayer money provides for the bulk of this financial burden but a portion of the increased maintenance cost is due to the increased use and needs to be supplemented by user fees. Increased activity has also required that our scheduling policy be updated to allow for more residents and diverse activities to be accommodated.

The Community Building Gymnasium and Kitchen will be available for public use providing there is no conflict with Town-sponsored activities.

Town usage and use by town residents shall take precedence over non-resident, non-profit, or private use.

Space will be scheduled in hourly segments with a fee of \$7.50 per hour for residents & \$10.00 per hour for Non-residents for up to 50 people.

There will be a \$50.00 Cleaning and damage deposit at the time the Reservations are made and paid in advance. It will be returned after the space has been determined to be clean and damage free, within 7 days after space use.

Larger Events, over 50 people will be reserved in advance and be approved by the Select Board, or by the person being appointed by the Selectboard to approve the application. All day events will cost \$100.00 a day plus the \$50.00 deposit fee. Non-profit, public, town events may have the fee waived if agreed upon by the Select Board.

The Community Building Sign-Up Sheet and Release of Responsibility Form will be available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

It is the responsibility of the individuals or groups using the Community Building to clean the rented space and to remove their trash after each use. The key must be returned promptly after the function. Keys shall not be duplicated.

If the applicant will need to have a custodian, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the town's custodian to schedule their services and make arrangements for payment of their services.

Misuse of any of the Groton Community Building facilities and premises and/or failure to comply with the above policy, or any of the rules will result in immediate revocation of permission to sue any of the facilities in the future.

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 two full time employees to do this winter maintenance. It takes about six hours to complete plowing after the snow stops. We may vary from above priorities for emergency situations. (fires, ambulance, etc.)

3. The town office and fire station lot should be plowed enough to let emergency vehicles in and out and the public 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 abandoned in right-of-way or on town-owned property may be moved at owner's expense. The Town of Groton will not be responsible for damage to personal 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 § 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. (at temperatures below 0° sand, will not stay on the road)

11. On 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 3-1/2 hours.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Vital Records (Birth and Death Certificate) Changes Starting July 1, 2018

Act 46 was passed by the Vermont Legislature in May 2017 and establishes new statutes and rules for Vital Records, which are intended to bring Vermont in line with national best practices to enhance the safety and security of vital records, provide greater protection against identity theft, and reduce the potential for misuse of these legal documents. Additionally, the new law and rules will streamline the statewide registration system's processes for greater efficiency and reduced administrative burden. The changes were developed from recommendations by the Vital Records Study Committee and testimony from stakeholders, including town clerks and members of the public. The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.

Key Items for Town Clerks:

- Applicants for certified copies of birth and death certificates (not marriage certificates) must have a family or legal connection to the person named on the certificate.
- Applications will need to be fully completed and a valid form of identification presented to the town clerk before a certified birth or death certificate is issued.
- Applicants who refuse to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible applicants and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Applications will need to be entered into the statewide vital records system and certified copies
 of birth and death certificates created only from that statewide system. (Existing paper copies in
 vaults will remain, but will no longer be used for creating certified copies.)
- Birth certificates will no longer travel from the hospital to the town clerk's office. They will be
 registered electronically in the statewide vital records system and available to the town clerk for
 search or printing.
- The layout of the birth certificate will be changed but the size will not.
- Corrections and amendments to birth and death certificates will be done at the Vital Records
 Office and new versions made immediately available to the town clerks via the statewide vital
 records system. Town clerks will receive electronic notification of new or revised versions. This
 will eliminate the mailing of copies between towns and the Vital Records Office.
- The public will be allowed to apply for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate from any town, regardless of the town of occurrence or residence.
- All town clerks will have access to the entire statewide vital records system containing all birth and death certificates in the state from 1909-present.
- There will be new language regarding the protection of materials used to create certified copies.

The Vital Records Office will maintain a web page with information about the changes, frequently asked questions and more at <u>www.healthvermont.gov/stats/vital-records/changes-vital-records-law.</u>

2017 VITAL RECORDS

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| BIRTHS | | | | |
| Name | Date of Birth | Father's Name | Mother's Name | |
| Gordon, Addison Marie | January 2, 2017 | Christopher Michael Gordon | Rachel Cynthia Whitman | |
| Fifield, Simeon Gene | January 20, 2017 | Jason Robert Fifield | Jessica Lee Santana | |
| Robinson, Gwendolyn May | October 11, 2017 | Mathhias Robert Robinson | Kahlee Elizabeth Sargent | |
| Sherman, Madison Ann-Lyn | October 31, 2017 | Ryan Jeffrey-Earl Sherman | Cheyenne Mae Speadbury | |
| CIVIL MARRIAGES | | | | |
| | Applicnt A | | Applicant B | |
| Applicant A | Residence | Applicant B | Residence | Date |
| Ricker, Kevin Bruce | Groton, Vermont | Stark, Shirley Rachel | Bath, New Hamshire | April 1, 2017 |
| Dorr, Joshua James | Groton, Vermont | Hillhouse, Noelani Beth | Manchester, New Hampshire | August 1, 2017 |
| Loomis, Emily Anne | Dedham, Massachusetts | Petrou, Stephen Jordan | Dedham, Massachusetts | August 22, 2017 |
| Cozzard, Lynia Shianne | Groton, Vermont | Thurston, Ryan Michael-Scott | Groton, Vermont | September 23, 201 |
| Wallace, Jennifer Kae | Groton, Vermont | Mayhew, Owen Ross | Groton, Vermont | October 8, 2017 |
| Williams, Brittany Elizabeth | Groton, Vermont | Robinson, David Lester Jr | Groton, Vermont | October 7, 2017 |
| Deaths | | | | |
| Name | Date of Death | Age | Residence | Place of Death |
| Bailey, Sharon Mary | January 26, 2017 | 72 years | Groton, Vermont | Littleton, NH |
| McLeod, Gregory Steven | Febuary 2, 2017 | 24 years | S. Barre, Vermont | Groton, VT |
| Nuttle, Robert George | March 15, 2017 | 91 years | Groton, Vermont | Groton, VT |
| Whitcomb, Ruth W. | April 23, 2017 | 100 years | Groton, Vermont | Berlin, VT |
| Dana, Frederick Robert | April 28, 2017 | 92 Years | Groton, Vermont | Berlin, VT |
| Babic, Donald Conrad | June 17, 2017 | 73 years | Barre Town, Vermont | Barre Town, VT |
| Duprey, Pliny Howard | July 18, 2017 | 89 years | Groton, Vermont | Groton, VT |
| Lamberton, Milton Frank | October 24, 2017 | 84 years | Groton, Vermont | Groton, VT |
| Engles, James Bruce | November 7, 2017 | 98 years | Peacham, Vermont | Peacham, VT |
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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 6, 2018 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 5, 2018 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 6 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 6, 2018

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 |
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| Groton Town Clerk Office Hours | Groton Town Treasurer Office Hours |
| Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5 pm. | 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.

License your Dogs and puppies by April 1st

Show your pet you love them

Rabies Clinic <u>March 21, 2018</u> <u>Time:</u> 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM →<u>Place:</u> Groton Town Garage

Dogs licensed after

April 1, 2018

Will be charged a late fee.

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