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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

TOWN OF




GROTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1997

**Town of Groton
Groton, New Hampshire**

Annual Report

March 10, 1998



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Town Officers
December 31, 1997

Moderator

Geoffrey A. Gannon, 1999

Selectmen

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., 2000
Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman, 1998
James J. Albert, 1999

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Joyce A. Tolman, 2000

Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Barbara Tavares

Treasurer

Kristine Mahar, 1998

Administrative Assistant

Trish M. Matthews

Road Agent

Norman Blanchette, 1998

Police Chief

Anthony R. Ricciotti

Health Officer

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., 1999

Trustee of Trust Funds

Pamela Crosby, 1999

Welfare Officer

Trish M. Matthews

Fire Chief

Emergency Management Director

Fire Warden

Tony Albert

Deputy Wardens

Gerard David

David J. Leone

Edward N. Smith

Gary Steel

Librarian

Joyce A. Tolman
Assistant Librarian
Mae Blake

Library Trustees

Joyce A. Tolman, 2000
Pamela Crosby, 1999
Jeffrey Levesque, 1998

Supervisors of the Checklist

Diane M. S. Cunningham, 2000
Nelda Frisch, 1998
Shirley Willey, 2002

Planning Board

Antonio Tavares, 2000
Stephen A. Pilcher, Ex-Officio, 1998
Norman Blanchette, 1998
Eben Beever, 1998

Cemetery Trustees

Norman Blanchette, 1998

Conservation Commission

Tony Albert, Chairman
Deborah Beth Johnson, Treasurer
Kristine Mahar, Secretary
Stephen A. Pilcher, Ex-Officio
Norman Blanchette
Nelda Frisch
Paul Morrison
Shirley Willey

Selectmen's Letter

Dear Friends:

The Board of Selectmen would like to begin by thanking T.L.C. Tree and Crane Service for the assistance donated the Town of Groton in setting the trusses for the Highway Shed. Mr. Faucher spent two days setting the trusses with his crane. The Highway Shed is a tremendous asset to the Town of Groton. For the first time, our equipment is being properly housed. This should go a long way in helping to keep our equipment in good working order. Special thanks to those who worked on the building. Additionally, the boiler was donated by Andy and Sons Plumbing and Heating, Inc. from Bristol, for which we are immensely grateful. The goal in 1998 is to finish the building with the installation of the bathroom, vinyl siding, etc.

Provan and Lorber are now entering the design phase of the dump site closure. Because there have been no pollutants identified in the testing thus far, it is anticipated that an interim closure will be possible. This year as we near closure, it may be possible to apply for a grant to assist the Town with the expenses incurred in the actual closure of the dump site.

The Plymouth/Groton perambulation has been completed and a bill was passed in the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire adopting the physical monumentation as the townline. There were discrepancies discovered in the legal description of the townline by B. V. Pearson Associates, Inc. when Mr. Pearson researched the perambulation. These discrepancies dated back to 1845 when landowners from one town or the other wanted all of their property in one town, and the changes they agreed upon had not been properly documented. We appreciate the efforts of Charles Pearson in his thorough research into the history of our two towns. This act of the Legislature must be ratified by a two-thirds ballot vote of the voters present and voting in both towns.

The town-wide revaluation has been completed. Most of you have experienced either an increase or decrease in assessed value for your property. The assessing team worked diligently to complete this major undertaking within the time-frame allowed. We wish to thank Scott Littlefield, Arthur Maguire, Eben

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Beever and Ralph Cutting for their hard work on this important project. We now have a better idea where the problem areas are with our tax maps and will continue working with Don Dollard to update and improve the maps. All lots have been renumbered and this information will be made available in the next few months. The renumbering has been done to accommodate a larger number of lots in town and we have accordingly changed the lot number from two digits to three digits. Additionally, as lots have been added in the past, the numbering became confusing and disorganized. Our sincere thanks to all of you for your patience and assistance in the revaluation. We know it was frustrating for everyone concerned at various stages of this project.

The Transfer Station/Recycling Center has had a successful year. In the past year, the metal recycling has resulted in over \$1,000 in revenue being returned to the Town. Norman Blanchette, Road Agent, has overseen the recycling for the Town and we wish to thank him for his efforts on the Town's behalf.

We look forward seeing you at Town Meeting on March 10th to be held in the Highway Shed.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF GROTON
Board of Selectmen

Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman
James J. Albert
Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 1998 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF GROTON**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Highway Shed in said Groton on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant at six o'clock in the evening.

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$252,735.00, which represents the operating budget for the ensuing year. This sum does not include the individual and special warrant articles.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to complete construction of the Groton Highway Shed. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for general improvements to the ball field property owned by the Hebron-Groton Athletic Association, and currently in the process of being transferring to the towns of Hebron and Groton. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of the Town House. (by petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a needs committee of townspeople to develop a long-term plan for the Town House and to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for professional assistance. (by petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of the Town House for the purpose of expanding the Rolfe Hill Cemetery. The Selectmen recommend this article.

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ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 in support of the Task Force Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 in support of the Plymouth Regional Clinic. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to remove some of the gravel from the lot adjacent to the Highway Shed for the purpose of maintaining the gravel roads. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 in support of the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,925.00 to perambulate the Rumney townline. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,175.00 to perambulate the Hebron townline. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 in support of the Pemi-Baker Youth and Family Services Council, Inc. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to vinyl side the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's and Police Department office building and the Groton Library. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a generator and associated wiring for maintaining an emergency shelter in the Town of Groton. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

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ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the continued improvement of the cemeteries in the Town of Groton. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Dump Site Closure Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the repair and preparation of North Groton Road for shimming. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 for expenses related to Phase III and Phase IV of the Dump Site Closure and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,000.00 from the Dump Site Closure Capital Reserve Fund to offset this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to support the work of the Newfound Economic Development Corporation, which is a non-profit organization serving as a business resource for the Newfound Area. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of 911 numbers. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Plymouth Court Jurisdictional Association. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

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ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote (pursuant to RSA 51:9) to ratify the act of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to the townline between the towns of Groton and Plymouth. The recent research and perambulation disclosed discrepancies in the distances of lines recorded in 1845. Using modern technological equipment, the lines have now been measured accurately. The field marks on the ground commonly considered to be the line boundaries will remain the same. To complete the perambulation required by law, a two-thirds ballot vote of the voters present and voting is required of both towns. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to require the Selectmen to advertise all Town office and personnel vacancies, giving preference to Town residents in so far as possible. (by petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32 establishing a budget committee:

- a. consisting of 3 members to be appointed for 1998 by the Moderator,
 - b. consisting of 3 members to be elected in 1999 for staggered 3 year terms.
- (by petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent position from an elected position to an appointed position. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to ratify all the votes and actions taken at the last Town Meeting on March 11, 1997. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

A true copy of the Warrant-attest:

TOWN OF GROTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN CLERK

Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman
Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr.
James J. Albert

Joyce A. Tolman

| Acct. # | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V) | Warr Art# | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA | Actual Expenditures Prior Year | APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED) | APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4130-4139 | Executive | 2 | 22,800 | 22,630 | 24,000 | |
| 4140-4149 | Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics | 2 | 1,766 | 601 | 3,134 | |
| 4150-4151 | Financial Administration | 2 | 30,700 | 29,753 | 30,900 | |
| 4152 | Revaluation of Property | 2 | 8,600 | 3,199 | 12,500 | |
| 4153 | Legal Expense | 2 | 4,000 | 1,157 | 2,500 | |
| 4155-4159 | Personnel Administration | 2 | 8,000 | 9,648 | 9,600 | |
| 4191-4193 | Planning & Zoning | 2 | 150 | 114 | 150 | |
| 4194 | General Government Buildings | 2 | 10,000 | 19,847 | 12,000 | |
| 4195 | Cemeteries | 2 | 2,000 | 874 | 2,000 | |
| 4196 | Insurance | 2 | 17,000 | 19,522 | 19,500 | |
| 4197 | Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 2 | 750 | 797 | 800 | |
| 4199 | Other General Government Tax Mapping | 2 | 6,000 | 12,731 | 8,500 | |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4210-4214 | Police | 2 | 23,995 | 24,052 | 24,000 | |
| 4215-4219 | Ambulance | 2 | 3,850 | 3,672 | 3,704 | |
| 4220-4229 | Fire | 2 | 10,500 | 7,231 | 8,200 | |
| 4240-4249 | Building Inspection | | | | | |
| 4290-4298 | Emergency Management | 2 | 1,500 | 948 | 1,500 | |
| 4299 | Other Public Safety (Including Communications) 911 dry hydrant | | | 92 2,153 | | |
| AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4301-4309 | Airport Operations | | | | | |
| HIGHWAYS & STREETS | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4311 | Administration | | | | | |
| 4311-4312 | Admin., Highways & Streets | 2 | 51,500 | 52,268 | 53,500 | |
| 4313 | Bridges | | | | | |
| 4316 | Street Lighting | 2 | 800 | 1,024 | 1,200 | |
| 4319 | Other | | | | | |
| SANITATION | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4321-4323 | Admin. & Solid Waste Collection | | | | | |
| 4324 | Solid Waste Disposal | 2 | 27,000 | 27,682 | 27,600 | |
| 4325 | Solid Waste Clean-up | | | | | |

| Acct. # | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V) | Farr Art I | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA | Actual Expenditures Prior Year | APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL TR. (RECOMMENDED) | APPROP. ENDING FISCAL TR. (NOT RECOMMENDED) |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 4326-4329 | Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other | | | | | |
| | WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT | N/A | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4331-4332 | Admin. and Water Services | | | | | |
| 4335-4339 | Water Treatment, Conservation & Other | | | | | |
| | ELECTRIC | N/A | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4351-4352 | Admin. and Generation | | | | | |
| 4353 | Purchase Costs | | | | | |
| 4354 | Electric Equipment Maintenance | | | | | |
| 4359 | Other Electric Costs | | | | | |
| | HEALTH | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4411-4414 | Admin. and Pest Control | 2 | 300 | 300 | 300 | |
| 4415-4419 | Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other | 2 | 1,474 | 1,474 | 1,492 | |
| | WELFARE | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4441-4442 | Administration & Direct Assistance | 2 | 2,000 | 414 | 2,000 | |
| 4444 | Intergovernmental Welfare Payments | 2 | 972 | 672 | 700 | |
| 4445-4449 | Vendor Payments & Other | | | | | |
| | CULTURE & RECREATION | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4520-4529 | Parks & Recreation | 2 | 600 | 0 | 200 | |
| 4550-4559 | Library | 2 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| 4583 | Patriotic Purposes | | | | | |
| 4589 | Other Culture & Recreation Exp. | 2 | 1,055 | 1,055 | 1,055 | |
| | CONSERVATION | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4611-4612 | Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources | | | | | |
| 4619 | Other Conservation Commission | 2 | 500 | 0 | 200 | |
| 4631-4632 | REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING | N/A | | | | |
| 4651-4659 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | N/A | | | | |
| | DEBT SERVICE | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4711 | Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes | | | | | |
| 4721 | Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes | | | | | |
| 4723 | Interest on TANS | | | | | |

| Acct. # | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V) | Warr Art. # | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA | Actual Expenditures Prior Year | APPROPRIATIONS ENBUING FISCAL YR. (RECOMMENDED) | APPROP. ENSU FISCAL YR. (R RECOMMENDED) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 479D-4799 | Other Debt Service | | | | | |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4901 | Land | | | | | |
| 4902 | Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment | | | | | |
| 4903 | Buildings | | | | | |
| 4909 | Improvements Other Than Buildings | | | | | |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 4912 | To Special Revenue Fund | | | | | |
| 4913 | To Capitel Projects Fund | | | | | |
| 4914 | To Enterprise Fund | | | | | |
| | Sewer- | | | | | |
| | Water- | | | | | |
| | Electric- | | | | | |
| | Airport- | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capitel Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| 4916 | To Expendable Trust Funde (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund) | | | | | |
| 4917 | To Health Maintenance Trust Fund | | | | | |
| 4918 | To Nonexpendable Trust Funds | | | | | |
| 4919 | To Agency Funds | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL 1 | | | 239,312 | 245,410 | 252,735 | |

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

| Acct. # | Warr. Art. # | Amount | Acct. # | Warr. Art. # | Amount |
|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|--------|
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****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

| Acct# | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V) | Narr Art# | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA | Expenditures Prior Year | APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED) | APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YR. (NOT RECOMMENDED) |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 4194 | Town House | 5 | | | | 1,000 |
| 4194 | Town House Needs | 6 | | | | 2,000 |
| 4915 | Truck/Sander | 18 | | | 3,000 | |
| 4915 | Dump Site Fund | 19 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | |
| 4915 | Cruiser | 20 | 1,000 | | 1,000 | |
| 4326 | Dump Site Closure | 22 | 30,000 | 16,317 | 23,000 | |
| SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | 37,000 | XXXXXXXXXX |

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

| Acct# | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,VI) | Narr Art # | Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA | Expenditures Prior Year | APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED) | APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 4194 | Highway Shed | 3 | 30,000 | 31,412 | 30,000 | |
| 4520 | Ballfield | 4 | | | 3,000 | |
| 4415 | Task Force | 8 | 200 | 200 | 200 | |
| 4415 | Plymouth Regional | 9 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| 4311 | Gravel Roads | 10 | | | 6,000 | |
| 4651 | Chamber of Commerce | 11 | | | 250 | |
| 4199 | Rumney Perambulation | 12 | | | 4,925 | |
| 4199 | Hebron Perambulation | 13 | | | 6,175 | |
| 4415 | Pemi-Baker Youth | 14 | | | 150 | |
| 4194 | Vinyl Buildings | 15 | | | 6,000 | |
| 4290 | Emergency Shelter | 16 | | | 5,000 | |
| 4195 | Cemeteries | 17 | 3,000 | 918 | 3,000 | |
| 4311 | North Groton Road | 18 | 35,000 | 34,425 | 35,000 | |
| 4651 | NEDC | 23 | | | 500 | |
| *See Below | | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | 106,700 | XXXXXXXXXX |

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4299 911 2,500 Encumber 92 2,500
4299 PCJA 3,000

| Acct. # | SOURCE OF REVENUE | Warr. Art. # | Estimated Revenue Prior Year | Actual Revenue Prior Year | ESTIMATED REVENUE Enuing Year |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| TAIES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3120 | Land Use Change Taxes | | | | 3,000 |
| 3180 | Resident Taxes | | | | |
| 3185 | Yield Taxes | | 16,000 | 22,244 | 16,000 |
| 3186 | Payment in Lieu of Taxes | | | | |
| 3189 | Other Taxes | | | | |
| 3190 | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | | 20,000 | 27,363 | 18,000 |
| | Inventory Penalties | | 400 | | 400 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3210 | Business Licenses & Permits | | | | |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | | 40,000 | 41,913 | 41,000 |
| 3230 | Building Permits | | 150 | 210 | 160 |
| 3290 | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | | 1,000 | 1,633 | 1,600 |
| 3311-3319 | FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT Ice Storm 1998 | | | | 15,000 |
| FROM STATE | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3351 | Shared Revenues | | 6,500 | 5,666 | 5,600 |
| 3352 | Neale & Rooms Tax Distribution | | | 3,625 | 3,600 |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | | 15,560 | 14,744 | 16,662 |
| 3354 | Water Pollution Grant | | | | |
| 3355 | Housing & Community Development | | | | |
| 3356 | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | | 900 | 1,030 | 1,000 |
| 3357 | Flood Control Reimbursement | | | | |
| 3359 | Other (Including Railroad Tax) Rented Equip | | 8,000 | 10,687 | 8,000 |
| 3379 | FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS Disaster Relief | | | 1,085 | 5,000 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments | | 1,500 | 4,365 | 2,000 |
| 3409 | Other Charges (Truck Trade no exchange of funds) | | 7,500 | 0 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property Tax-Deeded | | 5,000 | 12,741 | 10,000 |
| 3502 | Interest on Investments | | 800 | 4,497 | 3,800 |
| 3503-3509 | Other Insurance Dividends | | 6,800 | 6,882 | 6,800 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

| Acct. # | SOURCE OF REVENUE | Warr. Art. # | Estimated Revenue Prior Year | Actual Revenue Prior Year | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3912 | From Special Revenue Funds | | | | |
| 3913 | From Capital Projects Funds | | | | |
| 3914 | From Enterprise Funds | | | | |
| | Sewer - (Offset) | | | | |
| | Water - (Offset) | | | | |
| | Electric - (Offset) | | | | |
| | Airport - (Offset) | | | | |
| 3915 | From Capital Reserve Funds | | 50,000 | 36,265 | 23,000 |
| 3916 | From Trust & Agency Funds | | | | |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX |
| 3934 | Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes | | | | |
| Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus") | | | | | |
| Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes | | | | 50,000 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS | | | 180,110 | 244,950 | 180,622 |

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3) | 252,735 |
| SUBTOTAL 2 special warrant articles Recommended (from page 4) | 37,000 |
| SUBTOTAL 3 "individual" warrant articles Recommended (from page 4) | 106,700 |
| TOTAL Appropriations Recommended | 396,435 |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above) | 180,622 |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised | 215,813 |

(REV.1997)

1997 Tax Rate Calculation by DRA

Town/City of: GROTON

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Appropriations | 426,798 | | |
| Less: Revenues | 215,509 | | |
| Less: Shared Revenues | 1,816 | | : |
| Add: Overlay | 24,995 | | |
| War Service Credits | <u>2,800</u> | | |
| Net Town Appropriation | | 237,268 | |
| Special Adjustment | <u>0</u> | | |
| Approved Town/City Tax Effort | | | 237,268 |
| Municipal Tax Rate | | | 7.39 |
| <i>-----School Portion-----</i> | | | |
| Due to Local School | 0 | | |
| Due to Regional School | 488,926 | | |
| Less: Shared Revenues | <u>2,116</u> | | |
| Net School Appropriation | | 186,810 | |
| Special Adjustment | <u>0</u> | | |
| Approved School(s) Tax Effort | | | 486,810 |
| School(S) Tax Rate | | | 15.17 |
| <i>-----County Portion-----</i> | | | |
| Due to County | 50,413 | | |
| Less: Shared Revenues | <u>361</u> | | |
| Net County Appropriation | | 50,052 | |
| Special Adjustment | <u>0</u> | | |
| Approved County Tax Effort | | | 50,052 |
| County Tax Rate | | | <u>1.56</u> |
| Combined Tax Rate | | | <u>24.12</u> |
| Total Property Taxes Assessed | | 774,130 | |
| Less: War Service Credits | | (2,800) | |
| Add: Village District Commitment(s) | | <u>0</u> | |
| Total Property Tax Commitment | | <u>771,330</u> | |

-----Proof of Rate-----

Net Assessed Valuation: 32,094,950 Tax Rate: 24.12 Assessment: 774,130

Town Clerk's Report
January 1-December 31, 1997

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Auto Registrations | \$41,913.00 |
| Title Fees | 190.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 710.50 |
| Filing Fees, UCC | 286.00 |
| Pistol Permits | 40.00 |
| Building Permits | 20.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 235.00 |
| Declarations of Candidacy | 7.00 |
| Copier Fees | <u>13.00</u> |
| TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER | <u>\$43,414.50</u> |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON YEAR ENDING 1997

| DEBITS | Levy for Year of this Report | PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR* : | | | | |
| Property Taxes | | 72,007.32 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | 200.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | | 6,721.50 | 3,458.20 | |
| Utilities | | | | |
| | | | | |
| TAXES COMMITTED- THIS YEAR: | | | | |
| Property Taxes #3110 | 782,500.00 | | | |
| Resident Taxes #3180 | | | | |
| Land Use Change #3120 | | | | |
| Yield Taxes #3185 | 16,873.45 | | | |
| Utilities #3189 | | | | |
| | | | | |
| OVERPAYMENT: | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 2,985.32 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax #3190 | 896.37 | 3,651.48 | | |
| Collected Resident Tax Penalties #3190 | | | | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$ 803,255.14 | \$ 82,380.30 | \$ 3,658.20 | \$ |

* This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON YEAR ENDING 1997

| CREDITS | Levy for Year of this Report | PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| REMITTED TO TREASURER: | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | |
| Property Taxes | 575,935.07 | 43,893.19 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 15,058.55 | 5,395.16 | 127.80 | |
| Utilities | | | | |
| Interest | 896.37 | 3,651.48 | | |
| Penalties | | | | |
| Conversion to Lien | | 28,114.13 | | |
| YIELD LIEN | | 1,326.34 | | |
| DISCOUNTS ALLOWED: | | | | |
| ABATEMENTS MADE: | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 10,399.49 | | 3,330.40 | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | 200.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Utilities | | | | |
| Current Levy Deeded | | | | |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES-END OF YEAR: | #1080 | | | |
| Property Taxes | 99,150.76 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 1,814.90 | | | |
| Utilities | | | | |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$ 803,255.14 | \$82,380.30 | \$ 3,658.20 | \$ |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

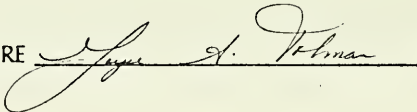
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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON YEAR ENDING 1997

| DEBITS | Last Year's Levy 1996 | PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr. | | 38,140.79 | 23,279.19 | 610.26 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr. | 32,136.07 | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) | 618.18 | 3,555.46 | 8,333.57 | 16.59 |
| 1996 YIELD TAX LIEN | 1,662.28 | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$ 34,416.53 | \$ 41,696.25 | \$ 31,612.76 | \$ 626.85 |

| REMITTED TO TREASURER: | Levy for Year of this Report | PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 |
| Redemptions | 5,644.03 | 19,408.54 | 22,572.01 | 153.41 |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190 | 618.18 | 3,555.46 | 8,333.57 | 16.59 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes | | | | 215.01 |
| Liens Deeded To Municipality | | | | |
| Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110 | 26,492.04 1,662.28 | 18,732.25 | 707.18 | 241.84 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$ 34,416.53 | \$ 41,696.25 | \$ 31,612.76 | \$ 626.85 |

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE  DATE: 2-13-98

Treasurer's Report
January 1-December 31, 1997

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4110 Property Taxes | |
| '95 Property Tax | 880.00 |
| '96 Property Tax | 75,342.60 |
| '97 Property Tax | 663,386.41 |
| '92 Tax Redemptions | 826.72 |
| '93 Tax Redemptions | 983.85 |
| '94 Tax Redemptions | 24,733.58 |
| '95 Tax Redemptions | 19,473.54 |
| '96 Tax Redemptions | <u>5,644.03</u> |
| | 791,270.73 |
| 4185 Yield Taxes | 22,244.19 |
| 4186 Payments in Lieu of Taxes | |
| '96 Tax Lien | 32,136.07 |
| 4189 Other Taxes | |
| Overpayment of Taxes | 2,264.12 |
| 4190 Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | |
| '95 Property Tax Interest | 191.89 |
| '96 Property Tax Interest | 2,744.54 |
| '97 Property Tax Interest | 8,315.84 |
| '92 Redemption Interest | 772.39 |
| '93 Redemption Interest | 474.82 |
| '94 Redemption Interest | 8,958.24 |
| '95 Redemption Interest | 3,561.46 |
| '96 Redemption Interest | 518.93 |
| '95 Yield Tax Interest | 3.38 |
| '96 Yield Tax Interest | <u>1,152.82</u> |
| | 26,692.31 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM TAXES | <u><u>874,607.42</u></u> |
| 4220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | |
| '97 Motor Vehicle Permits | 41,913.00 |
| 4230 Building Permits | |
| Building Permits | 210.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 4290 Other Licenses, Permits and Fees | |
| Current Use Application Fees | 84.00 |
| Dog License Fees | 710.50 |
| Auto Title Fees | 190.00 |
| Declaration of Candidacy | 7.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 235.00 |
| UCC Fees | 286.00 |
| Pistol Permits | <u>120.00</u> |
| | 1,632.50 |
| TOTAL REVENUES LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES | <u>43,755.50</u> |
| 4319 Federal Emergency Management Agency | 1,085.00 |
| 4351 Shared Revenue | |
| Shared Revenue From State | 5,666.14 |
| Room/Meals Tax Revenue | <u>3,625.21</u> |
| | 9,291.35 |
| 4353 Highway Block Grant | 14,743.64 |
| 4356 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | 1,029.88 |
| 4359 Other State Grants and Reimbursements | |
| Rented Equipment | 10,687.10 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE | <u>36,836.97</u> |

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4401 Income From Departments | |
| Purchases Discount | 531.10 |
| Witness Fees | 106.32 |
| Services Police Department | 8.50 |
| Police Detail | 126.00 |
| Fire Department Grant Dry Hydrant | 1,000.00 |
| Cemetery | 550.00 |
| Planning Board | 145.32 |
| Refuse Disposal | 9.00 |
| Metal Recycling | <u>1,000.30</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUES CHARGES SERVICES | <u>3,476.54</u> |
| 4501 Sale of Municipal Property | 12,740.53 |
| 4502 Interest on Investments | 4,497.37 |
| 4504 Fines and Forfeits | |
| Dog License Late Fines | 25.00 |
| NSF Fines | 25.00 |
| Court Fines Police Department | 150.00 |
| Parking Tickets Police Department | 50.00 |
| Unlawful Possession Fines | <u>100.00</u> |
| | 350.00 |
| 4506 Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements | |
| Refund from IRS for 941 | 1.42 |
| Insurance Dividend | 875.76 |
| CFNH Investment Income | 1,465.10 |
| CFNH Return of Contribution | <u>4,590.93</u> |
| | 6,933.21 |
| 4508 Contributions and Donations | |
| Playground Fund | 14.68 |
| Gift | <u>150.00</u> |
| | 164.68 |

4509 Revenue From Other Miscellaneous Sources

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Copier Fees From all Departments | 31.00 |
| AT&T Refund | 1.63 |
| Bid-Old Furnace | 210.00 |
| Welfare Return | 238.00 |
| Closing of Account G.F.D. | .55 |
| Void Check | <u>5.43</u> |

486.61

TOTAL REVENUES MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

25,172.60

4914 Transfers From Proprietary Funds

| | |
|------|------------|
| MBIA | 149,000.00 |
|------|------------|

4915 Transfers From Capital Reserve Fund

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Dump Site Closure Fund | 16,265.19 |
| Truck/Sander Fund | <u>20,000.00</u> |

36,265.19

TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

185,265.19

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES

1,169,114.22

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for 1997

| <i>Account</i> | <i>Appropriation 1997</i> | <i>Resources</i> | <i>Actuals 1997</i> | <i>Balance</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Executive | \$22,800.00 | | 22,630.00 | \$170.00 |
| Election, Registration and Vital Stats | 1,766.00 | | 600.75 | 1,165.25 |
| Financial Administration | 30,700.00 | | 30,314.26 | 385.74 |
| Revaluation of Property | 8,600.00 | | 3,199.49 | 5,400.51 |
| Legal Expense | 4,000.00 | | 1,157.10 | 2,842.90 |
| Personnel Administration | 8,000.00 | | 9,647.71 | (1,647.71) |
| Planning and Zoning | 150.00 | | 113.95 | 36.05 |
| General Government Building | 10,000.00 | | 19,847.14 | (9,847.14) |
| Cemeteries | 2,000.00 | | 873.50 | 1,126.50 |
| Insurance | 17,000.00 | | 19,521.50 | (2,521.50) |
| Advertising and Regional Associations | 750.00 | | 873.50 | (123.50) |
| Other General Government, Perambulation | 6,000.00 | | 10,612.73 | (4,612.73) |
| Police Department | 23,995.00 | | 24,051.61 | (56.61) |
| Ambulance | 3,850.00 | | 3,672.00 | 178.00 |
| Fire | 10,500.00 | | 7,230.63 | 3,269.37 |
| Emergency Management | 1,500.00 | | 948.00 | 552.00 |
| 911 Encumbered | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 92.00 | 2,408.00 |
| Dry Hydrant Encumbered | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,152.54 | (152.54) |
| Highways and Street | 51,500.00 | | 52,268.40 | (768.40) |
| Street Lighting | 800.00 | | 1,023.37 | (223.37) |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 27,000.00 | | 27,681.52 | (681.52) |
| Pest Control | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Health Agencies and Hospitals | 1,474.00 | | 1,474.00 | 0.00 |
| Direct Assistance | 2,000.00 | | 413.74 | 1,586.26 |
| Intergovernmental Welfare Payments | 972.00 | | 672.00 | 300.00 |
| Parks and Recreation | 600.00 | | | 600.00 |
| Groton Free Public Library | 1,500.00 | | 1,829.60 | (329.60) |
| Other Culture and Recreation | 1,055.00 | | 1,055.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Commission | 500.00 | | | 500.00 |
| Special Warrant Articles: | | | | |
| Truck | 46,462.00 | 20,000.00 | 40,602.00 | 6,462.00 |
| Dump Site Fund | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Cruiser | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Dump Site Closure | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 16,316.86 | 13,683.14 |
| Individual Warrant Articles: | | | | |
| Highway Shed | 30,000.00 | | 31,412.27 | (1,412.27) |
| Task Force | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| Plymouth Regional Clinic | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Pemi-Baker Youth | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| Pond | 3,000.00 | | 2,177.97 | 822.03 |
| Chamber | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| Computer System | 5,724.00 | | 5,900.00 | (176.00) |
| Revaluation | 26,650.00 | | 26,650.00 | 0.00 |
| Cemeteries | 3,000.00 | | 917.78 | 2,082.22 |
| North Groton Road | 35,000.00 | | 34,425.10 | 574.90 |
| | \$431,298.00 | \$54,500.00 | \$410,308.02 | \$21,591.98 |
| Less Encumbered Funds | \$4,500.00 | | | |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$426,798.00 | | | |

Detailed Summary of Expenditures 1997

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Board of Selectmen | \$ 7,400.00 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | 12,570.00 |
| Treasurer | 1,425.00 |
| Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector | <u>1,235.00</u> |

22,630.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Election Administration Wages | 554.00 |
| Election Postage | .40 |
| Printing | 6.65 |
| Preparation of Checklist | 25.00 |
| Advertising | <u>14.70</u> |

600.75

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Computer Service | 1,028.47 |
| Computer Equipment/Software | 1,929.00 |
| Executive Assistant | 12,788.47 |
| Purchased Services | 1,768.07 |
| Telephone | 1,613.73 |
| Postage | 1,238.93 |
| Bank Fees/Charges | 158.60 |
| Office Equipment | 498.99 |
| Office Supplies | 2,726.75 |
| Dog Tags | 75.24 |
| Advertising | 226.35 |
| Seminars and Meetings | 573.20 |
| Mileage Expense | 380.91 |
| License Fees | 190.00 |
| Meals Expense | 7.50 |
| Animal Population Control Fee | 293.00 |
| Overpayment of Taxes | 3,777.43 |
| Registration Refund | 44.00 |
| Vital Records Search Fees | 6.00 |
| Computer Annual Support Town Clerk | 561.75 |
| Recording Fees/Registry | 213.76 |
| <i>Special Warrant Article:</i> | |
| Computer System Town Clerk | <u>5,900.00</u> |

36,000.15

Detailed Summary of Expenditures 1997

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REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Revaluation Services | 2,237.08 |
| Revaluation Expenses | 914.26 |
| Perambulation Groton/Plymouth | 1,500.00 |
| Title Searches | 10.00 |
| Utilities Revaluation | <u>48.15</u> |

4,709.49

LEGAL EXPENSE

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Legal Expenses | 1,157.10 |
|----------------|-----------------|

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Tax Deposits | 9,647.71 |
|--------------|-----------------|

PLANNING AND ZONING

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Postage | 61.17 |
| Recording Fees | <u>52.78</u> |

113.95

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Building Repair and Maintenance | 238.38 |
| Equipment and Furniture | 425.38 |
| Town Building Repair and Maintenance Wages | 275.19 |
| Housekeeping | 743.52 |
| Heating Oil | 822.59 |
| Electric | 657.36 |
| Renovations to Offices and Library | 16,145.66 |
| Town Meeting Expenses | 204.11 |
| Furnace | 334.95 |

Special Warrant Articles:

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Highway Shed | 31,412.27 |
| Pond | <u>2,177.97</u> |

54,437.38

CEMETERIES

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Maintenance of Cemeteries | 168.00 |
| Cemetery Wages | 705.50 |
| Rolfe Hill Cemetery Project | <u>917.78</u> |

1,791.28

INSURANCE

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Property Liability Insurance | 7,805.00 |
| Workers' Compensation Insurance | <u>11,716.50</u> |

19,521.50

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Regional Associations | 796.72 |
|-----------------------|---------------|

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Tax Mapping | 9,112.73 |
| Audit | 2,591.22 |
| Audit Services | 895.45 |
| STNH-Unemployment Compensation | <u>132.00</u> |

12,731.40***PUBLIC SAFETY***

POLICE

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Wages | 13,444.12 |
| Detail Wages | 108.00 |
| Supplies | 164.68 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 652.41 |
| Gasoline | 371.17 |
| Office Supplies | 2,067.96 |
| Telephone | 1,704.74 |
| Communications | 566.22 |
| Dispatch Service | 1,530.00 |
| Uniforms, Personnel Equipment | 851.22 |
| Guns, Ammunition, Etc. | 139.20 |
| Memberships and Subscriptions | 283.00 |
| Prosecutor Fees | 1,734.89 |
| Cruiser Equipment/Supplies | <u>434.00</u> |

24,051.61

AMBULANCE

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Ambulance | 3,672.00 |
|-----------|-----------------|

FIRE

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Hebron Fire Department Quarterly Expenses | 1,176.13 |
| Hebron Fire Department | 2,500.00 |
| Rumney Fire Department | 3,213.00 |
| Groton Fire Department | 341.50 |

(FIRE, continued...)

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dry Hydrant | 2,152.54 |
| Lakes Region Mutual Aid Dues | 100.00 |
| Lakes Region Mutual Aid | <u>1,714.19</u> |

11,197.36

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Emergency Management Expenses | 948.00 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY (including COMMUNICATIONS)

| | |
|-----|-------|
| 911 | 92.00 |
|-----|-------|

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Highway Department Wages | 26,335.51 |
| Mileage Expense | 61.00 |
| Communications | 137.92 |
| Office Supplies | 21.13 |
| Signs | 228.03 |
| Miscellaneous Tools and Equipment Purchases | 4,288.36 |
| Miscellaneous Tools and Equipment Repair | 19.75 |
| CDL Testing | 41.20 |
| Highway Department Building Maintenance | 1,833.68 |
| Highway Equipment Towing | 377.50 |

WINTER MAINTENANCE

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Fuel | 3,142.69 |
| Salt, Sand, Deicing | 4,376.42 |
| Electricity Equipment/Sheds | 594.40 |
| Winter Road Repair | 332.98 |

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Fuel | 1,398.33 |
| Vegetation Control | 495.00 |
| Pothole/Minimal Pavement/Cracks | 109.62 |
| Gravel on Gravel Roads | 670.34 |
| Cold Patch | 63.00 |
| Electricity Equipment/Sheds | 200.58 |

Special Warrant Articles:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Highway Truck | 40,602.00 |
| Prep/Repair for Shimming | 27,564.47 |
| Prep/Repair for Shimming Wages | <u>6,638.46</u> |

119,302.13

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Highway Expense Wages | 757.85 |
| Highway Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance | <u>7,235.52</u> |
| | 7,993.37 |

STREET LIGHTING

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Street Lights | 1,023.37 |
|---------------|----------|

SANITATION

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Transfer Station Wages | 8,854.63 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 419.93 |
| Electricity | 642.05 |
| Telephone | 379.40 |
| Gas for Heater | 280.85 |
| Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste | 16,924.66 |
| Solid Waste Operator Training/Certification | 180.00 |
| <i>Special Warrant Article:</i> | |
| Dump Site Closure | <u>16,316.86</u> |
| | 43,998.38 |

HEALTH

PEST CONTROL

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| New Hampshire Humane Society | 300.00 |
|------------------------------|--------|

HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency | 1,474.00 |
| <i>Special Warrant Articles:</i> | |
| Pemi-Baker Youth Services | 200.00 |
| Plymouth Regional Clinic | 1,000.00 |
| Task Force Against Domestic Violence | <u>200.00</u> |
| | 2,874.00 |

WELFARE

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Direct Assistance | 413.74 |
|-------------------|--------|

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENTS | |
| Grafton County Senior Citizens | 268.00 |
| Tri-County Community Action | <u>404.00</u> |
| | 672.00 |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION | |
| LIBRARY | |
| Groton Free Public Library | 1,500.00 |
| Groton Free Public Library Wages | <u>329.60</u> |
| | 1,829.60 |
| OTHER CULTURE AND RECREATION | |
| Bristol Community Center | |
| 1,055.00 | |
| ABATEMENTS | 263.55 |
| INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | 144.98 |
| DEBT SERVICE | |
| INTEREST ON TAN | 0 |
| NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT | 478,157.00 |
| GRAFTON COUNTY TAXES | 50,413.00 |
| TAX LIENS | 33,798.75 |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT | |
| TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS | 6,000.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | <u>\$952,307.27</u> |

Inventory of Town Properties

| <u>Map, Lot</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Assessed Value</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1-5 | 40 Acres | \$ 16,000 |
| 1-24F | Tax-Deeded Property | 14,250 |
| 2-14-1B | North Groton Cemetery | 11,350 |
| 2-21 | Church Lot | 6,500 |
| 2-70-1 | Union Cemetery | 8,450 |
| 5-19 | Abutting Selectmen's Office | 15,950 |
| 5-20 | Selectmen's Office | 157,950 |
| 6-1-3 | Police Department Shed | 3,400 |
| 6-6 | Transfer Station | 33,350 |
| 7-11A | Rolfe Hill Cemetery | 10,950 |
| 7-11 | Town House and 1.5 Acres | 31,600 |
| 7-12B | 5 Acres | 25,300 |
| 10-14 | 6 Acres | 6,250 |
| 10-17 | Tax-Deeded Property .5 Acre | 9,150 |
| 10-22 | 1 Acre | 7,500 |
| 10-52 | Holden Lot 50 Acres | <u>27,700</u> |
| | | \$385,650 |

Highway Department Report, 1997

The North Groton Road project has come along nicely. The guardrails along the road have been installed and this coming year we hope to shim the rest of North Groton Road to Hall's Brook Road. After the ice storm in January, there will be a lot of debris to be removed from the road sides. The Town has applied for emergency funds from FEMA for the ice storm recently declared a disaster, and we anticipate receiving nearly \$15,000 from the Federal Government to offset the expenses incurred with this devastating storm.

The culvert extension previously approved by the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has been installed. This extension was made to the culvert on Sculptured Rocks Road just before the powerline. Additionally, the culverts were installed behind the Highway Shed accessing the property owned by the Town. This project, too, was previously approved by DES. It is the Board of Selectmen's hope that the Highway Department will be able to use some of the gravel from this property to improve the town gravel roads.

The Highway Shed is operational and has resulted in a great improvement for the Highway Department. Thank you for your support of this project. The lights have been installed and were purchased from the Newfound Area School District at great savings to the Town. The boiler was donated by Andy and Sons Plumbing and Heating and is in good working order. Using the shed has resulted in a decrease in the electric bill for the shed because it is no longer necessary to plug the equipment in to make sure it starts. Because of the efficiency of the heating system, it is possible to keep the heat low in the building and receive the maximum comfort because of the in-floor heating system.

The new truck has been great and has been fully converted for use. Thanks to Elaine Johnson for installing the Town of Groton logo on the vehicles. The Highway Department was able to purchase a one-ton pickup from surplus to act as a back-up and also to use for sanding when the larger truck is not necessary. The new pick-up is diesel as well and this has made it easier for the Highway Department to use. Diesel fuel is purchased in bulk with the Newfound Area School District and is stored on town property thus eliminating the need to purchase gasoline out of town.

Thank you all for your support over the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Blanchette, Road Agent

Police Department Report 1997

This past year the Police Department experienced another year of high activity. The officers responded to more than 1,200 calls for service again for the third year in a row.

For the fourth year in a row, motor vehicle accidents are once again at an all-time low. Also, burglaries are down again from previous years. In other areas, the department experienced increases in calls for service such as animal complaints, criminal complaints, neighborly disputes, domestic violence incidents, alcohol-related issues and firearm-related incidents.

The department purchased a new computer system for the office which has helped in reducing administrative costs for the department, and allows the officers to be more productive by being on patrol more rather than doing paperwork in the office.

We continue to strive to improve the level of service to you by finding ways to cut costs within the department, by using advanced technology, techniques, and equipment which will allow us to serve you more effectively, professionally and promptly in the future.

We continue to receive letters and verbal comments on the professionalism and effectiveness of your police department and how it serves you. The officers and the Chief wish to thank you for your support in the previous year and look forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Anthony Ricciotti
Corporal William Harding
Investigator Domenic Ricciotti

***Summary of Calls for Service
Groton Police Department 1997***

Below is a partial list of the calls the department handled either in person or by telephone. This does not include all calls between the Chief and the Officers.

| <u>Type of Incident/Nature</u> | <u>Number of Incidents</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Accidents (MV) | 4 |
| Alarms | 8 |
| Alcohol-related | 23 |
| Animal | 37 |
| Arrests | 9 |
| Assaults | 5 |
| Burglaries | 1 |
| Camping | 2 |
| Civil | 18 |
| Court | 51 |
| Criminal Mischief | 19 |
| Criminal Trespass | 7 |
| Defective Equipment Tags | 11 |
| Disorderly Actions | 11 |
| Domestic Disturbances | 13 |
| Drug-Related | 6 |
| Elections | 1 |
| Emergency Notifications | 8 |
| Fire-Related | 13 |
| Fugitives | 2 |
| General/Information | 431 |
| General Assist | 16 |
| Harassment | 7 |
| Illegal Dumping | 5 |
| Juvenile | 8 |
| Lost/Stolen Property | 7 |
| Medical | 9 |
| Minors in Possession | 2 |
| Miscellaneous Complaints (in Cruiser) | 59 |
| Miscellaneous Meetings | 71 |
| Missing Persons | 3 |

Summary of Calls For Service, Groton Police Department 1997
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| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle Summons | 78 |
| Motor Vehicle Warnings | 116 |
| Motorists Assists | 12 |
| Motor Vehicle Stops (Additional) | 137 |
| Mutual Aid | 9 |
| Notices Served | 16 |
| OHRV | 9 |
| Operating After suspension | 1 |
| Parking | 5 |
| Prowlers | 1 |
| Shooting | 7 |
| Stolen Motor Vehicles | 1 |
| Stolen Property | 5 |
| Suicides (Attempted/Prevented) | 1 |
| Thefts | 9 |
| Transports | 17 |
| Warrants Executed | 4 |
| Weapons | 3 |
| Welfare Checks | 11 |
| Witness Tampering | 2 |
| 911 Calls | <u>26</u> |
| Subtotal Calls for Service | <u>1,337</u> |
| Phone Calls Handled by Dispatch | <u>1,037</u> |
| TOTAL CALLS | <u>2,374</u> |

GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT, 1997

The State of New Hampshire 911 Team is still working on the numbering for the Town of Groton. Though this has been a long and tiresome project, it really is close to completion. We are now in the final stages and they have begun the numbering. Again, on the warrant for this year, we have requested funds for the purchase of the house numbers. This insures continuity across the town and eliminates your need for meeting specific criteria for your house numbers. Please look for your addresses sometime in the next year.

The dry hydrant has been installed. There was a back order on some of the parts. These parts will be installed in the spring and make this hydrant fully operational. The pipe will be cut back and much less conspicuous when complete.

During the January 1998 ice storm, there were requests for emergency shelter in the Town of Groton. Some residents were without power for up to five days. Because of the severity of that storm, I have requested funds for the purchase of a generator and costs related to its wiring at the Highway Shed. This is part of the overall Emergency Plan for the Town of Groton.

Your patience with the long wait for 911 is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Albert
Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director

Groton Free Public Library Report 1997

We had boxes of books donated to the library and they are in the process of being catalogued.

The library was not open that often last year due to the renovations the Board of Selectmen made to the library, and also because Mrs. Blake was ill during the year. We want to thank the Selectmen for all the help they gave us in doing this project.

Thanks to all the other folks who helped clean the library out for construction and then again moving everything back into place. They spent many hours doing their volunteer work. Many, many thanks!

Record of Services:

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Adult | 34 |
| Junior | 50 |
| Easy | 35 |
| Magazines | 63 |
| VCR Tapes | 12 |
| Paperback Books | <u>29</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>223</u> |

New Books Purchased:

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Adult | 40 |
| Junior | 18 |
| VCR Tapes | 6 |

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pamela Crosby
Jeffrey Levesque
Joyce Tolman

Groton Free Public Library Treasurer's Report 1997

Checking Account

| | | |
|------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Beginning Balance | | \$1,298.09 |
| Town Appropriation | | 1,500.00 |
| Change in and out for Book and Bake Sale | \$ 43.00 | 43.00 |

Payments January 1, 1997-December 31, 1997

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Office Supplies | 195.95 | |
| Shelving | 285.00 | |
| Books and Magazine Subscriptions | 422.29 | |
| Postage Expense | 6.40 | |
| Wages-Assistant Librarian, 1996 | 549.02 | |
| Wages-Assistant Librarian, 1997 | 354.82 | |
| Telephone | 446.23 | |
| Children's Parties and Miscellaneous | <u>203.37</u> | <u> </u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES and INCOME | <u>\$2,578.10</u> | <u>\$2,841.09</u> |
| BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/97 | | <u>\$ 262.99</u> |

Savings Account

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$317.66 |
| Book and Bake Sale | 19.70 |
| Interest | <u>8.16</u> |
| TOTAL SAVINGS | <u>\$345.22</u> |



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

MASON+RICH

February 7, 1997

PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTANTS
AND AUDITORS

Board of Selectmen
Town of Groton
Groton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1996 and for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded as general fixed assets are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1996 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary and similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason+Rich, P.A.

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TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
 DECEMBER 31, 1996

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Fiduciary Fund Types | | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Trust | Trust | |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash | \$42,570 | \$1,616 | \$ - | \$ - | \$44,186 |
| Temporary Investments | 200,404 | - | 65,400 | - | 265,804 |
| Taxes Receivable: | | | | | |
| Property | 72,207 | - | - | - | 72,207 |
| Tax Liens | 62,030 | - | - | - | 62,030 |
| Yield Taxes | 10,180 | - | - | - | 10,180 |
| Accounts Receivable | 150 | - | - | - | 150 |
| Due From Other Funds | 5,498 | - | 8,718 | - | 14,216 |
| Property by Tax Lien and Title | 13,839 | - | - | - | 13,839 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$406,878 | \$1,616 | \$74,118 | \$ - | \$482,612 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$2,789 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$2,789 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 1,997 | - | - | - | 1,997 |
| Due to Other Governments (Note 3) | 238,157 | - | - | - | 238,157 |
| Due to Other Funds (Note 4) | 8,718 | 549 | 4,349 | - | 14,216 |
| Total Liabilities | 251,661 | 549 | 4,349 | - | 257,159 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | |
| Reserved for Encumbrances (Note 5) | 6,500 | - | - | - | 6,500 |
| Reserved by Trust Instruments | - | - | - | 690 | 690 |
| Unreserved: | | | | | |
| Designated for Capital Acquisition | - | - | 66,898 | - | 66,898 |
| Designated by Trust Instruments | - | - | 1,581 | - | 1,581 |
| Designated for Specific Purposes | - | 1,067 | - | - | 1,067 |
| Undesignated | 148,717 | - | - | - | 148,717 |
| Total Fund Equity | 155,217 | 1,067 | 69,169 | - | 225,453 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY | \$406,878 | \$1,616 | \$74,118 | \$ - | \$482,612 |

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement

TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | Fiduciary Fund Types | | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Expendable Trust | Trust | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$724,241 | \$ | - | - | - | \$724,241 |
| Licenses and Permits | 42,787 | - | - | - | - | 42,787 |
| Intergovernmental | 44,871 | - | - | - | - | 44,871 |
| Charges for Services | 1,383 | - | - | - | - | 1,383 |
| Interest and Dividends | 5,335 | 8 | 3,160 | - | - | 8,503 |
| Miscellaneous | 17,388 | - | - | - | - | 17,388 |
| Total Revenues | 836,005 | 8 | 3,160 | 3,160 | - | 839,173 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Town: | | | | | | |
| General Government | 109,697 | - | - | - | - | 109,697 |
| Public Safety | 35,339 | - | - | - | - | 35,339 |
| Highways, Streets, Bridges | 81,999 | - | - | - | - | 81,999 |
| Sanitation | 34,903 | - | - | - | - | 34,903 |
| Health | 1,748 | - | - | - | - | 1,748 |
| Welfare | 2,868 | - | - | - | - | 2,868 |
| Culture and Recreation | - | 1,625 | - | - | - | 1,625 |
| Conservation | 50 | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| Debt Service - Interest Tax Anticipation Note | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 6,941 | - | - | - | - | 6,941 |
| Total Town Expenditures | \$273,545 | \$1,625 | \$ | - | - | \$275,170 |

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TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

| | Governmental Fund Types | | | Fiduciary | Totals |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Expendable Trust | (Memorandum Only) | |
| Other Governmental Units: | | | | | |
| School District Assessment | \$471,157 | \$ - | - | | \$471,157 |
| County Taxes | \$43,189 | - | - | | 43,189 |
| Total Other Governmental Units | 514,346 | - | - | | 514,346 |
| Total Expenditures | 787,891 | 1,625 | - | | 789,516 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | 48,114 | (1,617) | 3,160 | | 49,657 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses): | | | | | |
| Operating Transfers In | 4,949 | 1,500 | 8,112 | | 14,561 |
| Operating Transfers (Out) | (9,612) | - | (4,949) | | (14,561) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (4,663) | 1,500 | 3,163 | | - |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 43,451 | (117) | 6,323 | | 49,657 |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of Year | 111,766 | 1,184 | 61,313 | | 174,263 |
| Fund Balances, End of Year | \$155,217 | \$1,067 | \$67,636 | | \$223,920 |

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TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

| | General Fund | | Variance |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| REVENUES | | | |
| Taxes | \$698,607 | \$724,241 | \$25,634 |
| Licenses and Permits | 36,650 | 42,787 | 6,137 |
| Intergovernmental | 40,132 | 44,871 | 4,739 |
| Charges for Services | 8,000 | 1,383 | (6,617) |
| Interest and Dividends | 7,000 | 5,335 | (1,665) |
| Miscellaneous | 8,900 | 17,388 | 8,488 |
| Total Revenues | 799,289 | 836,005 | 36,716 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Town: | | | |
| General Government | 103,918 | 109,697 | (5,779) |
| Public Safety | 41,100 | 35,339 | 5,761 |
| Highways, Streets, Bridges | 87,300 | 81,999 | 5,301 |
| Sanitation | 48,000 | 34,903 | 13,097 |
| Health | 1,748 | 1,748 | - |
| Welfare | 2,957 | 2,868 | 89 |
| Culture and Recreation | 2,418 | - | 2,418 |
| Conservation | 500 | 50 | 450 |
| Debt Service - Interest | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Capital Outlay | 6,500 | 6,941 | (441) |
| Total Town Expenditures | \$296,441 | \$273,545 | \$22,896 |

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TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

| | General Fund | | Variance |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| Other Governmental Units: | | | |
| School District Assessment | \$471,157 | \$471,157 | \$ - |
| County Taxes | 43,189 | 43,189 | - |
| Total Other Governmental Units | 514,346 | 514,346 | - |
| Total Expenditures | 514,346 | 514,346 | - |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | (11,498) | 48,114 | 59,612 |
| Operating Transfers In | 20,000 | 4,949 | (15,051) |
| Operating Transfers (Out) | (9,612) | (9,612) | - |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 10,388 | (4,663) | (15,051) |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (1,110) | 43,451 | 44,561 |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of Year | 39,718 | 111,766 | 72,048 |
| Fund Balances, End of Year | \$38,608 | \$155,217 | \$116,609 |

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON NH
ON DECEMBER 31, 1997**

| DATE OF CREATION | NAME OF TRUST FUND | PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND | HOW INVESTED | BEG YR BAL | WITHDRAWALS | END YR BAL | BEG YR BAL | INCOME AMOUNT | END YR BAL | INCOME | END YR BAL | GRAND TOTAL |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 05/25/55 | Common Fund | Perpetual Care | Investment Fund | \$650.18 | | \$765.18 | \$843.75 | \$53.22 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$926.97 | \$1,692.15 |
| 05/15/60 | Truck/Sander | Replacement of Equip | Investment Fund | \$15,976.19 | \$2,000.00 | \$13,976.19 | \$4,749.68 | \$971.37 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,721.06 | \$3,607.24 |
| 07/12/60 | Dump Site | Close Dump | Investment Fund | \$30,338.70 | \$10,000.00 | \$20,338.70 | \$10,310.71 | \$1,969.04 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,279.75 | \$31,404.74 |
| 04/18/55 | Playground Fund | Build Playground | Investment Fund | \$487.63 | \$13.75 | \$501.38 | \$37.26 | \$28.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$85.76 | \$567.14 |
| 1967 | Roof Fund | Repair Roof | Investment Fund | (\$439.86) | \$503.67 | \$63.81 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,451.51 | \$1,495.32 |
| 1/21/65 | Police Cruiser | Replace Cruiser | Investment Fund | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$54.79 | \$137.85 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$192.64 | \$3,192.64 |
| 02/14/97 | Bicentennial | Town Savings/Celebration | Investment Fund | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$9.66 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$9.66 | \$209.66 |
| | TOTAL TRUST FUNDS | | | \$48,002.84 | \$14,792.42 | \$33,210.42 | \$17,399.21 | \$3,248.13 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,847.34 | \$42,278.99 |

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON NH
ON DECEMBER 31, 1997

| # OF SHARES OR DEBENTURES | DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT <small>North Groton Community</small> | PRINCIPAL | | | | | INCOME | | | | | GRAND TOTAL YIELD (%) \$617.71 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | BEG BALANCE \$231.98 | PURCHASES | CASH CAPITAL GAINS | PROCEEDS FROM SALES | GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES | END BALANCE \$231.98 | BEG BALANCE \$360.61 | INCOME DURING YR | EXPENSED YEAR | END BALANCE \$385.73 | |
| | Tercentennial | \$180.00 | | | | | \$263.96 | \$19.56 | \$0.00 | \$283.52 | \$463.52 | |
| | George Hall Fund | \$100.00 | | | | | \$156.23 | \$10.90 | \$0.00 | \$167.13 | \$267.13 | |
| | Cynus Blood Fund | \$80.00 | | | | | \$48.77 | \$8.74 | \$0.00 | \$57.51 | \$137.51 | |
| 2 | Dimichele | \$48.20 | | | | | \$7.02 | \$5.24 | \$0.00 | \$12.26 | \$60.46 | |
| 2 | Gilchrist | \$50.00 | | | | | \$7.16 | \$5.41 | \$0.00 | \$12.57 | \$62.57 | |
| | Arthur Campbell | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | | | \$0.00 | \$2.75 | \$0.00 | \$2.75 | \$27.75 | |
| | Dimichele | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | | | \$0.00 | \$2.75 | \$0.00 | \$2.75 | \$27.75 | |
| | Ruth E. Bourque | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | | | \$0.00 | \$2.75 | \$0.00 | \$2.75 | \$27.75 | |
| | TOTAL COMMON TRUST | \$690.18 | \$75.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$843.75 | \$83.22 | \$0.00 | \$926.97 | \$1,692.15 | |

Vital Statistics for 1997

Due to the confidentiality laws of the State of New Hampshire, RSA 126:14, vital records can no longer be published in Town Reports.

If individuals wish to have this information published in future, they must submit to the Town Clerk a written statement requesting publication.

There were five (5) marriages, one (1) birth and two (2) deaths for the year 1997 in the Town of Groton.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF GROTON

DIAL 911 to report a **FIRE, ACCIDENT, MEDICAL** or **POLICE EMERGENCY**. This is the fastest way for you to get the help you need when you need it!

Additional Police Department Numbers for Non-emergencies:

744-3703 Urgent Police Business

744-7894 General Police Business

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