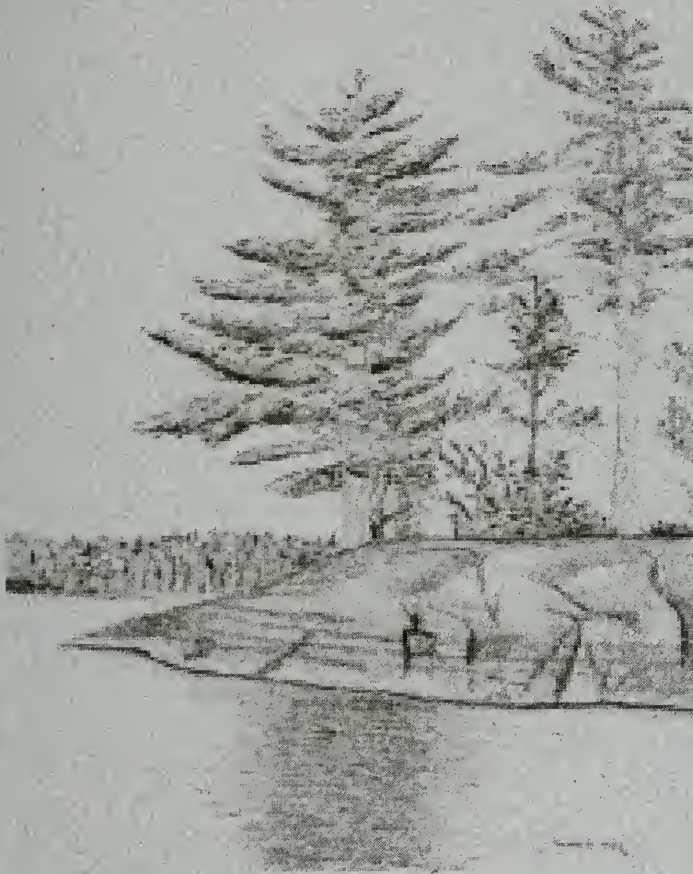



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Year Ending December 31, 2003



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS OF

The
TOWN OF GROTON,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December 31, 2003

Groton Town Officials

December 31, 2003



Board of Selectmen

Paul Smalley	2006
Clement "Buddy" Lane	2005
Stephen Pilcher	2004

Moderator

Miles Sinclair	2004
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Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Joyce A. Tolman	2006
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Treasurer

Debra Lindsey	2004
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Deputy Treasurer

Elizabeth Christiansen	
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Administrative Assistant

Michelle Clark	
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File Clerk

Bonnie Lane	
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Road Agent

Michael Hobart	2004
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Emergency Management Director

Norman Willey	
Mike Lemieux (Asst.)	

Town Forester

Eben Beever	
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Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Roger Thompson	
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Police Chief

William White	
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Librarian

Pamela Yinger	
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Groton Town Officials (Continued)

December 31, 2003

Library Trustees

Judith Demers	2005
Alison Bagley	2004
Joyce Tolman	2006

Planning Board

Eben Beever (Chair)	2006
David Demers	2005
Judith Demers	2005
Bonnie Lane	2004
Steve "Slim" Spafford	2006
Clement "Buddy" Lane	

Supervisors of the Checklist

Diane M.S. Cunningham	2006
Barbara Tavares	2004
Judith Demers	2008

Cemetery Trustees

David Demers	2005
Judith Demers	2006
Peter Newton	2004

Trustee of Trust Funds

Bonnie J Lane	2004
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A letter from your Board of Selectmen.

We would like to start out by saying thank you to the registered votes of the Town of Groton for your support starting at the 2003 annual town meeting and continuing throughout the year.

Immediately following the 2003 town meeting we starting implementing phase I of the many projects that were presented to you. First and foremost among those was to direct the Town House Committee to continue their work and start the building process. As you can see, that committee has had great success this year, accomplishing all of the goals for phase I of the project, as well as several we did not anticipate accomplishing this year. We encourage you to offer them your continued support and vote to raise and appropriate the money for them to continue with this project.

We also continued with the pond project, which is located out behind the Town Offices, utilizing much of that material at the town house. We are very happy with the progress we have made to this project and would encourage anyone who has not had the opportunity to do so, to come take a look, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised.

The last of our big projects came as sort of a surprise to us. As many of you may now be aware, the Hebron Board of Selectmen approached us in Late September, with regards to our fire and ambulance service. During that first meeting, the Hebron board handed us a proposal which included a sum of \$20,000 per year for the next 10 years to help cover the costs of their new public safety/municipal building. We agreed to continue negotiating this matter with them and did so over the next couple of months. During those negotiations, it became clear to us that in the best interest of the Town of Groton, we would need to research other options for the towns' fire and ambulance service. We have spent countless hours doing just that, and hope to report this to you in a fair and impartial manner. We urge you to review all the materials contained in this report on this matter so that you will have all the facts and figures and therefore can make your own informed decision at town meeting. We would also encourage any and everyone to contact our office or us if you need further explanation.

In closing, we again wish to thank you for your continued support and encourage any of you to attend Selectmen's meetings on Tuesday nights with any questions or issues you would like to have us address.

Steve Pilcher
Selectmen

Clement "Buddy" Lane
Selectmen

Paul Smalley
Selectmen

Town of Groton Warrant

2004 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on
Tuesday, the 9th 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.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 09, 2004

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 09, 2004

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of
\$495,000.00 for the construction of a fire station and the purchase of a fire truck
and related equipment, and to authorize the issuance of not more than
\$495,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the
Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and
negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3-
ballot vote required).

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of
\$36,632.00 for the purpose of contracting with the Town of Hebron for fire and
ambulance service.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town is in favor of recycling of at the Groton Transfer
Station, for the purpose of reducing the town's disposal costs.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of making the third year's payment of a three year lease agreement for the Ford Explorer for the **Police Department**, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$8,500.00 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6: Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business? (Ballot vote required).

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) for the purpose of completing phase 2 of the **Town House Renovation project**, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2003. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the renovation project is complete or December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required).

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose making renovations to the Groton **Transfer Station**.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the preparation and shimming of portions of North Groton and Sculptured Rocks Roads.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to rename and change the purpose of the existing **Playground Capital Reserve Fund**, to be henceforth known as the Groton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding recreational opportunities for the Town of Groton.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11: "Polling hours in the town of Groton are now 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. for all regular state elections beginning in November, 2005?"

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for deposit to the **Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund** previously established for this purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$462,829.00, which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 17th day of February 2004.

Stephen Pilcher

Clement Lane

Paul Smalley

GROTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

Stephen A. Pilcher

Clement "Buddy" G. Lane

Paul Smalley

Groton Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF GROTON - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2004 2003
Article # Article #

II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL) OPERATING BUDGET SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Budget Actual Proposed
Thru 12/31/03 2004 Budget

621,057	576,034.50	630,961	
409,546	375,248	462,829	3 2
211,511	200,787	168,132	

1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130	EXECUTIVE	45,600	44,036.00	46,650	3 2
4130.1	Board of Selectmen - Stipends	8,100	7,425.00	9,000	
4130.2	Administrative Assistant - Salary	28,000	28,000.00	28,000	
4130.2	File Clerk - Salary	3,000	2,830.00	3,000	
4130.3	Moderator / Town Meeting Expenses:		0.00		
120	Moderator Salary	100	121.00	100	
810	Other Town Meeting Expense	400	297.00	400	
4130.9	Other Executive Office Functions:				
245	Workshops & Seminars	1,000	648.00	1,000	
330	Contracted Management Services	0	0.00	0	
341	Telephone	2,000	1,904.00	2,000	
515	Travel Expenses	350	627.00	500	
610	Supplies	2,000	1,488.00	2,000	
625	Postage	650	696.00	650	
750	Furniture / Fixtures	0	0.00	0	
		31,190	27,787.00	38,525	3 2

4140 ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS

4140.1	General Town Clerk Functions:				
130	Town Clerk Salary	15,860	16,165.00	20,000	
131	Deputy Town Clerk Salary	1,400	665.00	1,400	
191	Municipal Agent Fees	2,500	2,283.00	0	
192	Town Clerk Fees - Other	1,500	1,181.00	1,500	
245	Workshops & Seminars	950	822.00	950	
341	Telephone		555.00	600	
342	Software System Upgrades	3,500	1,041.00	4,500	
551	Advertising	105	97.00	200	
610	Supplies-Election	225	377.00	25	
611	Supplies-General	1,250	2,108.00	1,400	
625	Postage	1,550	1,048.00	1,550	
810	Other Town Clerk Expenses	1,000	416.00	1,000	
4140.3	Election Administration:				
121	Ballot Clerks	850	596.00	3,500	
122	Checklist Supervisors	500	433.00	1,900	
4140.4	Census Taking	0	0.00	0.00	

4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	22,640	14,721.00	29,940	3	2
4150.1	Acctg/Finan Reporting (Town Report)	1,200	599.00	1,500		
4150.2	Auditing	9,800	4,760.00	9,800		
4150.3	Assessing	9,000	6,932.00	15,700		
4150.4	Tax Collecting					
4150.5	Treasury:					
131	Treasurer Salary	2,400	2,400.00	2,700		
132	Deputy Treasurer Salary	240	30.00	240		
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	0	0.00	0	3	2
4152.1	External Revaluation Services					
4152.2	Internal Revaluation Services					
4153	LEGAL EXPENSES	7,000	3,118.00	7,000	3	2
4153.1	Legal Separment Operations					
4153.2	Defense Proceedings	1,000	0.00	1,000		
4153.3	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements					
4153.4	Collective Bargaining	6,000	3,118.00	6,000		
4153.5	Attorney Fees - General Advice					
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	27,000	27,130.00	36,000	3	2
4155.1	Personnel Department	3,000		6,000		
4155.2	Benefits Not Allocated to Other Departme	10,000	9,176.00	15,000		
4155.3	Health Insurance	14,000	17,954.00	15,000		
4155.4	FICA					
4191	PLANNING AND ZONING	1,500	464.00	1,500	3	2
4191.1	Planning & Development Control:					
625	Postage	300	195.00	300		
690	Misc.	200	269.00	500		
4191.2	Zoning Enforcement	1,000	0.00	500		
4191.3	Zoning Appeals	0	0.00	200		
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	14,900	15,225.00	16,550	3	2
4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:					
120	Repair & Maintenance Wages	1,000	1,873.00	2,000		
360	Custodial Services	1,000	1,634.00	1,800		
390	Contracted Repairs & Maintenance	7,000	4,907.00	7,000		
410	Electricity	750	440.00	750		
411	Heat & Oil	1,300	1,043.00	1,000		
750	Furniture & Fixtures	3,600	4,658.00	3,600		
4194.2	Town House Repairs & Maintenance:					
410	Electricity	250	670.00	400		
4195	CEMETERIES	3,500	1,811.00	3,500	3	2
4195.1	Repairs, Mntce & Upkeep of Cemetery	3,000	1,470.00	3,000		
610	Salaries	500	341.00	500		

4196	4196.1 4196.2 4196.3	GENERAL INSURANCE Property & Liability Insurance Multi-Peril Insurance Workers' Compensation	9,500 8,000 1,500	8,856.00 7,446.00 1,410.00	12,000 10,000 2,000	3 2 2
4197	4197.5 4197.6	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC Advertising Dues	2,700 1,000 1,700	2,926.00 1,300.00 1,626.00	2,700 1,000 1,700	3 2 2
4199	4199.1 4199.2 4199.4	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances Forestry Tax Mapping Grants	18,000 10,000 3,000 5,000	15,457.00 0.00 2,400.00 1,900.00 11,157.00	21,200 5,000 2,700 3,500 10,000	3 2 3 2 2
4210	4210.1 4210.2 4210.4 4210.5	2 - PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE Administration 110 Wages 341 Telephone 560 Dues & Subscriptions 610 Office Supplies 320 Crime Control & Investigation Training Support Services 390 Plymouth Area Prosecutors 390 Emergency Response Team Membership 390 Dispatch Service 430 Vehicle Maintenance 611 Cruiser Equipment & Supplies 612 Uniforms & Personnel/Equipment 613 Guns, Ammunition, etc 614 Other Supplies 635 Gasoline for Cruiser Special Details Police Station & Buildings	99,502 63,640 43,800 1,300 300 350 3,000 4,200 3,335 0 2,380 500 1,000 500 350 500 1,000 1,125	81,429.00 54,626.00 30,000.00 1,696.00 382.00 845.00 3,000.00 2,126.00 3,335.00 0.00 2,380.00 1,889.00 1,972.00 1,567.00 2,015.00 1,804.00 1,415.00 200.00	97,175 66,375 39,000 1,700 600 500 3,500 4,200 3,500 2,500 4,500 500 750 1,000 500 500 2,000 1,125	3 2 3 2,9
4215	4215.1 4215.2	AMBULANCE Contracted Services Town Operated Services	8,500 8,500	6,554.00 6,554.00	7,000 7,000	3 2
4220	4220.1 4220.2	FIRE Administration Fire Fighting Equipment 391 Contracted Services - Hebron	24,362 2,500 1,000 7,000	18,222.00 1,186.00 836.00 5,598.00	20,800 2,500 1,000 2,000	3 2

392	Contracted Services - Rumney	6,000	6,000.00	7,000	
393	Lakes Region Mutual Aid	4,362	4,362.00	4,800	
4220.3	Fire Prevention & Inspections				
4220.4	Training	500	0.00	500	
4220.5	Communications	1,500	240.00	1,500	
4220.6	Repair Services				
4220.7	Medical Services	1,500		1,500	
4290	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
4290.5	Other	3,000	2,027.00	3,000	3
		3,000	2,027.00	3,000	2
4311	3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	59,975	68,393.50	60,875	3
4311.1	ADMINISTRATION	34,925	39,184.50	34,925	3
4311.1	Road Agent				
110	Wages	31,600	35,787.00	31,600	
341	Telephone	900	896.00	900	
390	CDL Testing	200	229.00	200	
410	Electricity	800	696.00	800	
411	Heating Fuel	1,200	1,266.00	1,200	
430	Building Maintenance	200	300.00	200	
515	Travel Expense	25	10.50	25	
4312	HIGHWAYS & STREETS	24,150	28,496.00	25,050	3
4312.1	Paving & Reconstruction				
4312.2	Cleaning & Maintenance				
430	Highway Vehicles-Equipment Repairs	7,000	7,726.00	7,000	
440	Equipment Rentals	1,100	3,924.00	2,000	
610	Material	1,000	413.00	1,000	
611	Signs	350	34.00	350	
612	Uniforms	500	304.00	500	
613	Tools & Equipment Purchases	1,500	2,173.00	1,500	
635	Gas	200	488.00	200	
4312.5	Snow & Ice Control				
636	Winter Fuel	2,500	4,013.00	2,500	
637	Salt, Sand, Deicer	7,500	7,721.00	7,500	
4312.6	Hydrants				
4312.7	Vegetation Control	2,500	1,700.00	2,500	
4316	STREET LIGHTING	900	713.00	900	3
4316.1	Maintenance & Repairs				
4316.2	Construction	900	713.00	900	
4316.3	Utility Charges				
4321	4 - SANITATION	44,850	52,939.00	66,850	3
4321.1	ADMINISTRATION	1,200	1,200.00	18,200	3
4321.1	Superintendent's Office	1,200	1,200.00	3,200	

4321.2	Site Office/Landfill Monitoring	0	0.00	15,000	
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	1,000	0.00	1,000	3 2
4323.4	Recycling	1,000	0.00	1,000	
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	42,650	51,739.00	47,650	3 2
4324.1	Landfill Operations				
110	Wages	12,500	17,812.00	15,000	
341	Telephone	350	379.00	350	
390	Training & Certification	200	350.00	200	
410	Electricity	850	981.00	850	
411	Heat & Oil	250	407.00	250	
430	Compactor Related Expenses	200	0.00	200	
560	Dues	900	581.00	900	
810	Other	600	3,060.00	600	
4324.2	Transportation Costs	25,800	27,922.00	28,300	
4324.3	Incineration				
4324.4	Recycling	1,000	247.00	1,000	
4324.5	Hazardous Waste				
4324.9	Other	0	0.00	0	
4411	6 - HEALTH	7,061	3,863.00	7,105	3 2
4411	ADMINISTRATION	3,000	553.00	3,000	3 2
4411.1	Office & Statistics	3,000	552.00	3,000	
4411.2	Laboratories				
4415	HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITAL	3,311	3,310.00	3,355	3 2
4415.6	Other				
351	Plymouth Regional Clinic	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	
352	Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services	0	0.00	0	
353	Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency	2,079	2,078.00	2,123	
354	Task Force / Domestic Violence	232	232.00	232	
4419	OTHER HEALTH	750	0.00	750	3 2
4419.1	Pest / Animal Control	750	0.00	750	
4442	7 - WELFARE	5,650	2,484.00	6,250	3 2
4442	DIRECT ASSISTANCE	2,000	100.00	2,000	3 2
4442.1	Direct Assistance (by client group)	2,000	100.00	2,000	
4442.9	Other				
4444	INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE	650	650.00	1,250	3 2
4444.1	Direct Assistance (by agency)				
391	Tri-County Community Action	650	650.00	750	
392	Grafton County Senior Citizens	0	0.00	500	
4444.9	Other	0	0.00	0	

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13 - CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902	MACHINERY, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	148,511	137,787.00
4903	BUILDINGS	18,511	8,500
4909	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	130,000	80,000
		0	71,632
			160,132

14 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS			
4915	TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	63,000	63,000.00
		63,000	8,000
			1E+05 5,910

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year Unaudited	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		1,000	-	1,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		50,000	44,508	50,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		-	-	-
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		8,000	10,103	8,000
	Inventory Penalties		2,000	172	1,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
3188	Excavation Activity Tax		350	325	325
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		60,000	72,659	60,000
3230	Building Permits		-	250	350
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,500	3,800	2,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		1,570	4,064	1,570
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		13,311	11,575	13,311
3353	Highway Block Grant		20,556	20,556	20,556
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		1,354	1,143	1,354
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		-	-	-
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		5,000	4,323	5,000
3409	Other Charges		-		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		20,000	24,822	20,000
3502	Interest on Investments		2,000	1,626	2,000
3503-3509	Other (Grants)			65,725	30,000

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES 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		15000	11013	15,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			150000	150000	80,000
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS					311,966

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	462,829
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	124,632
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	43,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	630,961
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	311,966
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	318,996

UNANTICIPATED REVENUES

SUMMARY OF GRANTS RECEIVED FOR FY 03

Department	Purpose	Amount
Police Dept	Personal Protective Equip.	\$6265.00
Emergency Mngt.	Computer/Software-Update Emergency Plan	\$4625.00
Police Dept.	O.H.R.V. Grant To Patrol "backcountry"	\$3000.00
Police Dept.	Automated External Defibrillator	\$3000.00
Police Dept.	Bullet Proof Vests	\$1247.00
Police Dept.	Portable Breath Testing Device	\$400.00
Landfill	Post Closure Grant	\$53,000.00

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY REVENUE

Parcel ID:	Sale Price
5-110	\$15,000
1-40	\$17,000

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of TOWN OF GROTON Year Ending 01/01/2004

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2003	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2002	2001	2000+
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
		XXXXXX			
		XXXXXX			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 845,691.00	\$ 98,982.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 45,802.02	\$ 974.60
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 432.72	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		\$ 0.00			
New This Fiscal Year		\$ 409.13			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 1,300.08	\$ 8,603.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 893,634.95	\$ 108,560.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of TOWN OF GROTON Year Ending 01/01/2004

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2003	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2002	2001	2000+
Property Taxes	\$ 721,741.17	\$ 67,430.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 44,067.62	\$ 95.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 1,300.08	\$ 8,603.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 324.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,312.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 118.05	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 122,374.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 1,734.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 108.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	\$ 0.00			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	\$ 409.13			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 893,634.95	\$ 108,560.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of TOWN OF GROTON Year Ending 01/01/2004

DEBITS

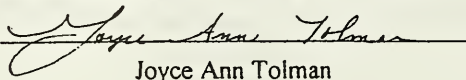
UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2003	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2002	2001	2000+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 27,488.80	\$ 20,136.25
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,601.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 508.81	\$ 2,991.47	\$ 6,673.65
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,110.62	\$ 30,480.27	\$ 26,809.90

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2003	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2002	2001	2000+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 6,591.72	\$ 11,744.74	\$ 13,769.11
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 508.81	\$ 2,991.47	\$ 6,673.65
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,974.59	\$ 15,744.06	\$ 6,367.14
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 37,110.62	\$ 30,480.27	\$ 26,809.90

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE


Joyce Ann Tolman

DATE 01-09-04

Town Clerk's Report
January 1 - December 31, 2003

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$74,463.00
Title Fees	368.00
Vital Statistics	756.00
Dog Licenses	895.00
Dog Fines	29.00
Uniform Commercial Code Fees	70.00
Copy Fees	42.25
Candidates Fees	10.00
Municipal Agent Fees	1,162.50
Checklist Copies	75.00
Police Department	
Pistol Permits	50.00
TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER	\$77,920.75

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTIES

<u>Map, Lot</u> <u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Assessed</u>
1.005	40 Acres	\$16,000
1.040	Tax - Deeded Property	Sold
2.014.001	North Groton Cemetery	11,350
2.024	Church Lot	6,500
2.070.001	Union Cemetery	8,450
5.062	Abutting Selectmen's Office	15,950
5.020	Selectmen's Office	157,950
6.049.B0	Police Department Shed	3,400
6.006	Transfer Station	33,350
7.001	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	10,950
7.054	Town House and 1.5 Acres	31,600
10.022	Holden Lot 50 Acres	27,700

Treasurers Report

January 1 - December 31, 2003

General Account

Balance on hand JANUARY 1, 2003	\$149,316.97
Receipts: Tax Collector	\$ 885,072.46
Town Clerk	78,089.25
Treasurer	323,085.34
Bank Interest	<u>181.62</u>
Total Receipts	1,286,428.67
Disbursements: Selectmen's orders paid	
Payments	<u>1,194,946.70</u>
Balance on hand DECEMBER 31, 2003	\$240,798.94

On Deposit in the Meredith Village Savings Bank

Treasurers Report (Continued)

January 1 - December 31, 2003

Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance on hand JANUARY 1, 2003	339,239.88
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Receipts:

Income Earned	<u>1,652.27</u>
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Disbursements:

Withdrawals	<u>175,000.00</u>
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Balance on Hand DECEMBER 31, 2003
\$165,892.15

On deposit in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

TOWN OF GROTON FUND BALANCE REPORT AS OF 12/31/03

Fund balance as of 12/31/03	\$225,000.00
Proposed amount to be transferred	\$ 80,000.00
Balance	\$145,000.00

DRA'S suggested fund balance to be retained

5% or \$58,514.00 to 10% or \$117,029.00

\$145,000 (less 5%)	\$145,000,000 (less 10%)
<u>- 58,514</u>	<u>-117,029</u>
\$86,486.00	\$27,971.00

Town of Groton Transfer Station

As many of you may be aware, we continue to struggle with ways to reduce our tonnage at the transfer station, thereby reducing our disposal costs.

With this in mind, we have adopted new regulations by which our transfer station will now be run. We have included some mandatory recycling in those regulations, however before we strictly enforce that portion of the regulations, we will be asking you for your opinion on this issue at town meeting. We have included a copy of these regulations in the town report for your review, as you will be responsible for adhering to them. We have also included in this report, an informational page to show facts and figures so that you may come to your own conclusion as to why or why not recycling may be right for the town of Groton. On that page, you will see the tonnage amounts for the years 2002 and 2003. You will also see a reduction in the tonnage amounts which we feel are partially attributed to the voluntary recycling of glass, and mixed paper.

In closing, if you have not already done so, please come to the Selectmen's office during office hours to obtain your numbered sticker. Our office hours are as follows: Mon. Wed. & Fri. from 8am –12pm. & Tuesday evenings from 6pm – close of business.

Steve Pilcher
Selectmen

Clement "Buddy" Lane
Selectmen

Paul Smalley
Selectmen

TOWN OF GROTON POLICE DEPT.

To the residents and non-residents of Groton, thank you all for your generous support last year. We had a variety of issues dealt with by the Dept., ranging from suicides to felony charges against adults involving juveniles.

This past year was also a time in which we issued 52 pistol permits, an amount in excess of what we normally would do or expect to do.

Grafton County Dispatch handled 458 calls for service during this time period, up over 150 calls from the previous year. We also had over 200 calls on a “walk in” basis, due to having a full-time officer available on a daily basis.

Sgt. Norm Willey Successfully completed the New Hampshire Police Standards course for a “full-time police officer”. Congratulations to him are in order as he was the oldest person in his class. Officer Tammy Thorpe also graduated from the “part-time officers academy” in June of this year, and is currently seeking certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Sgt. Willey was also very instrumental in our receiving over \$17,000.00 in state and federal grants. With this, the dept. was able to purchase a complete computer system, rewrite the town Emergency Plan, along with acquiring numerous other emergency and police gear.

Sgt. Willey has been and remains in charge of the Emergency Management Department and communicates directly with the powers that be in Concord.

Our Staff was reduced by two officers who have resigned due to change in commitment to their employment. We wish them well in their future endeavors. To address this issue we have hired Officer George Hill. Officer Hill has 10 years of law enforcement experience, among them tenure as Chief of Town of Bridgewater. Officer Hill was also a member of the Executive Board for the Plymouth Area Prosecutors Office. We welcome Officer Hill and his experience.

On behalf of all of us at the Groton P.D., we thank all of you for letting us serve you!

Bill White, Norm Willey, Bill Gabler, Tammy Thorpe, George Hill.

TOWN OF GROTON PLANNING BOARD

Due to the increase in activity in the Real Estate Market, the town of Groton Planning Board has been very busy this year.

We have handled more than 25 requests for building permits as well as multiple subdivisions. Having seen this trend coming, we decided to update building permit regulations as well as the town's subdivision regulations. Public Hearings were held and changes made, at which time both were sent to the Grafton County Registry of Deeds for recording. Given the fact that changes were made to both of these documents, we felt it necessary to publish copies of them in the annual town report so that landowners are aware of their responsibilities with regards to the permit process.

With no end to the market increase insight, we anticipate much more building permit and subdivision activity during the coming year. In between which, we hope to continue our work on the research into town roads.

In closing we wish to thank the town for its continued support of our work.

Eben Beever, Chairman
Clement Lane, Selectmen Liaison
Judy Demers
Bonnie Lane

Michelle Clark, Secretary
Dave Demers
Stephen Spafford

TOWN OF GROTON FIRE DEPT. SUMMARY

The following section of this report contains information gathered and compiled so that you may make an informed decision with regards to the fire department. Please note that no calculations were made for increases in either Hebron's cost, Rumney's cost, LRMA costs as well as the operating costs associated with our own dept. You can and should anticipate increased costs over the next fifteen years, however it would not be fair or accurate for us to guess those increases at this time. The only information that we can accurately give you at this time is that the costs we are subject to for the Town of Hebron are guaranteed for the next five years with the payment recalculated every five years thereafter. According to the new proposed contract Groton is responsible for 20% of Hebron's total costs. Also according to the contract we have no say in what the budget will be. A copy of the proposed contract will also be included in this section for you to review. We also contract with the Town of Rumney on a yearly basis and the contract price is recalculated every year. LRMA is also a yearly calculation. So as you can see we have no way of accurately anticipating the increased costs associated with this matter.

The first such piece (Proposed Plan – Current Costs) shows a basic comparison of all operating costs per year. It is important to note that the bond repayment schedule is not included in the proposed plan per year costs. That breakdown is shown on a separate chart.

The second piece of information (Proposed Bond Schedule) is intended to show the effect per thousand on your tax rate for each year of the schedule. **Please note that when the tax rate calculations were made the estimated operating costs associated with having our own dept. (\$24,438) were included in the calculation.**

The third piece (Ambulance and Fire Services Agreement) is the proposed contract we received from the Town of Hebron, which includes Attachment A.

The Fourth piece (Enhanced Attachment A) is an enhancement of Hebron's Attachment A to show the total costs to the town of Groton for the 10-year period of the contract. **Again please note that no anticipated increases have been added to this calculation, as we have no way of knowing what the increase may be after year 5.**

The last two pieces of information (Proposed Plan Vs. Existing Plan & Tax Rate Comparisons) are intended to give you an easier visual comparison of the two options. When compiling both graphs, both the operating costs and the bond repayment schedule were used in making the calculations for the proposed plan.

PROPOSED PLAN

Operating Costs	\$12,000 per year
LRMA (current expenditure)	\$ 4,800 per year
Ambulance	\$ 6,500 per year
Est. Insurance Inc.	
Building	138.00 per year
Truck – Replacement cost \$1,000	
Cash Value Option \$342.00 per year	
Total with the Replacement cost option	\$24,438.00 per year*
*Plus the yearly bond payment (see bond schedule)	

- Worker's Comp. Increase of Approx. \$100.00 per year.

CURRENT COSTS

Operating Costs	\$ 7,000 per year
Rumney (Wages Extra)	\$ 7,000 per year
Hebron (Proposed, Wages Extra)	\$36,362 per year
(Guaranteed not to increase for 5 yrs)	
LRMA	\$ 4,800 per year
Total Current Yearly Costs	\$55,162 per year

******PLEASE NOTE, ALL FIGURES AND ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON CURRENT COSTS WITH NO CALCULATION FOR INCREASES ON EITHER SIDE OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS. INCREASES CAN BE INTICIPATED HOWEVER WE CANNOT GUESS THE % OF SUCH INCREASES AT THIS TIME*******

PROPOSED BOND SCHEDULE

15 YEARS @ 4.5% INT.

Year	Total Payment	Est. Inc. Per/1000	Effect on Tax Rate
1)	\$58,698.13	\$0.72	
2)	\$55,700.00	-(\$0.08)	\$0.64
3)	\$54,125.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.60
4)	\$52,550.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.56
5)	\$50,975.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.52
6)	\$49,400.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.48
7)	\$47,825.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.44
8)	\$46,250.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.40
9)	\$44,675.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.36
10)	\$38,100.00	-(\$0.18)	\$0.18
11)	\$36,750.00	-(\$0.03)	\$0.15
12)	\$35,400.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.11
13)	\$34,050.00	-(\$0.03)	\$0.08
14)	\$32,700.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.04
15)	\$31,350.00	-(\$0.04)	\$0.00

Amount Of Loan	Total Interest	Total Payment
\$495,000.00	\$173,548.13	\$668,548.13

The effect on tax rate figures include the estimated operating costs.

AMBULANCE AND FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT
Between the Town of Hebron, NH and the Town of Groton, NH

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made effective as of January 1, 2004, by and between Town of Groton, New Hampshire, and Town of Hebron, New Hampshire. In this Agreement, the party who is contracting to receive the services shall be referred to as "Groton", and the party who will be providing the services shall be referred to as "Hebron".

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES. Hebron will provide the following services (collectively, the "Services"): Ambulance and First Responder Fire service for the entire Town of Groton, with the acknowledgement that for Groton north of Hallsbrook Road the Town of Rumney has Command and Control responsibility for Fire Service.

2. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.

- a. For the next five years Groton will pay compensation to Hebron for the Services in the amount of \$36,632 annually for the combined Ambulance Service and Fire Service. (As shown in Attachment A)
- b. This compensation shall be payable in equal quarterly payments with the first payment of \$9,158 due by March 31, of each year beginning with 2004 and the last payment due by December 31, 2004.
- c. For the second five (5) years commencing with 2009 the portion of the expenses represented by the operating cost of the Fire and Ambulance service will be adjusted to maintain Groton's share at 20% of the actual operating costs.
- d. In addition, Groton will reimburse Hebron for actual labor incurred for Fire Service on a Groton fire at a rate of 80% of the actual cost.

3. PAYMENT AND SERVICE PROVISOS. The following provisos pertain:

- a. Groton Voters must agree at each Town Meeting to approve the payment to Hebron as stipulated in 2 above for the Services.
- b. Groton agrees and acknowledges that in the event that the Groton Voters do not approve the annual payment to Hebron for the Services that Hebron will not provide the Services from that time forward until the voters of the Town of Groton do approve the annual payment.

4. TERM/TERMINATION. This Agreement shall terminate automatically on January 1, 2014.

5. EXTENSION OF THIS AGREEMENT This contract will be extended in five (5) years increments after January 1, 2014 for an indefinite amount of time as long provided that:

- a. The amount paid by the Town of Groton shall be recomputed every five years with the first recomputation due by January 31, 2014, and every five years thereafter, and
- b. The amount paid after January 31, 2014 and any recomputation made thereafter shall be made without the inclusion of any capital cost associated with the new Hebron Safety Building but inclusive of all other capital and expense costs, and
- c. Groton pays for the services provided under this agreement as recomputed under clause 5a above.

6. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES. It is understood by the parties that Hebron is an independent contractor with respect to Groton, and not an employee of Groton. Groton will not provide fringe benefits, including health insurance benefits, paid vacation, or any other employee benefit, for the benefit of Hebron.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY. Hebron will not at any time or in any manner, either directly or indirectly, use for the personal benefit of Hebron, or divulge, disclose, or communicate in any manner any information that is proprietary to Groton. Hebron will protect such information and treat it as strictly confidential. This provision shall continue to be effective after the termination of this Agreement.

8. INJURIES. Hebron acknowledges Hebron's obligation to obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the benefit of Hebron (and Hebron's employees, if any).

9. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and

there are no other promises or conditions in any other agreement whether oral or written.

for the Town of Groton

By: _____
Town of Groton
Selectmen

for the Town of Hebron

By: _____
Town of Hebron
Selectmen

Attachment A

Hebron-Groton Fire & Ambulance Service Cost Sharing Breakdown

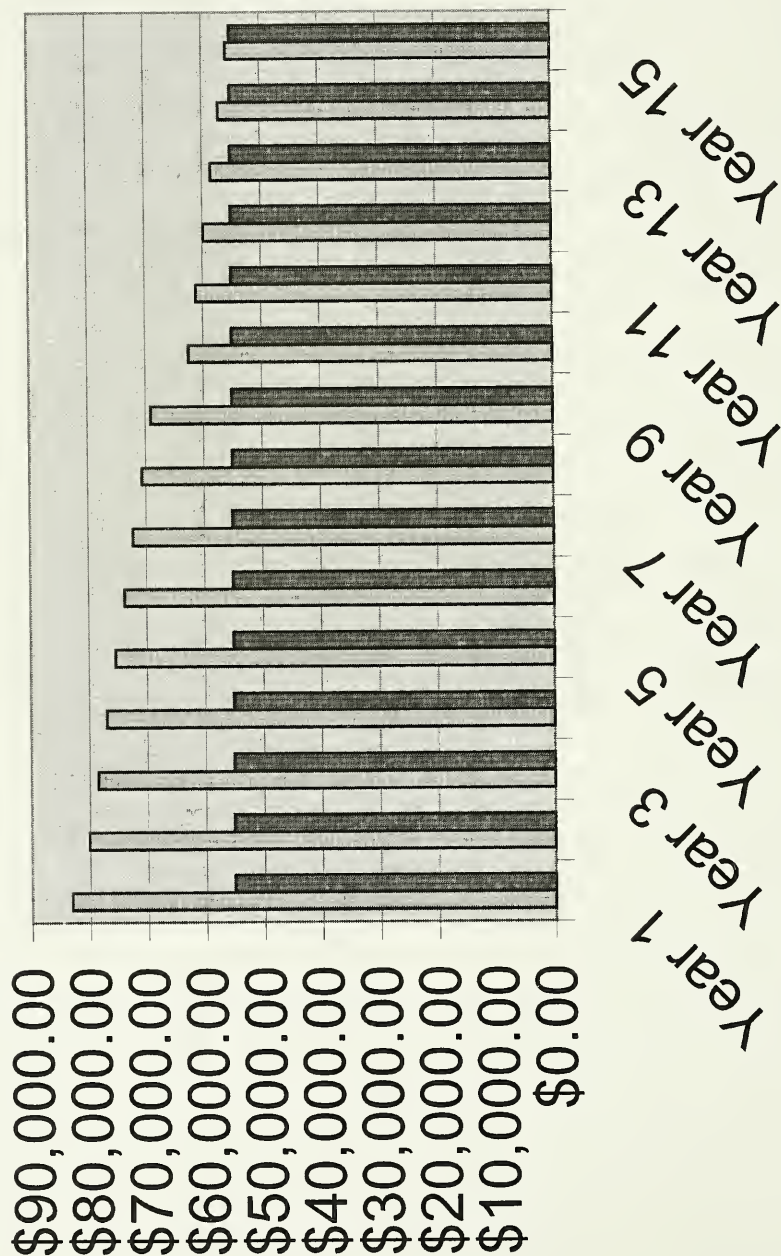
		As Proposed	
		80%	20%
Expenses	Amount	Hebron 80%	Groton 20%
Operating Expenses	49,711	39,769	9,942
Insurance	5,000	4,000	1,000
Heat	1,500	1,200	300
Lights	700	560	140
Amortize Fire Truck	30,000	24,000	6,000
Amortize Ambulance	17,500	14,000	3,500
Building	75,000	60,000	15,000
Blg Ops Exp	3,750	3,000	750
TOTALS	183,161	146,529	36,632

Enhanced Attachment A

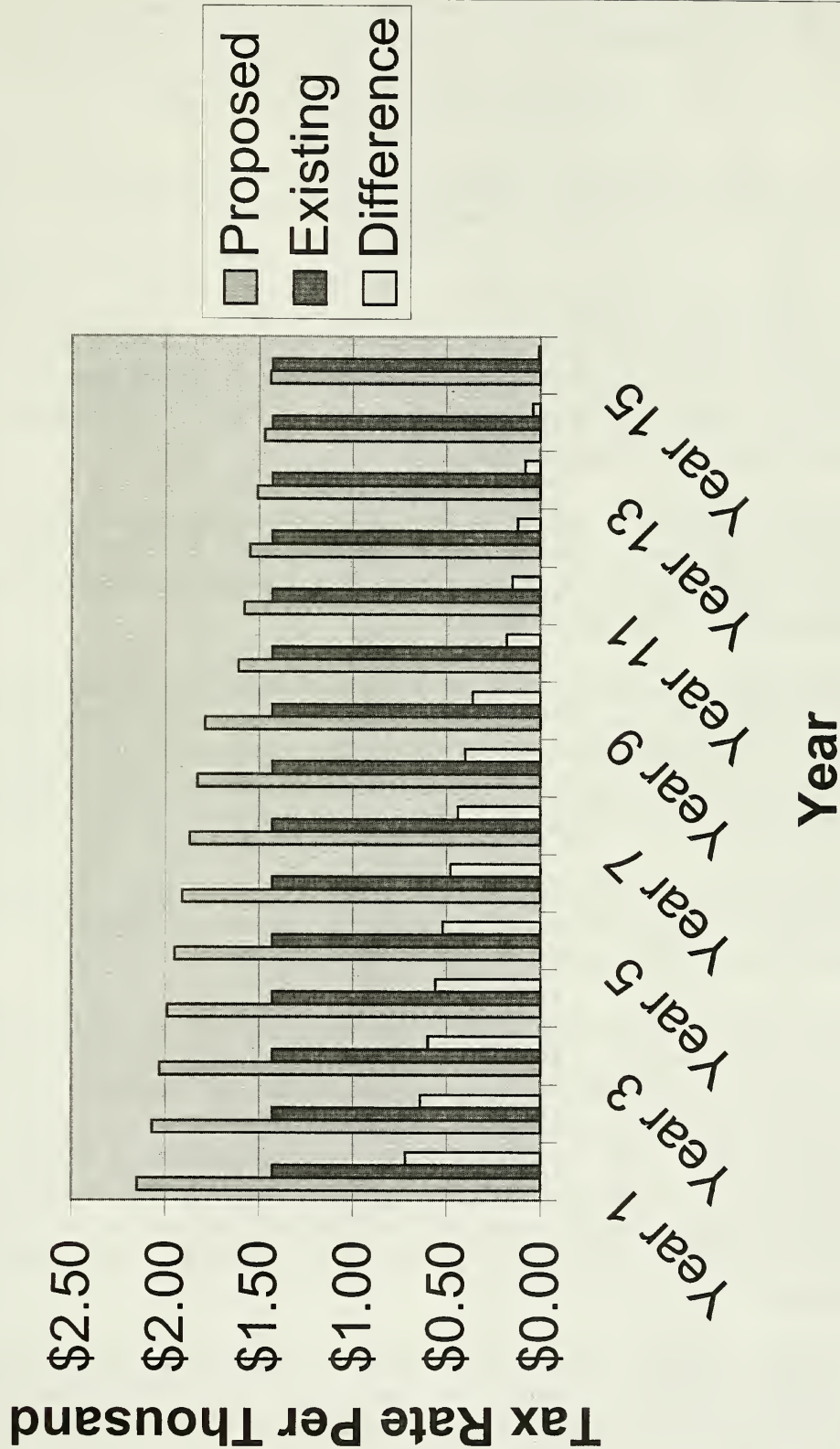
Hebron-Groton Fire & Ambulance Service Cost Sharing Breakdown

		As Proposed		
		80%	20%	
		Hebron 80%	Groton 20%	Over 10 Yrs
Expenses	Amount			
Operating Expenses	49,711	39,769	9,942	99,420
Insurance	5,000	4,000	1,000	10,000
Heat	1,500	1,200	300	3,000
Lights	700	560	140	1,400
Amortize Fire Truck	30,000	24,000	6,000	60,000
Amortize Ambulance	17,500	14,000	3,500	35,000
Building	75,000	60,000	15,000	150,000
Blg Ops Exp	3,750	3,000	750	7,500
TOTALS	183,161	146,529	36,632	366,320

Fire Dept. Proposed Plan Vs. Existing Plan



Fire Dept. Tax Rate Comparisons



TOWN OF GROTON TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

As town meeting approaches yet again, it is time for this committee to report to the residents of the town of Groton on the progress we have made this year.

At last years' town meeting you voted overwhelmingly to appropriate \$130,000.00 to allow the Town House Committee to move forward with its work and begin Phase I of the renovation project. As you may recall we believed that with the amount of money budgeted, we could accomplish the erection of the shell to include foundation, roofing and siding. We are happy to report to you that we were able to complete more than that with the money you appropriated.

Early on in the process of having the foundation put in, we discovered that we would need to lower the grade of the land on the uphill side of the town house for drainage as well as for practical purposes, in doing that we also completed a portion of the parking lot that was slated for Phase III of this project.

During negotiations with the contractor for the foundation hole and parking lot work, we were able to get a deal on the septic system installation. After looking at the costs that we had already incurred or contracted for, we determined that we would have sufficient funds to accept the contractor's price for all three projects. As such we have also had the septic system installed, which was slated to take place during Phase II of this project.

By acting as our own contractor and subcontracting out the work we were able to save a considerable amount of money on the materials allowing us to replace the old inefficient windows in the existing portion of the town house.

After all of this work was completed, we sat down together to review the budget figures. At that time we determined that we still had sufficient funds available to complete several more projects. After some discussion regarding priorities, we determined that the most logical step to take next would be to paint the building and have the well installed. With that being decided, we set out getting bids for these two projects. After once again meeting to review the bids the committee agreed to have both projects completed. As of this date, the painting has been completed and the well is scheduled for completion sometime before town meeting. Again, both of these projects were slated for phase II of this project.

We are pleased with the progress of the project and the work we have been able to accomplish. The other members of our committee would like to offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Ken Martell Sr. for his dedication and hard work, without which, we may not have been able to accomplish as much as we have.

In closing, we hope you are as pleased with our progress as we are and will continue to support our efforts by appropriating the money this year to complete the interior of the building and to install the heating system.

Dave & Judy Demers
Bonnie Lane
Miles Sinclair
Margaret Smith

Steve Pilcher
Michelle Clark
Ken Martell Sr.
Mike Lemieux

Highway Dept. Wages Breakdown

Employee Name	Rds/Wntr	Rds/Summr	Office	Shop/Maint.	Transfer Stat.	Gov. Blds	Winter Sand	Outback	Cemetery	Total
Mike Hobart	352.5 hrs \$5,287.50	273.5 hrs \$4,102.50	302.5 hrs \$4,537.50	225 hrs \$3,375.00	171hrs \$2,565.00	61.5 hrs \$922.50	23.5 hrs \$352.50	127 hrs \$1,905.00	4hrs \$60.00	1540.5 hrs \$23,107.50
Peter Newton	316 \$3,813.00	118 \$1,416.00	0	67 \$804.00	63 \$756.00	46 \$552.00	76 \$912.00	0	103.5 \$1,242.00	789.5 \$9,495.00
Daryl Smith	117.5 \$1,410.00	0	0	38 \$456.00	5.5 \$66.00	8 \$96.00	1 \$12.00	0	0	170 \$2,040.00
Josh Clark	0	67.5 \$810.00	0	48.5 \$582.00	37 \$444.00	65 \$780.00	28 \$336.00	65.5 \$786.00	38.5 \$462.00	350 \$4,200.00
Richard Patten	0	57 \$684.00	0	24.5 \$294.00	21 \$252.00	5.5 \$66.00	0	13.5 \$162.00	1 \$12.00	122.5 \$1,470.00
Mark Richardson	0	39 \$468.00	0	9 \$108.00	26.5 \$318.00	26 \$312.00	0	0	0	100.5 \$1,206.00
Jeremy Elder	21.5 \$258.00	0	0	13 \$156.00	16 \$192.00	1 \$12.00	0	0	5.5 \$66.00	55.5 \$684.00
Tom Bentley	95 \$1,140.00	0	1 \$12.00	22.5 \$270.00	10 \$120.00	39 \$468.00	0	0	0	167.5 \$2,010.00

Groton Public Library

2003 Report

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 01/01/03 \$1,573.26

Deposits:

<i>Appropriation from Town</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	
<i>Sale of Booxs</i>	<i>23.00</i>	
<i>Money Returned from expenses</i>	<i>59.55</i>	
	<i>\$2,082.55</i>	<i>+\$2,082.55</i>
		<i>\$3,655.81</i>

Expenses from checking account

<i>Verizon</i>	<i>\$ 427.71</i>	
<i>Postage</i>	<i>18.50</i>	
<i>Librarians Wages</i>	<i>360.54</i>	<i>(reimbursed to town)</i>
<i>Trustee Dues</i>	<i>60.00</i>	
<i>Books</i>	<i>168.94</i>	
<i>Anetta Doherty</i>	<i>25.00</i>	
<i>Alison Bagley</i>	<i>300.00</i>	
<i>Staples</i>	<i>75.98</i>	
<i>Judith Demers</i>	<i>11.75</i>	<i>(supplies)</i>
	<i>\$1,448.42</i>	<i>- 1,448.42</i>

Ending balance as of December 31, 2002 *\$2,207.39*

The Library Trustees want to thank Pamela Yinger for becoming our new Librarian. Thanks to all the folks who helped with the Halloween and Christmas parties for the children. We want to thank Mike Lemieux for his excellent stories. Thanks goes out to everyone who helped out through the year. Thanks to Alison Bagley who agreed to be the third trustee when Rosemary resigned because of her busy schedule. Thank you Rosemary for the time you did spend helping.

Alison Bagley Judith Demers Joyce Tolman

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUND ACTIVITY - 2002

	CEMETERY	TRUCK/ SANDER	DUMP SITE	PLAYGROUND	Disaster Relief	CRUISER	BICENTENNIAL TOWN HOUSE	TOTAL
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2003	2,086.85	4,664.12	15,781.16	3,124.98	0.00	9,290.84	11,764.64	46,971.52
INCOME:								
Transferred from General Fund (2003 Town Mtg.)	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00			63,000.00
Interest Earned	17.01	37.59	127.51	25.52	0.00	75.11	95.11	379.99
EXPENSE:								
Transferred to General Fund	0.00			0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Ending Balance, December 31, 2003	2,103.86	7,701.71	15,908.67	33,150.50	30,000.00	9,365.95	11,859.75	110,351.51
Withdrawal from Fund Pending at 12/31/03	0.00		11,012.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,012.76
Adjusted Balance, December 31, 2003	2,103.86	7,701.71	4,895.91	33,150.50	30,000.00	9,365.95	11,859.75	121,364.27



TOWN OF GROTON
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION
GUIDELINES

November 12, 2003

TOWN OF GROTON
BUILDING PERMIT GUIDELINES

The Selectmen or their designee shall issue all Building permits in accordance with RSA 676:17. No permit shall be issued for the erection of any structure or for the use of land unless the proposal complies with the provisions of Groton Ordinances, and meets all other requirements.

The Applicant is responsible to assure that all information in the application is correct, and accurately represents the proposed project.

Permission to build shall not be in effect until application has been approved and a permit issued. **Permits shall be posted and protected in a visible location on premises.**

Building permits are required for any new construction (including modular and manufactured homes), any change of use of an existing structure, additions or alterations to existing structures, relocation of any structure, installation of any detached structure (including sheds, barns, garages, decks, docks, or any other renovation more than 100 square feet.

Building permits are not required for any cosmetic maintenance (painting or siding), re-roofing, entry steps, landscaping, or residential paving.

Building permits fees are as follows:

New Construction of:

Single or Multi-family Dwellings,

Additions

Detached Structures	\$25.00
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Renewal of Building Permit	\$10.00
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Building permits will only be good for two years from the date of issue and only encompass work detailed in the permit.

Any person found in violation of these regulations will be subject to the following:

- On first notification of offense you will be subject to fines of up to \$100.00
- On Second notification of offense the town may order removal/demolition of said structure until compliance with these regulations has been met.

Obtaining the required approval for on site septic systems is the responsibility of the applicant. No building permit for any structure, where there is or will be running water can be issued until State approval has been received. This permit must be attached to the application.

A permit is required for driveways entering onto Town or State Roads. This permit may be obtained from the Administrative Assistant for town roads or by contacting the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Concord, NH 03301 (RSA 236:13). This permit must be attached to the application.

Plans for new buildings and additions of living space to be heated or cooled by fossil fuels require approval from the Public Utilities Commission in Concord, NH to insure compliance with the NH Energy Code per RSA 155-d. Applications may be obtained by calling 271-2431. This approval must be attached to the application.

TOWN OF GROTON, N.H.

REGULATIONS REGARDING USE OF TRANSFER STATION

(adopted by the Selectmen on November 22, 2004, pursuant to RSA 149-m: 13, II)

- I. **WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY:** Dumping solid wastes anywhere within the Town of Groton except at the Transfer Station is prohibited pursuant to RSA 149-m. (RSA 149-M requires a solid waste facility permit from the state for disposing of any solid waste.)
- II. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the facility is to provide for proper disposal of normal household wastes generated by inhabitants of the town. Proper regulation of use of the facility is necessary to control costs, assure proper and efficient utilization, and establish efficient management procedures.
- III. **DEFINITIONS.**
 - a. Facility means the Transfer Station located and operated in Groton, including additions and modifications, which may be added for disposal of solid waste or other purposes.
 - b. The Town means the town of Groton.
 - c. Inhabitants of the Town means waste generated inside the limits of the Town.
 - d. Commercial Hauler means any person or entity that collects acceptable waste material for a fee or other compensation.
 - e. Non-Groton Waste means waste generated outside the limits of the Town.
 - f. Business User means any person whose use of the facility is related to a business located within the Town, e.g. campgrounds, construction companies, and other enterprises of a similar nature.
 - g. Selectmen means the Board of Selectmen of Groton or their designated agents.
 - h. Regulation or Regulations means the Town of Groton Regulations Regarding Use of Transfer Station.
 - i. All other terms shall have their ordinary meaning.
- IV. **FACILITY POLICY:** Use of the facility shall be subject to the policies set forth in these regulations.

- a. All materials deposited at the facility shall be separated into the categories listed in Section VIII of these regulations.
- b. Any items brought to the Transfer Station become property of the Town of Groton and may not leave the facility without a specified agreement with the Board of Selectmen.
- c. Materials, which are unacceptable under Section VI of these regulations, shall not be brought to or deposited at the facility.
- d. Only persons with Town permits may use the facility. Permits shall be issued to persons residing in the Town and non-residents who pay property taxes on homes in the Town.
 1. Permits shall be in the form of dump stickers, i.e. decals of distinctive color and number issued by the Town to persons entitled to use the facility.
 2. Dump stickers shall be distributed one per household and shall be issued only upon the signature of a member of the household.
 3. Assigned dump stickers shall be permanently attached to a side window (not the windshield or rear window) on the driver's side of the vehicle used to transport materials to the facility.
 4. The act of signing for the dump sticker shall attest that the signer has read and understands these regulations and agrees to abide by them.
 5. Dump stickers may be obtained from 8:00am – 12:00 noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Selectmen's Office.
 6. If the vehicle to which the dump sticker is affixed becomes temporarily unavailable, a temporary dump sticker may be obtained at the Town Office during the hours stated above.
 7. When the vehicle to which the dump sticker is affixed is sold or traded, the old sticker must be removed and returned to the Town Office in order to receive a replacement sticker.
- e. Fees shall be charged for items deposited at the facility, which require special handling. Fees shall be charged according to the schedule stated in Section XII.

V. HOURS OF OPERATION:

- a. Hours of operation shall be posted at the facility. As of the effective date of this regulation, the hours are: Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sundays from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- b. The Selectmen may change the hours of operation when different hours would seem to serve the community better.

- c. Dumping at other than posted times shall be a violation of these regulations.

VI: UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS. Materials listed in this sections shall be considered unacceptable and shall not be deposited at the facility

- a. Radioactive, hazardous, explosive or toxic substances;
- b. Fuel tanks or parts thereof and catalytic converters;
- c. Dead animals, animal carcasses, pelts, offal;
- d. Whole automobiles, trucks, or other vehicles;
- e. Any material, which, in the opinion of the facility attendant, constitutes a serious hazard to other users, to the property of the town, or to the operation of the facility.
- f. Trees, tree limbs or brush.
- g. Electronic items, i.e. TVS, radios, computers or other like materials.
- h. Furniture or mattresses.

VII: NON-GROTON WASTE MATERIALS. Wastes generated outside the Town shall not be deposited at the facility.

VIII: SEPARATION & RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS. In order to control costs and maximize potential income to the facility, all materials deposited at the facility shall be separated and placed in designated containers or locations as the facility attendant directs, subject to the following requirements:

a. METALS

- 1. Metal containers must be free of all contents, shall have one end removed and shall be deposited in the designated area.

b. TIRES

- 1. Disposal of tires shall be limited to residents only. No commercial disposal of tires shall be allowed.
- 2. All tires shall have rims removed. Tires with rims attached shall not be accepted.

d. BUILDING MATERIALS

- 1. All residues from construction or demolition of buildings shall be inspected by the facility attendant prior to disposal. We will only have collection of these materials twice yearly. A container will be brought in for a spring and a fall collection.

- 1.
- e. GLASS
 1. Glass shall be deposited in designated container or areas.
 2. No glass shall be deposited in the compactor with normal household waste.
- f. CANS
 1. Aluminum cans shall be empty and shall be deposited in designated containers.
 2. All non-aluminum cans of one gallon or less in capacity and all cans or containers containing liquids, paint, spray/aerosol components, tar, asphalt, etc. except items designated unacceptable under Section VI shall be deposited in the compactor.
- g. NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES & CARDBOARD:
 1. All newspapers and magazines and cardboard shall be deposited into the paper container. No newspaper, magazines or cardboard shall be through in the compactor.
- h. ALL OTHER ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS, including garbage, plastics, nonaluminum cans of one gallon or less in capacity, and other household waste not specified in A through G of this section and not excluded as unacceptable under Section VI shall be deposited in the compactor.

IX. OPERATION OF THE FACILITY

a. **AUTHORITY OF THE MANAGER.** The facility manager shall have the right to refuse use of the facility to any person or user who is misusing the facility, is violating these regulations, or does not have a current and proper permit attached to the person's vehicle.

b. **FIREARMS.** Discharge of firearms is prohibited at the facility.

c. **SECURITY.** the facility shall be secured at all times when not open for public access under Section V. No person may enter the facility when it is closed except by permission of the Selectmen.

X. BUSINESS USERS.

a. Business users shall be subject to all requirements pertaining to use of the facility except those specified in Section XI.

b. Business users shall only deposit materials collected within the Town. No out-of-town materials shall be accepted.

XI. COMMERCIAL HAULERS

a. **PERMITS.** Commercial haulers shall be required to purchase a permit from the Town at a cost of \$50.00 per year.

b. Commercial haulers shall only deposit materials collected in the Town. No out-of-town materials shall be accepted.

c. Before haulers bring materials to the facility, they shall provide the facility manager with the following information:

1. Approximate time of arrival,
2. Nature of materials being brought to the facility,
3. Location of pickup site, number of bags per site,

e. Haulers shall provide the facility manager with a statement identifying the contents of the disposed materials, which is signed by the owner of the materials and lists the owner's dump sticker number.

f. Haulers shall limit each load to be disposed to materials from a specific site unless arrangements are made in advance with the facility manager.

XII. FEES. To offset the costs of operating the facility, fees shall be charged for items requiring special handling according to the schedule listed in this section.

a. PAYMENT OF DISPOSAL FEES.

1. Persons disposing of materials for which disposal fees are charged shall inform the facility attendant. The attendant shall record the name and dump sticker number of each person depositing such materials with an itemized list of the materials and the amount of disposal fees to be billed by the Town.

2. Failure to pay disposal fees within 60 days of billing shall result in suspension of access to the facility for a period specified by the Selectmen, not to exceed 60 days for the first offense.

b. FEE SCHEDULE.

1. Metals.

Refrigerators	\$20.00 per unit
Other Major appliances	\$ 5.00 per unit
Small vehicle parts and rims	\$ 2.00 per unit

2. Tires

Standard tires (under 17 inches)	\$3.00 per tire
Large tires (17 to 19.9 inches)	\$5.00 per tire
Commercial tires (20 to 24 inches)	\$10.00 per tire
Industrial tires (over 24 inches)	\$20.00 per tire

XII. VIOLATIONS, FINES AND ASSESSMENTS. Any person who violates these regulations shall be subject to penalties including fines not to exceed \$250.00 for each offense and suspension or termination of access to the facility.

XIV. SEPARABILITY. The invalidity of any provision of this regulation shall not affect the validity of any other provision nor the validity of the regulation as a whole.

XV. CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS. These regulations may be amended by vote of the Selectmen as deemed necessary.

XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE. This regulation shall take effect on November 1st 2003.

Steven Pilcher

Clement Lane

Paul Smalley, Jr.

Selectmen, Town of Groton

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Attendees were:

Board of Selectmen: Clement Lane, Stephen Pilcher

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Joyce Tolman

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deputy: Tabitha Abare-Tolman

Town Moderator: James Albert

Moderator Pro-Tem: Antonio Traveres

Ballot Clerks: Eben Beever, David Demers, Bonnie Lane, Debra Lindsey, Margaret Smith

Supervisors of the Checklist: Dianne Cunningham, Judith Demers, Barbara Traveres

6:00pm Meeting called to order to by moderator James Albert. He asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself as moderator, the Board of Selectmen, Clement Lane, and Stephen Pilcher, the Town Clerk Joyce Tolman, and his assistant moderator Antonio Traveres. He explained the rules of the Town meeting and how it would be run. Any amended warrant articles had to be in writing. If you want to speak on an article, you must come to the front of the room and announce who you are, so all can hear.

Article #1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

James Albert explained that the above article was ensuing and being voted on by ballot vote at the polls, and they would close at 7:00pm.

Article #2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$379,546.00, which represents the Operating Budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A motion was made and seconded to amend line 4583 to reinstate the \$134.00 to the Town's Old Home Day event.

Amendment to reinstate that figure was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to wait until next year on the line item 4583.

Motion to wait was defeated by voice vote.

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A motion was made and seconded to amend the line item 4583-9 Town Events under category Patriotic Expenses item 4583, to reduce the amount to \$1,000.00, thus reducing the operating budget to \$375,546.00.

7:00pm the moderator announced the polls were closed.

Article #2 as amended To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375,546.00, which represents the Operating Budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles.

Article #2 PASSED AS AMENDED.

Short Recess 15 minutes.

Article #3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,629.00 for the purpose of making the final year's payment on the lease agreement for the one-ton Pick-up truck for the Highway Department. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #3 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of ground water and methane gas monitoring of the Groton Landfill, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Dump Closure Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose.

RECOMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #4 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of initiating a pay by the bag system at the Groton Transfer Station, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2002.

RECOMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #5 DEFEATED.

Article #6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,382.00 for the purpose of making the second year's payment of the three year lease agreement

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for the Ford Explorer for the Police Department. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #6 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) for the purpose of completing phase I of the Town House Renovation Project and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2002, with the balance to come from the general fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the renovation project is complete or December 21, 2008, whichever is sooner. (majority vote required.)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A hand count needed to be taken YES 41 NO 17

Article #7 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the preparation and repair of class V dirt roads to include: Blanchette Lane, Edgar Albert Road, Old Rumney Road, Fletcher Road, and Bailey Hill Road.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #8 DEFEATED.

Article #9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of adding one full time position to the Groton Police Department.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A hand count needed to be taken YES 40 NO 19

Article #9 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a computer and peripherals for the Police Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Article #10 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V town road, the portion of the Edgar Albert Road, from the former Rodger Bean log cabin up to the fork in the road at the Green Cow property; this portion being approximately 0.29 miles in length.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A motion was made and seconded to table Article #11.

Article #11 WAS TABLED.

Article #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for deposit to the Playground Capital Reserve Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$30,000.00 from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2002.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #12 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #13 To see if the Town will vote to rename and reclassify the purpose of the Playground Capital Reserve Fund, to be further known as the Groton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding recreational opportunities for the Town of Groton, and to further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Requires 2/3 ballot vote).

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A ballot vote needed to be taken YES 29 NO 16

Article #13 WAS DEFEATED by 1 vote, needed a 2/3 majority.

Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a needs committee of townspeople to develop a long term plan for the use of property known as the Hebron/Groton Athletic Field.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #14 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #15 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Disaster Relief Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of absorbing the cost of unexpected natural disasters and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to open this fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 from the surplus in the unexpended

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fund balance as of December 31, 2002, and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #15 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for deposit to the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #16 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #17 To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent position from a one year term to a three year term. (ballot vote required).

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A ballot vote was taken YES 26 NO 17

Article #17 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article #18 Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost for insurance in the country; and Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Groton, New Hampshire call on our elected officials from all levels of government and those seeking office, to work with customers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #18 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

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Article #19 To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

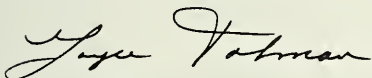
RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #19 PASSED AS WRITTEN.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the March 11, 2003 Town Meeting to count ballots. Motion was passed and meeting ADJOURNED at 10:08pm.

March 11, 2003 at 11:56pm ballots were sealed into their boxes and immediately were locked in the Town Clerk's office.

A TRUE ATTEST OF WARRANT AND TOWN MEETING

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Tolman".

Joyce Tolman
Town Clerk

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VITAL STATISTICS 2002

The following have been recorded at the Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics in Concord.

BIRTHS:

- April 29 Mackenzie Taylor Getman in Plymouth to Mark and Melissa Getman.*
- August 8 Hannah Rose Taylor in Laconia to Michael and Diane Taylor*

MARRIAGES:

- Feb. 20 Gary R. Steel and Marci R. Sadoques in Dorchester.*
- June 7 Daniel D. Tobine and Anne M. Coursey in Campton.*
- July 4 William F. Barrett and Eileen M. Cormier in Groton.*
- Aug. 1 Edward J. Smolinsky and Kathleen Smolinsky in Groton.*
- Sept. 6 Charles F. Coursey and Rebecca K. Sharp in Alexandria.*
- Sept. 20 Edward N. Smith and Rita A. Clark in Bristol.*
- Dec. 6 Travis J. Austin and Samantha E. Abare-Tolman in Groton.*

DEATHS:

- Feb. 17 Joan J. Bentley in Plymouth*
- July 14 David R. Frisch in Lebanon.*
- Aug. 20 Thomas S. Costello in Groton.*
- Sept. 4 Nancy L Hewes in Lebanon.*
- Sept. 20 Barry C. Nelson in Plymouth.*
- Dec. 25 Jerry G. Goodwin in Groton.*



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**to report a fire,
accident, medical or
Police Emergency**

**For additional, non-
emergency police business:**

Dial – 744-3703

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Selectmen's Office Fax	744-3382
Town Clerk	744-8849
Transfer Station	744-3623
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