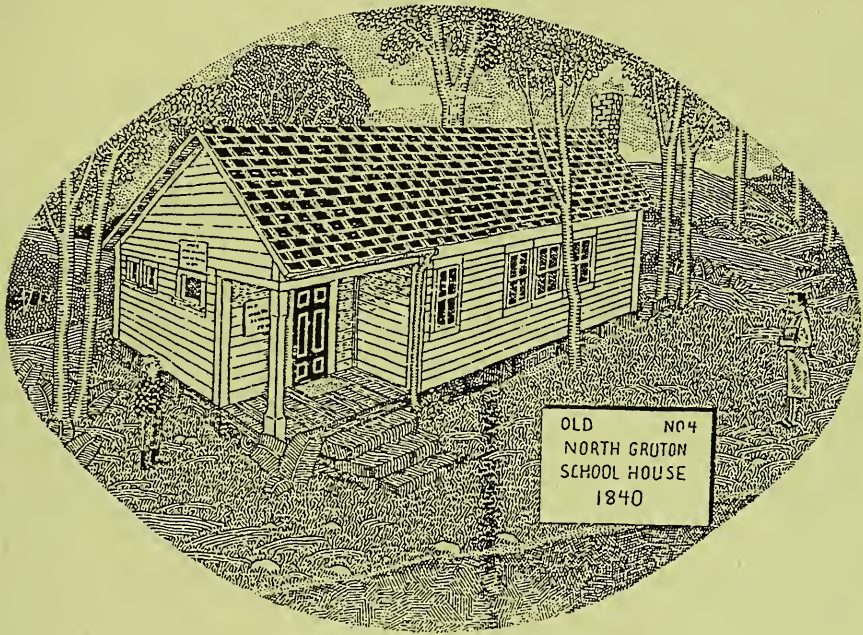



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Annual Report

Year Ending December 31, 2004



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS OF

The

TOWN OF GROTON,

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December 31, 2004

Groton Town Officials

December 31, 2004



Board of Selectmen

Eben Beaver	2005
Clement "Buddy" Lane	2005
Michael Brogna	2007

Moderator

Miles Sinclair	2006
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Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Joyce A. Tolman	2006
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Treasurer

Debra Lindsey	2005
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Deputy Treasurer

Elizabeth Christiansen

Administrative Assistant

Michelle Clark
01/01/04-12/20/04

Rachel Twombly

Road Agent

James Albert	2005
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Emergency Management Director

Norman Willey
Mike Lemieux (Asst.)

Town Forester

Eben Beaver

Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Roger Thompson

Police Chief

William White

Librarian

Pamela Yinger

Groton Town Officials (Continued)

December 31, 2004

Library Trustees

Tabitha Abare-Tolman	2007
"Betty" Smolinsky	2005
Joyce Tolman	2006

Planning Board

Eben Beever (Chair)	
Tabitha Abare-Tolman	2007
David Demers	2005
Judith Demers	2005
Steve "Slim" Spafford	2006

Supervisors of the Checklist

Diane M.S. Cunningham	2006
Judith Demers	2008
Pamela Yinger	2010

Cemetery Trustees

Peter Newton	2007
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Trustee of Trust Funds

Bonnie J Lane	2005
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We would like to thank all the Town employees and volunteers who worked throughout the year to make the Town a better place. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. We would also like to thank the Town House Committee and everyone involved for his or her hard work in completing the Town House renovations.

The Groton Recreation Committee is well under way with plans to install the driveway and parking area in the spring. Playground equipment is still arriving and will be set up in the spring as well.

After some research and a lot of debating, the board has come to the conclusion that a Capital Reserve Fund be set up for a future fire department. It needs to be decided if a committee should be set up in order for research and costs to be done so that we can move forward with this plan. This issue will continue to be at the top of the priority list. With all of the positive input and ideas that we have received from the town we feel that we are progressing in the right direction.

As everyone is well aware, the taxes increased this year. This was mainly due to an increase in school funding, a reduction in the State Adequate Education Grant money and lower than expected timber tax revenue. As a response to this, we have tried to minimize the special warrant articles requiring money raised through taxes. Some of the ongoing projects that we feel are important to initiate or continue funding is:

- Recreation Area- Begin ground work to include parking area, install playground equipment; ice skating rink and ball field.
- Transfer Station- Complete Phase 1 of the improvements to increase the efficiency handling the recyclables.
- Fire Department- Initiate a Capital Reserve Fund to set money aside while the actual costs and needs of the Town are thoroughly researched.

All three of these projects will be funded out of the surplus and will not affect taxes. We hope the voters join us in supporting these projects.

We would like everyone to join us in thanking Michelle Clark for her past 6 years as Administrative Assistant and welcoming Rachel Twombly to that position.

Eben Beaver, Chairman
Mike Brogna, Selectman
Clement "Buddy" Lane, Selectman

Town of Groton Warrant 2005 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2005 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 8th 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 08, 2005

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 08, 2004

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to **accept Edgar Albert Road as a Class V** Road from the Hubbard's place, tax map 2 lot 77, formerly owned by W.H. Kimball in 1926 to the fork in the road leading to the Palermo Mine, a distance of approximately .20 miles. This portion of the road was previously discontinued by a vote of the town in 1926 but it has been re-dedicated to public use in the August 1969 subdivision map entitled "Map of Land in the Town of Groton N.H. belonging to Kaminsky & Bemis" by John French recorded in the Grafton County Registry of Deeds, book 1104 page 43.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease in the amount of sixty five thousand two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$65,285.00), and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand fifty seven dollars (\$13,057.00) at 5.9% for the 1st year lease payment of a 2005 Ford F-550 Regular Cab Truck for the Highway Department. This lease contains an escape clause.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) for deposit to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to enter into an active membership with the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit for 1 year.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen hundred dollars (1,700.00) to update the existing Police Department's issued pistols and holsters, and the purchase of one additional pistol and holster.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for renovations to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office, a computer workstation and two fireproof file cabinets.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for deposit to the Groton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of (\$25,000.00) from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2004.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) for the purpose of making renovations to the Groton Transfer Station and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of (\$12,000) from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2004.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a future Fire Department and the purchase of the equipment needed, and to further raise and appropriate thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in this account and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from the surplus in the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2004.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the preparation and shimming of portions of North Groton and Sculptured Rocks Road.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to modify the optional tax credit for service connected total disability, pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, from \$700 to \$1500. **Petitioned Warrant Article.**

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to change the Administrative Assistants hours to be as follows: **Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday evenings prior to the selectmen's meeting. Petitioned Warrant Article.**

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to have keys to all town offices, excluding the Police Department. Petitioned Warrant Article.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and eleven thousand two hundred and fifty five dollars (\$511,255.00), 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 17: 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 2005.

Eben Beaver

Clement Lane

Michael Brogna

GROTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

Eben Beaver

Clement "Buddy" Lane

Michael Brogna

Groton Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF GROTON - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2005 2004
Article # Article #

Proposed Budget Actual
Expenditures? 2005 Proposed Thru 12/31/2004 2004 Budget

II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)

OPERATING BUDGET

SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

13057	603,955	577,451	625,503
	511,255	416,406	452,079
	92,700	161,045	173,424

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1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130	238,280	197,299.58	185,625
	46,000	44,155.70	46,650
	37,000	35,033.33	37,000
	0	2,845.00	3,000
4130.1	150	150.65	100
4130.2	400	460.81	400
4130.3	1,500	0.00	1,000
	0	0.00	0
	2,000	1,593.98	2,000
	500	164.50	500
	2,500	3,464.03	2,000
	650	443.40	650
	1,300	0.00	0

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ELECTION/REGISTRAR/VITAL STATS

4140	43,140	36,461.15	38,525
	27,040	19,995.78	21,400
	0	0.00	0
	1,500	589.16	1,500
	1,500	1,040.00	950
	700	498.45	600
	3,500	5,976.50	4,500
	2,000		
	200	250.00	200
	25	184.07	25
	1,300	1,997.36	1,400
	1,285	879.66	1,550
	2,290	438.18	1,000
	900	4,181.99	3,500
	900	430.00	1,900
	0	0.00	0

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4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				3	2
4150.1	Acctg/Finan Reporting (Town Report)	29,440	23,097.34	29,940		
4150.2	Auditing	1,000	427.00	1,500		
4150.3	Assessing	9,800	7,224.54	9,800		
4150.4	Tax Collecting	15,700	12,669.55	15,700		
4150.5	Treasury:					
131	Treasurer Salary	2,700	2,756.25	2,700		
132	Deputy Treasurer Salary	240	20.00	240		
4152	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	0	0.00	0	3	2
4152.1	External Revaluation Services					
4152.2	Internal Revaluation Services					
4153	LEGAL EXPENSES	9,000	22,796.88	7,000	3	2
4153.1	Legal Separation Operations					
4153.2	Defense Proceedings	1,000	17,000.00	1,000		
4153.3	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements					
4153.4	Collective Bargaining					
4153.5	Attorney Fees - General Advice	8,000	5,796.88	6,000		
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	53,000	31,652.10	36,000	3	2
4155.1	Personnel Department	8,000	8,948.98	6,000		
4155.2	Benefits Not Allocated to Other Departments	30,000	14,361.94	15,000		
4155.3	Health Insurance	15,000	8,341.18	15,000		
4155.4	FICA					
4191	PLANNING AND ZONING	700	146.15	1,500	3	2
4191.1	Planning & Development Control:					
625	Postage	300	39.78	300		
690	Misc.	200	106.37	500		
4191.2	Zoning Enforcement	100	0.00	500		
4191.3	Zoning Appeals	100	0.00	200		
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	19,100	14,093.27	16,550	3	2
4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:					
120	Repair & Maintenance Wages	2,000	1,049.50	2,000		
360	Custodial Services	2,600	1,621.89	1,800		
390	Contracted Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	4,413.38	7,000		
410	Electricity	1,000	944.85	750		
411	Heat & Oil	2,000	1,954.19	1,000		
750	Furniture & Fixtures	4,000	2,566.12	3,600		
4194.2	Town House Repairs & Maintenance:					
410	Electricity	1,000	508.30	400		
410	Other	1,500	1,035.04			
4195	CEMETERIES	3,500	3,010.50	3,500	3	2
4195.1	Repairs, Mtnc & Upkeep of Cemetery	3,000	1,409.50	3,000		
130	Salaries	500	1,601.00	500		
610	Supplies					

4196	GENERAL INSURANCE		12,000	11,878.71	12,000	3	2
	Property & Liability Insurance		10,000	8,820.24	10,000		
	Multi-Peril Insurance						
	Workers' Compensation		2,000	3,058.47	2,000		
4197	ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC		2,700	2,137.36	2,700	3	2
	Advertising		1,000	929.91	1,000		
	Dues		1,700	1,207.45	1,700		
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		19,700	7,870.42	21,200	3	2
	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances		5,000	0.00	5,000		
	Forestry		2,700	1,834.54	2,700		
	Tax Mapping		2,000	135.88	3,500		
	Grants		10,000	5,900.00	10,000		
			120,125	83,703.30	90,175	3	2 * (off set by revenues)
4210	2 - PUBLIC SAFETY		74,125	66,875.58	66,375	3	2,9
	POLICE						
	Administration						
	110 Wages		52,500	44,230.98	39,000		
	341 Telephone		2,300	2,682.12	1,700		
	560 Dues & Subscriptions		300	100.00	600		
	610 Office Supplies		750	747.55	500		
	320 Crime Control & Investigation		3,000	3,000.00	3,500		
	4210.2 Training		0	46.00	4,200		
	4210.4 Support Services						
	4210.5 390 Plymouth Area Prosecutors		4,000	4,035.52	3,500		
	390 Emergency Response Team Membership		0	0.00	2,500		
	390 Dispatch Service		4,200	4,454.96	4,500		
	430 Vehicle Maintenance		1,500	1,483.96	500		
	611 Cruiser Equipment & Supplies			1,472.76	750		
	612 Uniforms & Personnel Equipment		1,000	1,185.82	1,000		
	613 Guns, Ammunition, etc		500	533.82	500		
	614 Other Supplies			661.78	500		
	615 Postage		125				
	635 Gasoline for Cruiser		2,000	1,700.31	2,000		
	4210.6 Special Details		1,000	540.00	1,125		
	4210.7 Meetings/Workshops		200				
	Pest/Animal Control		750				
4215	AMBULANCE					3	2
	Contracted Services						
	4215.1 Town Operated Services						
4220	FIRE		43,000	15,336.61	20,800	3	2
	Administration		2,500	631.02	2,500		
	4220.1 Fire Fighting						
	4220.2 Equipment		1,500	578.50	1,000		

4321.1	Superintendent's Office	15,000			3,200
4321.2	Site Office/Landfill Monitoring	14,055.67			15,000
4323	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	1,000	111.65	1,000	3 2
4323.4	Recycling	1,000	111.65	1,000	
4324	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	48,550	46,416.28	47,650	3 2
4324.1	Landfill Operations				
110	Wages	18,000	18,651.90	15,000	
341	Telephone	400	378.31	350	
390	Training & Certification	150	100.00	200	
410	Electricity	1,000	956.65	850	
411	Heat & Oil	400	172.49	250	
430	Compactor Related Expenses	200	0.00	200	
560	Dues	900	581.96	900	
810	Other	2,000	1,703.50	600	
4324.2	Transportation Costs	25,000	23,871.47	28,300	
4324.3	Incineration				
4324.4	Recycling				
4324.5	Hazardous Waste				
4324.9	Other	500		1,000	
		0	0.00	0	
4411	6 - HEALTH	6,450	3,001.50	6,355	3 2
4411.1	ADMINISTRATION	3,000	646.85	3,000	3 2
4411.2	Office & Statistics Laboratories	3,000	646.85	3,000	
4415	HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS	3,450	2,354.65	3,355	3 2
4415.6	Other				
351	Plymouth Regional Clinic	1,000		1,000	
352	Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services	0		0	
353	Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency	2,200	2,122.65	2,123	
354	Task Force / Domestic Violence	250	232.00	232	
4419					3 2
4419.1					
4442	7 - WELFARE	7,250	6,576.99	6,250	3 2
4442.1	DIRECT ASSISTANCE	2,000	500.00	2,000	3 2
4442.9	Direct Assistance (by client group) Other	2,000	500.00	2,000	
4444	INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENTS	1,250	750.00	1,250	3 2
4444.1	Direct Assistance (by agency)				
391	Tri-County Community Action	750	650.00	750	
392	Grafton County Senior Citizens	500	100.00	500	

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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	5,100	1,500
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		50,000	21,554	20,000
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	500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			168	100
3188	Excavation Activity Tax		350		
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		60,000	80,556	70,000
3230	Building Permits		-	525	400
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,500	3,346	2,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		1,570	4,064	2,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		13,311	15,729	15,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		20,556	20,458	20,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		1,354	1,143	1,000
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	3,579	3,000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		20,000	22,811	
3502	Interest on Investments		2,000	1,093	1,000
3503-3509	Other (Grants)			5,784	5,000

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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		8500	8344.83	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			80000	80000	72,000
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS					222,000

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	511,255
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	71,500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	56,200
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	638,955
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	222,000
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	416,955

Police Department	Digital Radio Communication	\$2,461.00
Police Department	O.H.R.V. Patrol Grant	\$4,150.00
Police Department	Satellite Training Grant	\$ 850.00
Emergency Manage	Automated External Defibrillator (In service at Town House)	\$1,800.00

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY REVENUE

Parcel ID:	Sale Price
1-40	\$17,000.00
10-22 Timber Sales	\$ 6,311.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 01/01/2005

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2004	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2003	2002	2001+
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 122,374.83	\$ 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	\$ 1,734.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	XXXXXX	\$ 108.12	\$ 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	\$ 1,095,820.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 22,051.48	\$ 1,947.85
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 168.34	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		\$ 409.13			
New This Fiscal Year		\$ 1,073.00			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 906.74	\$ 10,102.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,125,528.69	\$ 136,267.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 01/01/2005

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	PRIOR LEVIES			
	2004	2003	2002	2001+
Property Taxes	\$ 816,819.13	\$ 90,169.67	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 21,554.39	\$ 1,078.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 906.74	\$ 10,102.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 168.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,074.78	\$ 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	\$ 409.13			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 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	\$ 0.00	\$ 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	\$ 276,305.87	\$ 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	\$ 497.09	\$ 1,842.07	\$ 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
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	\$ 0.00			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	\$ 1,073.00			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,125,528.69	\$ 136,267.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of GROTON Year Ending 01/01/2005

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2004	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2003	2002	2001+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 29,974.59	\$ 22,111.20
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,322.83	\$ 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	\$ 523.07	\$ 4,220.85	\$ 9,172.11
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,845.90	\$ 34,195.44	\$ 31,283.31

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2004	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2003	2002	2001+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 7,266.79	\$ 17,788.94	\$ 22,111.20
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 523.07	\$ 4,220.85	\$ 9,172.11
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,056.04	\$ 12,185.65	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 37,845.90	\$ 34,195.44	\$ 31,283.31

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Joyce Ann Tolman DATE January 10, 2005
Joyce Ann Tolman

Treasurers Report

January 1 - December 31, 2004

General Account

Balance on hand JANUARY 1, 2004	\$214,861.08
Receipts: Tax Collector	\$ 893,566.60
Town Clerk	83,709.48
Treasurer	298,053.79
Bank Interest	<u>73.75</u>
Total Receipts	1,275,403.62
Disbursements: Selectmens orders paid	
Payments	<u>1,245,727.43</u>
Balance on hand DECEMBER 31, 2004	\$244,537.27

On Deposit in the Meredith Village Savings Bank

Treasurers Report (Continued)

January 1 - December 31, 2004

Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance on hand JANUARY 1, 2004 165,892.15

Receipts:

Income Earned	1,374.98
Contribution	63,000.00

Disbursements:

Withdrawals	200,000.00
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Balance on Hand DECEMBER 31, 2004
\$30,267.13

On deposit in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

**TOWN OF GROTON
FUND BALANCE REPORT
AS OF 12/31/04 (un-audited)**

Fund balance as of 12/31/04	\$235,000.00
Proposed amount to be transferred	\$ 72,000.00
Balance	\$163,000.00

Town of Groton Transfer Station

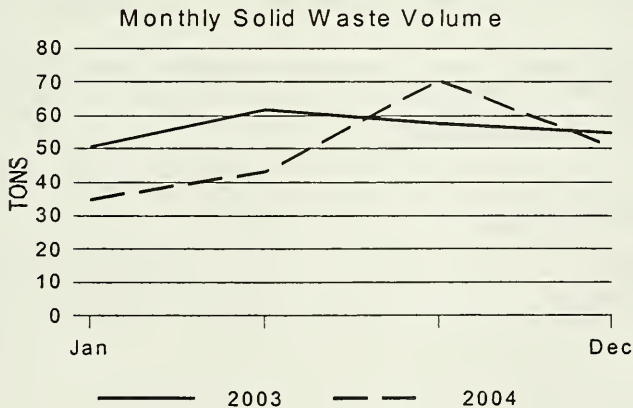
In 2003, the Town implemented new policies for the Transfer Station including mandatory recycling for glass and paper. Throughout this year, we have been working towards more consistent handling of the recyclables at the transfer station. As a result, in 2004 we have seen a reduction in waste disposal volume and cost. We generated about 26 tons less garbage this year, which in part helped save over \$4,000.00 in disposal costs despite increased tipping fees and trucking costs. Much of this is due to the mandatory recycling of paper, cardboard, and glass. These are the heaviest waste of any quantity in household garbage. The recycled paper/cardboard was sold, generating some revenue and the glass is crushed on site for use as fill and subsurface drainage for the roads. We thank everyone for their continued efforts in recycling. We hope the voters support the warrant article for improvements at the transfer station this year. This money, along with a portion under contract from last year will complete Phase 1 of the Transfer Station Project. This project has been undertaken to increase the capacity and efficiency in handling recyclables. Currently the aluminum cans are crushed one at a time by hand and sold, the paper/cardboard is sold mixed for \$65/ton, the plastics

and tin cans are trucked and given to Plymouth loose. As shown below, all of these are worth more money if they are baled and sold in bulk. The final step, Phase 2, includes plans for a small baler and a skid steer loader so the town can bale and sell all the recyclables efficiently. Please take the time to look at the Transfer Station plans on display at town meeting. Lastly, we would like to thank Al Conkey and Jerry Berry for their continued work over the years at the Transfer Station.

MARKET PRICES FOR RECYCLABLES

As reported at the November Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District meeting

Clear plastics	\$480/ton	Newspaper	\$80/ton
Colored plastics	\$360/ton	Scrap metal	\$45/ton
Cardboard	\$78-80/ton	Tin cans	\$220/ton



Town of Groton Fire Department

In 2004 the Town of Groton did not see any increase in overall activity, we actually dropped a few calls compared to 2003. We did see an increase in the amount of medical calls compared to last year. This may be due to the elderly, or population growth. We had a total of 31 calls in Groton, 26 of which were medical calls, the others being fire related calls. These calls included unattended outside burning, wires down, hazardous material and a building fire.

I would like to ask that all residents who have been issued a street number to please display the numbers to be visible from the road. If you do not yet have a street number, we are currently working with 911 to provide you with current numbers along with, updating our 911 maps. The last time there was an update was 2000. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this update, we hope to have it completed by the end of the summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me and I will do my best to assist you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Thompson
Groton, Fire Warden

FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The Town of Groton fortunately, did not experience any wild land fires in 2004. This credit goes to the residents of Groton and the help provided by the Town's Deputy Fire Wardens issuing fire permits and monitoring any and all open burning. We did experience one unattended burn pile, which was extinguished. The Forest Fire Laws of New Hampshire do not allow for any open burning without a permit. Unless, the ground is snow covered. If the ground is not snow covered a permit is required. These permits can be obtained by a number of townsfolk who are, Wardens, Deputy Wardens or Issuing Agents. The only time a permitted fire can be kindled is between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., while it is raining.

The following is a list of people permits can be obtained from:

Fire Warden	Roger Thompson	786-2138
Deputy Warden	Gary Steele	786-9381
Deputy Warden	Bill Oakley	744-3094
Deputy Warden	Ed Smith	744-2962
Deputy Warden	Norm Willey	744-3703
Deputy Warden	Pat Oakley	744-3094
Issuing Agent	Debra Thompson	786-2138

If you should have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Thompson
Fire Warden

Groton Police Department

To all residents and non-residents of Groton, thank you all for your generous support of your Police/Emergency Management Department. We had a very active year this year, with calls for service up 30% overall, as our population continues to increase with the present economy.

We lost two officers this year, Tammy Thorpe has left us to become a full-time officer for the City of Franklin, New Hampshire. Officer Bill Gabler has been put on the inactive file due to work conflict schedules. We hope Officer Gabler will be able to rejoin us as his schedule permits. We hired Officer Bill Jolly in July of this past year and he is currently attending the Part-time Officers Academy in Concord. He has also completed his E.M.T. training and is qualified as such. Officer Jolly has 16 years of military experience, and is currently serving with the N.H. National Guard/Sergeant. Bill resides in the Town of Groton, and is self-employed. We have also recently hired Officer James Ward as a part-time officer. Jim is a certified E.M.T., and a part-time officer in the Town of Bristol. Jim is a newly retired National Guard/Sergeant. Jim resides in the Town of Hebron and is also self-employed.

All the active Groton officers are also sworn officers for the Town of Hebron. This makes integration with Hebron Fire/E.M.S. personnel during calls efficient, as we are used to working together. We currently have mutual aid agreements with these surrounding towns: Alexandria, Bristol, Bridgewater, Hebron, Plymouth, Rumney, Wentworth and Warren.

In October of this year we completed the move from our old, cramped office to our beautiful new office inside the Townhouse. This office will serve our needs for many years to come, and will give us room to grow. We would like to thank all the residents and the Townhouse Committee who worked closely with us to address our needs and make this possible.

We have been fortunate to receive \$9,261.00 worth of grants from various Federal and State Agencies. Sgt. Willey has the

responsibility of writing these grants and has become quite proficient.

The Department logged over 600 calls through the Grafton County Dispatch Center along with 300 calls on a “walk in” basis, due to the availability of the full time officer. Pistol permits were a popular item again this year, with 35 being issued. Calls for service ranged from felony level child abuse and felony burglary to routine animal complaints. One area that has shown the most improvement is burglaries and break-ins, which are down 75% from previous years. This is the result of increased patrolling techniques and the “House Check” program that started two years ago. Overall, motor vehicle accidents are down 50% in town, also due to the presence of increased patrols. “911” calls continue to be the area with the most increase, with over 150 logged for 2004. As our population continues to grow these calls are also expected to increase.

On behalf of all of us at the Groton Police Department, we would like to all thank you for letting us serve you.

Chief, William White
Sergeant, Norm Willey
Officer, Bill Jolly
Officer, Jim Ward

**Groton Public Library
2004 Report**

Checking Account: Beginning Balance 01/01/04 \$2,207.39

Deposits:

Appropriation from Town	\$2,000.00	
Book & Bake Sales	\$ 109.75	
Refunded money from expenses	<u>\$ 39.85</u>	
	\$2,149.60	+ 2,149.60
		<u>\$ 4,356.99</u>

Expenses from Checking Account

Librarian Wages	\$ 1,059.69	
Trustee Dues	60.00	
Verizon	420.15	
Books/Magazines	560.37	
Book Drop	162.90	
Oriental	75.04	
Postage	<u>7.40</u>	
	\$ 2,345.55	- <u>2,345.55</u>

Ending Balance as of 12/31/04	\$ 2,011.44
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The Librarian and the Trustees want to thank all the people who donated their time and sent baked goods for the book sales and the Halloween and Christmas parties. The children especially want to thank Diane West our Halloween storyteller, and of course, Mike Lemieux for his appearance at our Christmas party

Trustees:

Tabitha Abare-Tolman
"Betty" Smolinsky
Joyce Tolman

**TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH 2005**

We as a Committee are very pleased with the outcome of the Town House Renovation Project. We accomplished more than we had anticipated with the funds appropriated. The completion of the renovation gave a permanent home to our Office of Public Safety, which includes, Police, Fire and Emergency Management. It also provides a comfortable space for weekly/monthly committee meetings.

Several very nice community events have been held at the Town House this year, including a harvest dance to benefit the Recreation Committee. A generous group of citizens also hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens in town, and in December a social event was held for residents to gather to play cards and/or favorite games. The committee could not be happier at the turnout for all of these events. What a wonderful way to foster community spirit in a small town kind of way.

Once again, we must thank Ken Martell for his never-ending devotion to this project. Ken donated hundreds of hours of his time seeing this project to its completion. Not only did Ken donate his time, he donated in monetary ways as well. When the committee told Ken that no money was available for some small project he thought would add that extra touch, Ken donated the time and money to do it himself.

A special thanks to Margaret Smith who set up a memorial fund in Dow's name to be used at the Town House. With this fund the committee decided to purchase the flag and flagpole, to be raised in Dow's honor. It was Dow's fondest wish to see the Town House brought back to its former use as a gathering place for the citizens of Groton.

Sincerely,

**Dave & Judith Demers
Ken Martell
Mike Lemieux
Steve Pilcher**

**Buddy & Bonnie Lane
Miles Sinclair
Michelle Clark
Margaret Smith**

GROTON RECREATION REPORT

The Groton Recreational Committee is made up of ten to twelve members who are interested in planning and working on the Groton Recreational Park, as a project for the Town. The GRC has had two fundraisers to assist in getting this project completed. They are dedicated people. We would like to thank the people on the committee, as well as some people in the town who have shared an interest in making this possible.

Fundraisers:

August 21, 2004 Old Home Day

This was held at the town garage, as it was a rainy day. Everyone had a great time playing games and the food from the grill was excellent.

November 13, 2004 Harvest Dance

This was held at the Town House and everyone had fun dancing to all kinds of music and again the food table was delicious.

8-21-04	\$250.00
11-13-04	<u>\$361.45</u>
	\$611.50

We would like anyone who is interested, to attend the meetings, and please do come to the fundraisers.

TOWN OF GROTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board welcomed a new member after town meeting last March. Tabitha Abare-Tolman replaced Bonnie Lane. Tabitha has been an asset to the board. The planning board has been just as busy as it was in the past year. We turned in \$525.00 from building permits this year, making that 25 building permits issued. We also had one large subdivision on Bailey Hill Road. One lot line adjustment, and two lot mergers were also completed. The Town of Groton is indeed growing. The planning board is expecting to be just as busy in the upcoming year. On a sad note we have learned two of our members Dave and Judy Demers will not be running for their seats on the board this March. Dave and Judy both were an asset to the board and cared deeply about what happens in the town, they will be truly missed. In closing we would like to thank the town for its continued support of our work.

Eben Beever, Chairman

Clement "Buddy" Lane, Selectmen Liaison

Judy Demers

Stephen Spafford

Dave Demers

Tabitha Abare-Tolman

Dial 911

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

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

Dial – 744-3703

Town of Groton Board of Selectmen	744-9190
Selectmen's Office Fax	744-3382
Town Clerk	744-8849
Transfer Station	744-3623
Town of Groton Library	744-3668

Minutes of Town Meeting
Groton, New Hampshire
Town House
March 9th, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Attendees were:

Board of Selectmen: Clement "Buddy" Lane, Stephen Pilcher, Paul Smalley

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Joyce Tolman

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deputy: Tabitha Abare-Tolman

Town Moderator: Miles Sinclair

Moderator Pro-tem: David Demers

Ballot Clerks: Bonnie Lane, Pamela Yinger

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

6:00pm Meeting was called to order by moderator Miles Sinclair. He asked for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself as moderator, he asked the selectmen and others to introduce themselves, Clement "Buddy" Lane, Stephen Pilcher, Paul Smalley, Administrative Assistant Michelle Clark and Town Clerk, Joyce Tolman.

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

Article #2 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 495,000.00 of bonds 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

There was a motion to bring Article #13 forward. The motion was denied because the bond issue needed to be decided before other town issues were voted on.

7:00pm the moderator declared the polls were closed

Article #2 was DEFEATED by ballot vote: YES 47 NO 46

8:30pm there was a 5-minute recess.

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 #3 was PASSED as written.

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #4 was PASSED as written by hand vote: YES 49 NO 34

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 #5 was PASSED as written.

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 #6 was DEFEATED by ballot vote: YES 16 NO 59

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.) 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

There was a motion made and seconded to amend the article as follows:

Article #7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty 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.) 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).

Article #7 was PASSED as amended.

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 of making renovations to the Groton Transfer Station.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #8 was PASSED as written.

There was a motion made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of previous articles. This motion passed.

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 #9 was PASSED as written.

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 #10 was PASSED as written.

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

Article # 11 was DEFEATED by ballot vote. YES 19 NO 29

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

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article #12 was PASSED as written.

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

There was a motion made and seconded to read the article line by line. The motion passed with a hand vote. YES 21 NO 18

There was a motion made and seconded to amend line item 4215 under ambulance contracted services to reduce the amount to \$0.00.

There was a motion made and seconded to amend line item 4583 under patriotic purposes to reduce the amount from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00.

Article #13 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$451,829.00, which represents the Operating Budget for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article #13 was PASSED as amended.

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

Article #14 was PASSED as written.

There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the March 9th, 2004 to count ballots. Motion was PASSED and meeting adjourned at 12:08am March 10th, 2004.

March 10th, 2004 at 2:02am ballots were sealed into their boxes and were immediately locked in the Town Clerk's office.

A TRUE ATTEST OF WARRANT AND TOWN MEETING

 03-19-04

Joyce Tolman
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS 2004

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

BIRTHS:

- July 7 **Tristan Robert Spaulding Poulin to Eric Poulin and Jessica Spaulding**
- Nov. 6 **Molly Lu Micah McKellar to Joseph McKellar and Michelle Chamberlin**

MARRIAGES:

- Jan. 3 **David Leone and Shirley R. Caveney in Sanbornton**
- Feb. 14 **Joshua W. Clark and Michelle E. Fisher in Hebron**
- Feb. 25 **John J. Webb and Michelle J. Chamberlin in Waterville Valley.**
- July 12 **Alexander S. Golden and Brittany E. Jones in Groton**
- July 31 **James J. Lindsey and Wendy Jordon in Groton**
- July 31 **Bill W. Shinn and Billie J. Buskey in Plymouth**

DEATHS:

- Feb. 3 **Ralph Maley in Concord, N.H.**
- Apr. 12 **Henry Karkheck in Plymouth, N.H**
- Oct. 12 **William Perry in Groton, N.H.**

