

**TOWN OF GROTON  
COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS**

The Town of Groton has twenty-two Trust Funds and four Gift Funds. These Funds are overseen by three (3) elected officials. There is one paid position, Executive Director.

The following is a list of the Trust Funds and the exact wording describing how the monies may be expended. Four funds have been updated through the legal process of Cy Pres. These changes were made through the Probate Court and the wording follows the original description where applicable:

**SARAH E. BARR EYE FUND**

**1940**

"The bequest of Sarah Elizabeth Barr, of the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, the income only to be applied under the direction of the Overseer of the Poor of said Town, to the treatment of worthy citizens of said Town suffering from disease or injury to the eye, which necessitates a surgical operation thereon."  
(Source: 1940 Town Report)

"It is Ordered and Adjudged that the plaintiff is authorized to apply income of the Trust toward all forms of eye care for needy citizens of Groton, including, but not limited to, the surgical and non-surgical treatment of eye disease, injuries and conditions." (Probate Court June 1992)

**MARIA BELITSKY TRUST AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**2005**

"Honor the accomplishments of Maria Belitsky by...awarding scholarships on an annual basis to a deserving student or students who have demonstrated an interest in the horticulture field which includes landscape and floral design, forestry, farming, conservation and environmental studies. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who graduates from the Nashoba Valley Technical High School. First consideration will be given to Groton residents. (Source: Trust document)

**PETER E. BERTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP AND TRUST FUND**

**2002**

"...awarding scholarships on an annual basis to a deserving student or students who have demonstrated interest in conservation or environmental studies who graduate from Groton-Dunstable Regional High School; and, supporting conservation activities in Groton and using funds to promote conservation, wildlife preservation, environmental education and the protection of habitat for wildlife in Groton." (Source: Trust Document)

**BUTLER GROTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION FUND****1984**

"It is the intent of the Reunion Committee that the Commissioners shall maintain, manage and preserve the principal and that the interest be expended under your direction and approval for the benefit of the library of the Groton-Dunstable Regional High School, to purchase or acquire such additional books, subscriptions, or other educational material that would not be generally included in the regular budget of the Regional School." (Source: letter from donor)

**BLOOD CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND****1911**

"I give and bequeath...to the Town of Groton two hundred (\$200) dollars to be used for the care of the Thomas Blood lot in the Old Cemetery." Source: copy of the Last Will and Testament of Jerusha Blood)

**CHAMPNEY CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND****1987**

"I give to the Treasurer of the Town of Groton the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars to be invested and the interest to be used as needed forever to keep in good order the curbing, monument, and headstones at the graves of my Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters in the Old Burying Ground of said Groton..." (Source: copy of the Last Will and Testament of Jerusha Blood)

"...it is decreed: Full utilization of the Blood and Champney trust funds has become impossible and impracticable....In order to fulfill the intent..., the two funds shall be combined into a new trust fund to be called "**The Blood and Champney Old Burying Ground Preservation Fund**". ...the Fund shall be used for the preservation and improvement of the Old Burying Ground, including, but not limited to, its monuments, headstones, stonewalls, iron gates, and trees. The Fund may not be used for the usual and ordinary maintenance of the Old Burying Ground. Priority must always be given to the preservation of the Blood and Champney lots and stones. ..." (Source: Probate Court November 1992)

**WILLARD DALRYMPLE EYE FUND****1886**

"...and the income only of \$2,500 shall be applied under the direction of the Overseer of the Poor of said Town to the treatment of worthy American citizens of said Town suffering from disease of or injury to the eye." (Source: copy of the Last Will and Testament of Willard Dalrymple)

**DR. SAMUEL A GREEN CHARITY FUND****1920**

"...the income thereof to be expended on the worthy poor, without regard to creed, color or nationality, preference always to be given to widows and spinsters." (Source: copy of the Last Will and Testament of Samuel A. Green)

**GROTON COMMONS****1990**

"...The Groton School gifts to the Town in the amount of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars to be set up as a separate fund called the Groton Commons Fund, the income of which is to be used to maintain the Town Common. It is not intended that the income be used to support the general expense of grass cutting, etc., but rather would be available to replace or replenish shrubbery as needed, maintain the brick walk, commemorative stones, benches, and any other item that might improve the appearance of the Common. (Source: letter from The Groton School 1990)

**CARL P. LAWRENCE LIBRARY TRUST FUND****1979**

"Expenditures to be made from this fund only for such library purposes as the Groton Library Board of Trustees, at their discretion, may decide and convey to the Trust Commissioners. Until the fund be exhausted, the principal sum of the fund as well as the income thereon, be made available for such library purposes. (Source: letter from donor)

**LECTURE FUND****1898**

"I give and bequeath unto said Town of Groton the sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars in trust and I direct that said sum be kept safely invested on interest by said Town, and the income or interest thereof be annually expended in maintaining a course of Public Lectures in said Town, admission to which shall be free to all inhabitants of said Town." (Source: Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Luther Blood)

"In order to fulfill as nearly as possible the general charitable intent of the grantors, the plaintiff is authorized and directed to apply the income of the Trust for sponsoring and conducting lectures, seminars, workshops, presentations, performances, displays, and exhibits of an educational nature. Such activities shall continue to be free of charge to Groton residents and open to the public. The plaintiff is further authorized to provide support and assistance to groups and organizations that sponsor and conduct such above stated activities so that members of the public unable to afford admissions are enabled to attend." (Source: Probate Court June 1992)

**LIBRARY BOOK FUND****1886**

"...of which the income only of \$2,500 shall be applied to the purchase of books for its Public Library..." (Source: copy of Last Will and Testament of Willard Dalrymple)

**JOHN H. ROBBINS LIBRARY FUND****1933**

"...and the net income and interest therefrom to devote to the general purposes of said Library." (Source: Copy of the Last Will and Testament of John H. Robbins)

**JOHN H. ROBBINS SCHOLARSHIP FUND****1980**

"The accumulated income and any excess of the net annual income of said trust remaining after making distributions to the residents of Groton who through misfortune, adversity or like circumstances may be in need of assistance as recommended by the Selectmen of the Town of Groton, the Headmaster of Lawrence Academy at Groton, and the Superintendent of the Groton Public Schools, then serving, to a worthy student or students who reside in Groton, who are attending or have attended the Groton Public Schools, and who have been admitted to or attending the Lawrence Academy at Groton, and who are in need of financial assistance in obtaining an education at such academy. (Source: Probate Court Degree)

**PETER ROBERTSON-JODIE ONNERS MEMORIAL TRUST****1990**

...The Commissioners of the Trust Funds shall accumulate ten percent (10%) of the net income to be added to the corpus annually. They may, at their discretion, dispose of not more than ninety percent (90%), of the net annual income of the Trust. Beneficiaries shall be residents of the Town of Groton having reached their fourteenth birthday, but not having reached their twenty-second birthday and who are not ranked academically in the top one third of their class. Income from this trust is to be used to pay educational expenses for the beneficiaries....The term "education" should be interpreted broadly to include, but in no way limited to, out of doors experiences, higher education, specialized education, conferences, etc. The intention is to provide the beneficiary with an opportunity to improve his/her life that he/she would not otherwise have." (Source: Declaration of Trust)

**MARY T. SAWYER TRUST FUND****1979**

"I further direct that the interest from said Trust Fund shall be used for the benefit of the Children's Story Hour program in the Groton Public Library. In the event that the Children's Story Hour is discontinued, I direct that the Trustees shall use the income from said Trust Fund for the benefit of the Children's Library in the Groton Public Library." (Source: letter from donor)

**JOSEPH T. SHEPLEY CHARITY FUND****1927**

"...ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) the income therefrom to be used for the poor of the Town of Groton." (Source: 1927 Town Report)

**JOSEPH T. SHEPLEY FOUNTAIN FUND** **1927**

"Five hundred dollars (\$500) the income therefrom to be used for the up keep of the fountain in the square of West Groton." (Source: 1927 Town Report)

**ARTHUR K. SPAULDING FUND** **1940**

"The bequest of the late Arthur K. Spaulding of two hundred dollars (\$200) for the benefit of the Public Library, the income only to be used fro the preservation of the portrait of Abel Spaulding and the balance of the income for the purchase of books for the library." (Source: 1940 Town Report)

**PETER M. TWOMEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** **1998**

"Joe and Gilda Twomey, Peter's parents, have established this Trust for the purpose of: Honoring Peter's memory by using funds to establish a scholarship in his memory and, to the extent possible, supporting any other constructive youth activities, particularly those sponsored or conducted as part of the operation of the Peter Twomey Youth Center. ...offering other individuals, groups, corporations or other entities the opportunity to contribute to this Trust for the benefit of youth activities in Groton and Dunstable in Peter Twomey's memory...." (Source: Declaration of Trust accepted by the Town of Groton, November 1998)

**DOROTHY GANZER VAN HOOGEN AND ANDRE B. VAN HOOGAN  
SCHOLARSHIP AND TRUST FUND** **2002**

"...focus on individuals who need support in returning to, or starting, a program of post high school education. The scholarship granted from this Trust may be used toward tuition, transportation, books or child care in order to attend school in a baccalaureate program, associate degree program, advanced degree program, technical education or other career certificate." (Source: Declaration of Trust document)

**FRANK F. WATERS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FUND** **1951**

"...to pay over the entire Trust Fund and property then remaining, to said Town of Groton, in trust to hold and invest and reinvest, the same and apply the income therefrom to assist boys and girls, resident of said Groton, in obtaining a vocational education, the same to be used and applied in such Town of Groton may deem best for the purpose intended." (Source: copy of the Last Will and Testament of Frank F. Waters, 1917)

"The entire Trust Fund and property then remaining to said Town of Groton, in trust to hold and invest and reinvest the same and apply the income therefrom to assist residents of Said Groton in obtaining a vocational education. Priority shall be given to young people beginning their vocational training and to people in need of making a vocational career change." (Source: Probate Court 1992)

The Commissioners of Trust Funds also oversee the contribution, investment and expenditure of four (4) gift funds:

**DR. BETTY LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To be established as a Trust Fund at a later date.

**OLD BURYING GROUND PRESERVATION TRUST**

**1991**

"The Old Burying Ground Commission would like to set up a trust fund for the perpetual care of the Old Burying Ground. This fund will be used at the discretion of the Old Burying Ground Commission to pay for repairs and upkeep of the gravestones in the Old Burying Ground" (Source: Letter from Commission)

**Town Hall Santa Fund**

**1991**

Town Hall Santa began Christmas of 1991 and through the generous donations of Groton residents, 35 families were assisted that holiday with toys, clothing and food. Over the years, Town Hall Santa has expanded to work all year long assisting children with summer programs, camps, birthday gifts, school supplies, school clothes as well as providing for the December holidays. The financial success of Town Hall Santa depends completely on the contributions (monetary, food, and gifts) received from the residents of Groton. (Source: Commissioners of Trust Funds)

To better reflect the year long commitment and benefits of this fund the name was changed through a vote of the Commissioners of Trust Funds to:

**COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FUND.**

**WILLIAMSBURG CLASS TRIP FUND**

**1992**

This fund was established to solicit, collect and disburse among financially needy students funds which will allow them to participate in the Groton Dunstable Middle School Eighth Grade Class Trip to Williamsburg, VA and Washington, DC. The Commissioners of Trust Funds work with the School Guidance Counselors to insure that the maximum number of students can attend this worthwhile trip. As with the Community Children's Fund, this success of this Fund lies totally with the generosity of the community. (Source: Commissioners of Trust Funds)