

TOWN OF GROTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 27, 2015, Middle School Cafeteria

344 Main St. Groton, MA, 6:00 p.m.

Present for Finance Committee: R. Hargraves (Vice Chair), G. Green (Chair), B. Robertson, Barry Pease, Art Prest, M. Bacon, D. Manugian, P. DuFresne (Town Accountant, Recording)

Absent: None

Also Present: Ms. Linda DeCiccio (4-Corners Neighborhood Association)

Documents available at the meeting: 2015 Spring Town Meeting Motions – Final
Line Item/Reserve Fund Transfer Proposal - Final

Mr. Green called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Article 19: Current Year Line Item Transfers – Ms. Dufresne confirmed that no changes had been made to the Line Item Transfer proposals since the BOS meeting on 4/21/15. The current total to be transferred between FY15 budget lines is \$182,110. Mr. Pease would like the Finance Committee to consider a future discussion regarding Line Item Transfer requests. He is concerned that this may be a roundabout method of allowing new spending for budget items that will not receive sufficient prior debate. Also, certain budget lines (such as County Retirement) that are often under-expended at year-end are routinely used to support completely unrelated appropriations.

On a motion by Mr. Manugian, seconded by Mr. Hargraves, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend Article 19 authorizing FY15 Line Item Transfers in the amount of \$182,110.

The Vote: 7-0-0

Articles 27 & 28: Rezone/Sale or Lease of Tarbell Property – The Finance Committee members discussed the highlights of the two proposals that had been received for future use of the Tarbell School. Mr. Green noted that the first proposal (\$30,000 purchase price) falls below the minimum price of \$35,000 specified by the BOS. He is in favor of the second proposal received with a purchase price of \$75,000.

On a motion by Mr. Prest, seconded by Mr. Robertson, the Finance Committee voted in the majority to recommend Article 27: Rezone Property at 73 Pepperell Rd. The Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Manugian abstained)

On a motion by Mr. Prest, seconded by Mr. Robertson, the Finance Committee voted in the majority to recommend Article 28: Sale or Lease of Tarbell School. The Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Manugian abstained).

At this point in the meeting, the group briefly discussed the process of presenting and speaking to various articles during the Town Meeting.

Articles 12/13/14: Four Corners Economic Development Project – The Finance Committee discussed the most recent map of the sewer district and noted that Ixtapa and Craven's Package Store are still included although it is understood that those businesses will not be forced to hook-up. Ms. DeCiccio reported that at the BOS meeting being held concurrently, the BOS voted 3-2, 3-2 and 4-1 on Articles 12, 13 & 14 respectively. Mr. Manugian noted that Mr. Wong is the only business formally in favor of the project, now that the language in the article has been updated to include a grant funding contingency. Mr. Green confirmed that no construction expenses can be incurred without 100% grant funding.

On a motion by Mr. Pease seconded by Mr. Robertson, the Finance Committee voted in the majority to recommend Article 12: Establish 4 Corners Sewer District. The Vote: 6-1-0 (Mr. Hargraves voted against).

On a motion by Mr. Pease, seconded by Mr. Prest, the Finance Committee voted in the majority to recommend Article 13: Design/Construction of 4 Corners Sewer as currently drafted to include the grant award contingency. The Vote: 6-1-0 (Mr. Hargraves voted against).

On a motion by Mr. Prest, seconded by Mr. Pease, the Finance Committee voted in the majority to recommend Article 14: Authorize IMA with Ayer. The Vote: 6-1-0 (Mr. Hargraves voted against).

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

On a motion by Mr. Pease, seconded by Mr. Hargraves, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 31st and April 6th as drafted. The Vote: 7-0-0

Mr. Green officially adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dufresne, Recording Secretary

**SPRING TOWN MEETING
MOTIONS
APRIL 27, 2015**

ARTICLE 1: HEAR REPORTS

Mover: Joshua Degen

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to hear and receive the report of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers and Committees.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

Scheduled to Give Reports: **Municipal Building Committee for Prescott School
Electronic Voting Study Committee**

ARTICLE 2: ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

Mover: Joshua Degen

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to allow the following compensation for the following elected officials:

Selectman (four)	\$ 760	Town Clerk	\$ 74,544
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$ 910	Town Moderator	\$ 65
Board of Assessors, Chairman	\$ 910	Assessor (two)	\$ 760

for the ensuing year.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 3: WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

Mover: Joshua Degen

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend and adopt for Fiscal Year 2016 the Town of Groton Wage and Classification schedule as shown in Appendix B of the Warrant for the 2015 Spring Town Meeting.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 4: TOWN MANAGER'S CONTRACT RENEWAL Mover: Robert Flynn

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Selectmen to not renew the contract of the Town Manager which expires June 30, 2016.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 5: OPEB LIABILITY TRUST FUND Mover: John Petropoulos

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, §20 of the General Laws to establish a separate trust fund, to be known as the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR OPEB TRUST Mover: John Petropoulos

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Line Item 3010 "Health Insurance/Employee Expenses" of the Fiscal Year 2016 Town Operating Budget to be adopted under Article 8 of the 2015 Spring Town Meeting, to be expended by the Town Manager, to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 20.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 7: ENTERPRISE FUND FOR LOCAL CABLE Mover: Peter Cunningham

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53F½, to create an Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Local Access Cable Department.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 8: FY 2016 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION 1: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mover: Gary Green

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,926,434 for General Government as represented by lines 1000 through 1182 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 2: LAND USE DEPARTMENTS

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$422,912 for Land Use Departments as represented by lines 1200 through 1281 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 3: PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Mover: Robert Hargraves

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Emergency Medical Services Receipts Reserved the sum of \$200,000 to Fire & Emergency Medical Services and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,361,983 for a total of \$3,561,983 for Protection of Persons and Property as represented by lines 1300 through 1372 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 4: SCHOOLS

Mover: Bud Robertson

a.) Nashoba Valley Regional Technical High School

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$596,609 for the Nashoba Valley Regional Technical High School as represented by line 1400 in the Budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

b.) Groton Dunstable Regional School District

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,266,196 for the Groton Dunstable Regional School District as represented by Lines 1410 through 1413 in the Budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 5: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,094,007 for the Department of Public Works as represented by lines 1500 through 1561 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 6: LIBRARY AND CITIZEN'S SERVICES

Mover: Barry Pease

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,539,710 for Library and Citizen's Services as represented by lines 1600 through 1703 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 7: DEBT SERVICE

Mover: Gary Green

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,383,590 for Debt Service as represented by lines 2000 through 2007 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 8: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Mover: Bud Robertson

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,507,389 for Employee Benefits as represented by lines 3000 through 3012 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 9: WATER ENTERPRISE

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Water Rates and Fees the sum of \$997,545 to the Water Enterprise Fund for FY 2016 to defray all operating expenses, interest charges, and principal payments on bonds outstanding as they accrue and any reimbursement to the Town.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 10: SEWER ENTERPRISE

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Excess and Deficiency the sum of \$48,459 and to appropriate from Sewer Rates and Fees the sum of \$613,695 for a total of \$662,154 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund for FY 2016 to defray all operating expenses, interest charges, and principal payments on bonds outstanding as they accrue and any reimbursement to the Town.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 11: LOCAL ACCESS CABLE ENTERPRISE

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Local Access Cable Fees the sum of \$265,458 to the Local Access Cable Enterprise Fund for FY 2016 to defray all operating expenses and any reimbursement to the Town.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 12: ELECTRIC LIGHT

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the income from the sale of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or from municipal power and from the sale of jobbing during Fiscal 2016 for the Groton Electric Light Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager of that department under the direction and control of the Board of Electric Light Commissioners for the expenses of the ensuing fiscal year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The total fund to be appropriated is -0-.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 9: FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET**Mover: Joshua Degen**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$404,145 from the Capital Stabilization Fund; transfer the sum of \$96,900 from Emergency Medical Services Receipts Reserved; transfer the sum of \$60,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash); transfer the sum of \$50,000 – an unexpended portion of the appropriation voted under Article 6 of the 2014 Spring Town Meeting “Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget; and transfer the sum of \$165,000 – an unexpended portion of the appropriation voted under Article 1 of the January 26, 2013 Special Town Meeting; for a total of \$776,045, to be expended by the Town Manager, for the following capital items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>
Swap Loader	\$105,000	Fire/EMS
Fire Chief's Vehicle	\$ 46,900	Fire/EMS
Dump Truck	\$180,000	Highway Department
IT Infrastructure	\$ 50,000	Town Facilities
HVAC Upgrade – Town Hall	\$ 90,000	Town Facilities
Building Security	\$ 30,000	Town Facilities
Bobcat/Utility Loader	\$ 35,000	Transfer Station
Carpet Replacement	\$ 22,645	Library
Field Improvements	\$ 45,000	Park
Playground Improvements	\$ 50,000	Park
Police Cruisers	\$ 85,000	Police Department
Rough Mower	\$ 10,000	Groton Country Club
Golf Carts	\$ 20,000	Groton Country Club
Boom Sprayer Unit	<u>\$ 6,500</u>	Groton Country Club
 Total	 \$776,045	

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 10: JOINT RADIO PROJECT**Mover: John Petropoulos**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$650,000, to be expended by the Town Manager, to purchase, equip, replace and upgrade all radio systems utilized by the Public Safety Departments of the Town of Groton, including the Police, Fire, Highway and Water Departments, and for all costs associated and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$650,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for the accomplishment of the foregoing purpose, including the expenditure of all appropriate funds and any funds received from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other sources for such project.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 11: LOST LAKE FIRE PROTECTION**Mover: Peter Cunningham**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,837,000, to be expended by the Town Manager, to construct water main extensions on Lost Lake Drive, Pine Trail, Boston Road, Lakeside Drive and Summit Drive, two (2) 50,000 gallon underground fire cisterns and one (1) "dry" fire hydrant for Fire Protection Purposes in the Lost Lake Area of Groton, and all costs associated and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,837,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(34) and 8(7) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for the accomplishment of the foregoing purpose, including the expenditure of all appropriate funds and any funds received from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other sources for such project.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 12: FOUR CORNERS SEWER DISTRICT**Mover: Anna Eliot**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to establish a new sewer service area in the Town of Groton to be known as the "Four Corners Sewer District" under the provisions of Chapter 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purpose of providing a system of sewerage to serve business and commercial properties in the so-called Four Corners portion of the Town, said service area to be subject to the provisions of Chapter 190, Sewers, of the Code of the Town of Groton and subject to expansion by a vote of Town Meeting, as set forth in Article 12 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 13: DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**Mover: Anna Eliot**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$3,000,000, to be expended by the Town Manager in Fiscal Year 2015 or later, for the design and construction of the Sewer System for the Four Corners Sewer District; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,000,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for the accomplishment of the foregoing purpose, including the expenditure of all appropriate funds and any funds received from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other sources for such project; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Board of Sewer Commissioners to assess betterments upon the properties benefitted thereby for the cost of the System; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a MassWorks Development Grant for such project; provided, that no funds may be expended hereunder for construction purposes unless and until the Town has received a MassWorks Development Grant for at least the entire cost of construction for the project.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 14: AUTHORIZE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT **Mover: Anna Eliot**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Ayer for the discharge of Groton wastewater to the Ayer Sewer Collection System for treatment.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 15: ESTABLISH FOUR CORNERS AS AN E.O.A. Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council an Application for Designation of Economic Opportunity Area(s) to designate the Four Corners Business District area as an Economic Opportunity Area, said Area to be comprised of the following parcels as shown on the Groton Assessors' Maps: 102-1, 120-3, 133-1, 133-10, 133-11, 133-54 and 133-55.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 16: GDRSD – CREATE STABILIZATION FUND Mover: Alison Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to approve the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District Committee vote on February 11, 2015 to a) establish a Stabilization Fund, pursuant to Section 16G½ of Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, said Stabilization Fund to be invested and to retain its own interest earnings as provided by law, and b) to set up an operational line item for the transfer of available monies into said Stabilization Fund.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 17: ADDITIONAL PARKING ON MAIN STREET Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Board of Selectmen's Gift Fund, to be expended by the Town Manager in Fiscal Year 2015 or later, to construct a municipal parking lot on land located at 167 Main Street and shown on Assessors' Map 113 as Parcel 48, which premises are described in a deed recorded with the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 12634, Page 361 and owned by Bank of America, and on land located at 163 Main Street and shown on Assessors' Map 113 as Parcel 47, which premises are described in a deed recorded in Book 13572, Page 703 and owned by Shames Realty Trust, and all costs associated and related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to obtain easements by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, and/or enter into a lease (for up to 99 years) for the use of said property for municipal parking lot purposes.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 18: LOT ON STATION AVENUE FOR PARKING Mover: Joshua Degen

MOTION A: I move that the Town vote to approve Article 18 as printed in the Warrant for the 2015 Spring Town Meeting.

MOTION B: I move that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 19: CURRENT YEAR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**Mover: Stuart Schulman**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Operating Budget, being the sums of money identified in the “**Transfer funds from**” line items designated in the Information Packet distributed to voters for this Town Meeting, said sums to be transferred to the various line items in the “**Transfer funds to**” categories designated within the Information Packet, the total amount to be transferred being \$182,110.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority**Transfer funds from:**

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount To Be Transferred</u>
1090 – Human Resources – Salary	\$ 2,500
1370 – Police & Fire Communications – Wages	\$ 84,000
1501 – Highway Department – Wages	\$ 16,000
1550 – Solid Waste Disposal – Wages	\$ 8,000
1661 – Library – Wages	\$ 1,610
1701 – Country Club – Wages	\$ 32,000
3000 – County Retirement	\$ 30,000
3010 – Health Insurance	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total	\$182,110

Transfer funds to:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount Transferred To</u>
1080 – Town Counsel – Expenses	\$ 62,000
1091 – Human Resources – Expenses	\$ 2,500
1101 – Information Technology – Wages	\$ 5,000
1251 – Mechanical Inspector – Expenses	\$ 1,000
1280 – Sealer Weights & Measures – Fee Salaries	\$ 1,000
1502 – Highway Department – Expenses	\$ 34,000
1660 – Library – Salary	\$ 1,610
1681 – Water Safety – Expenses and Minor Capital	\$ 8,000
1700 – Country Club – Salary	\$ 16,000
1702 – Country Club – Expenses	\$ 46,000
3012 – Employee Benefits – Medicare/Social Security	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$182,110

ARTICLE 20: OFFSET SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT

Mover: Stuart Schulman

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$175,000 from Overlay Surplus, to be expended by the Town Manager, to reduce the deficit in the Fiscal Year 2015 Snow and Ice Budget, as approved under Article 5 of the 2014 Spring Town Meeting.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 21: TRANSFER - WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Mover: James Gmeiner

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Groton Water Department to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Surplus to the Fiscal Year 2015 Water Department Budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 22: TRANSFER - SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Mover: Thomas Orcutt

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Surplus to the Fiscal Year 2015 Sewer Enterprise Department budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 23: PRIOR YEAR BILLS

Mover: John Petropoulos

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$714.92 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash) to pay the following unpaid bill from a prior fiscal year:

Griffin Auto Service & Restoration	\$714.92
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Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 4/5's Majority

ARTICLE 24: REPLACE VOTING MACHINES

Mover: Michael Bouchard

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$22,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash), to be expended by the Town Manager in Fiscal Year 2015, for the purpose of replacing the voting tabulators used by the Town to tabulate votes during all elections, and all costs associated and related thereto.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 29: CPC FUNDING ACCOUNTS

Mover: Bruce Easom

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and allocate the following sums from the Community Preservation Fund to the following sub accounts:

CPC Operating Expenses:	\$ 7,500
Open Space Reserve:	\$ 67,750
Historic Resource Reserve:	\$ 67,750
Community Housing Reserve:	\$ 67,750
Unallocated Reserve:	\$466,750

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 30: CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION 1: Accessible Trail Project

Mover: Dan Emerson

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$24,932 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-01 "Accessible Trail Project".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 2: Conservation Fund

Mover: Bruce Easom

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-02 "Conservation Land Fund".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 3: Rehab a Portion of Old Meetinghouse

Mover: Gineane Haberlin

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$203,333 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resource Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-03 "Rehab a Portion of Old Meetinghouse".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 4: Repair to Town Basketball Courts

Mover: Matt Frary

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$109,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-04 "Repair to Town Basketball Courts".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 5: ADA Compliant Park and Open Space Study Mover: Bruce Easom

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-05 "ADA Compliant Park and Open Space Study".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 6: Affordable Housing Coordinator Mover: Russ Burke

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$49,509 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-06 "Affordable Housing Coordinator".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 7: Mile Stone Engraving Mover: Bob DeGroot

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$17,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resource Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2016-07 "Mile Stone Engraving".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 31: AMEND CHAPTER 218-25 - ZONING CODE Mover: George Barringer

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 218 Zoning as follows:

Amend Section 218-25 Site Plan Review by deleting Section 218-25 in its entirety and inserting in its place a new Section 218-25, Site Plan Review, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 32: AMEND CHAPTER 218, ZONING CODE Mover: George Barringer

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 218 Zoning as follows:

Amend Section 218-33C Temporary Permits by deleting Section 218-33C in its entirety, and by inserting a new Section 218-16 Accessory Use, subsection E Temporary Permits, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk;

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 33: REZONE 152-158 BOSTON ROAD

Mover: Peter Norton

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Groton's Zoning Map to rezone from G-B (General Business) to R-B (Residential Business) certain premises located at 152-158 Boston Road owned by Peter W. Norton, consisting of approximately 30,654 square feet, which premises is described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 21298, Page 3, being shown as Parcel 5 on Assessors' Map 222.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 34: ACCEPT M.G.L. CHAPTER 53, SECTION 18B

Mover: Stuart Schulman

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 53, §18B, regarding information for local Ballot Questions, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 35: HOME RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND

Mover: Stuart Schulman

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Home Recycling Revolving Fund, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E½, to be expended under the direction of the DPW Director, in order to place anticipated revenues collected from the sale of recycling equipment as well as monies received through related State grants, which shall be used to purchase additional recycling equipment, advertise the availability of such items, or undertake recycling related activities, and to establish the limit on expenditures from said account for Fiscal Year 2016 at \$10,000.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

CONSENT AGENDA: ARTICLES 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41

Mover: Peter Cunningham

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to combine for consideration Articles 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting and that the Town take affirmative action on said articles without debate and in accordance with the action proposed under each, and that, with respect to Article 37, the Town appropriate, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, the sum of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and the sum of \$402,850 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve for a total of \$482,850 to fund the Surrenden Farm debt service for Fiscal Year 2016; provided, however, that if any voter, prior to the taking of the vote, requests the right to debate a specific article, then said article shall be removed from this motion and acted upon in the ordinary course of business.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

Line Item Transfers
Spring 4/27/15 for FY15

4/21/2015

Funding Source	\$	Budgetary Use	\$	Notes
<i>Reserve Fund</i>	<i>150,000</i>	Fire Dept Expenses	17,000	Nozzles & Ladder Truck Repair
		Library Expenses	12,700	Window Repairs
		Accounting Expenses	3,500	Scheduled Departmental Audit
		Unemployment Comp	30,000	Unanticipated EE Terminations
		Mechanical Insp Salaries	7,000	Increased Inspection Hours/rates
		Police Wages	22,000	Pierce Retirement Vaca/OT
		Fire Wages	30,500	Storm Coverage/C.Jefferson pay
<i>RFT Subtotal</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>122,700</i>	
<i>Ending Reserve Fund Bal</i>	<i>27,300</i>			
<i>Line Item Transfers</i>				
Communications Wages	84,000	Mechanical Insp Expenses	1,000	Mileage for Increased Inspections
		Sealer of Weights/Meas Sal	1,000	New Scales Installed at Shaw's
		Legal Expenses	62,000	Increased Litigation Expenses
County Retirement	30,000	Medicare Matching	5,000	Misc Budget Adjustment
		IT Wages	5,000	Stipend pd during IT Dir vacancy
		Country Club Expenses	20,000	Pool Chairs
Country Club Wages	32,000	Country Club Salary	16,000	New Golf Pro
		Country Club Expenses	10,000	Tee Box Repairs
		Country Club Expenses	11,000	Repair to Locker Rooms
		Country Club Expenses	5,000	Stock Pro Shop
Transfer Station Wages	8,000			
Highway Wages	16,000	Highway Expenses	34,000	General Expenses
Library Wages	1,610	Library Salaries	1,610	Misc Budget Adjustment
HR Salary	2,500	HR Expense	2,500	Recruitment
Health Insurance Exp	8,000	Water Safety	8,000	May/June Opening Expenses
<i>Line Item Trfs GF</i>	<i>182,110</i>		<i>182,110</i>	\$0.00
<i>Free Cash Beginning Bal</i>	<i>400,358.00</i>			
		Voting Machines	22,000.00	
		Prior Year Bills	715.00	
		FY13 Grant Deficits	1,884.16	
		Town Hall HVAC	<u>60,000.00</u>	
<i>Free Cash End Balance:</i>	<i>315,758.84</i>		<i>84,599.16</i>	
<i>Enterprise Funds</i>				
Funding Source	\$	Budget Use	\$	
Water E&D	100,000	Water Operating Budget	100,000	
Sewer E&D	100,000	Sewer Operating Budget	100,000	
Overlay Surplus Released	175,000	Snow & Ice	175,000	