**FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**GOALS OF THE GROTON SELECT BOARD**

**1. Environmental Contamination Issues**

**Select Board Member Assigned: Alison Manugian and Peter Cunningham**

*Goal:* Oversee Implementation of best solution to address PFAS at the Groton Dunstable Regional High School

*Measurable Benchmark:* Present Final PFAS Solution for the High School at the 2023 Fall Town Meeting. Begin Design and Permitting immediately and construction by the Spring/Summer 2024.

**2. Climate Change**

**Select Board Member Assigned: Alison Manugian**

*Goal:* 1. Work with GELD Commissioners on Climate Change Initiatives and the transition to a new GELD General Manager.

2. Support efforts to inform and educate Town residents about opportunities to reduce energy use and costs.

3. Work with Sustainability Commission to reduce the carbon footprint of the Town of Groton

*Measurable Benchmark:* Schedule workshop with Sustainability Commission, the Electric Light Commission and Electric Light General Manager to discuss transition plans and Climate Change Initiatives. Workshop should be scheduled by December 31, 2023, with any follow-up taking place as soon as possible after the Workshop.

**3.** **Master Plan**

**Select Board Member Assigned: All Members**

*Goal:* Participate and Stay involved in the process to create Groton’s updated Master Plan buildings.

*Measurable Benchmark:* Schedule quarterly meetings with the Planning Board and/or Town Planner to receive updates on the progress of the Master Plan Update beginning in September, 2023.

**4. Reducing Costs of Government**

**Select Board Member Assigned: Matt Pisani**

*Goal:* Explore ways to reduce costs of Government. Continue to review and explore ways to expand PILOTS. Seek Federal and State Grants for town projects whenever possible.

1. Work with Town Manager’s Tri-Comm Working Group and all municipal departments to understand and establish a sustainable budget and understand whether or not an override of Proposition 2½ is necessary.
2. Support Warrant Article to amend Charter to bring Groton’s Budget timeline more in line with GDRSD Budget timeline.
3. Explore and seek alternatives to reduce the tax burden on elderly and less affluent residents.
4. Continue to work with the various Non-Profit organizations in Groton on PILOT payments

*Measurable Benchmark:* After Presentation from Tri-Comm in October, determine and support, if necessary, need for Override to support budget goals by December 31, 2023.

**5. Affordable Housing**

**Select Board Member Assigned: Becky Pine**

*Goal:* Support the work of Groton’s Housing Committees and monitor progress of the two current Chapter 40B applications before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Determine impact on municipal services. In conjunction with the Planning Board, develop amendments to the Town’s Bylaws to increase and improve affordable housing and diversity of housing stock.

*Measurable Benchmark:* Schedule Meeting with Public Safety Officials by December 31, 2023 to determine impact of all housing projects on municipal services.

**6. Diversity, Equality and Inclusion**

**Select Board Member Assigned: Becky Pine**

*Goal:* Support work of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Native Peoples Recognition Group to expand the Town’s approach to, and understanding of, its history to include the centuries prior to the Town’s 1655 founding.

*Measurable Benchmark:* Schedule Update with Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee by February 15, 2024. Update timeline of Town’s History in conjunction with the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

**7. Town-wide Examination of Traffic Patterns, Speed Limits, Road Designs, Etc.**

**Select Board Member Assigned: John Reilly and Becky Pine**

Goal: Identify High Volume Areas, High Accident Areas and Localities of Increased Citizen Complaints. Consider Paving Unpaved Road between Broadmeadow Road and Station Avenue, Acquire Playground Road. Address flooding on Broadmeadow Road

Measurable Benchmark: Schedule Workshop with Police Chief and DPW Director by December 31, 2023 to determine best way to address these issues.