

Select Board Meeting Packet

March 8, 2021

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SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING

BROADCAST ON ZOOM AND THE GROTON CHANNEL
PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
CONCERNING THE OPEN MEETING LAW
ZOOM MEETING ID: 820 0245 2973

7:00 P.M. Announcements and Review Agenda for the Public

7:05 P.M. Public Comment Period

I. 7:10 P.M. Town Manager's Report

1. Select Board's Agenda Schedule
2. Address Any Changes in Emergency Protocols – Update on Town Action
3. Review Any New Information from the Commonwealth
4. Consider Ratifying Police Chief's Contract
5. Update on 2021 Spring Town Meeting Warrant
6. Update from Town Manager on FY 2022 Proposed Budget
7. Update on Select Board Schedule through Town Meeting

II. 7:15 P.M. Public Hearing – Consider Fee Increases at the Groton Transfer Station

III. 7:30 P.M. Public Hearing – Consider Changes in the Traffic Rules and Regulations

OTHER BUSINESS - Update on Forum with State Senator and State Representative

ON-GOING ISSUES – For Review and Informational Purposes

- A. Water Department – Manganese Issue – PFAS Issue
- B. Polystyrene Containers
- C. Green Communities Application and Implementation
- D. Florence Roche Elementary School Feasibility Study

SELECT BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

III. Minutes: Virtual Meeting of February 22, 2021
 Virtual Meeting of March 1, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Votes may be taken at any time during the meeting. The listing of topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting is not intended as a guarantee of the topics that will be discussed. Not all topics listed may in fact be discussed, and other topics not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



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To: *Select Board*

From: *Mark W. Haddad – Town Manager*

Subject: *Weekly Report*

Date: *March 8, 2021*

1. In addition to the Town Manager's Report and a review of the On-going Issues List, there are two items on the Agenda. First, as discussed last Fall when we presented the Board with a proposed increase in Transfer Station Fees, we have scheduled a Public Hearing for the Board to review and consider adopting the proposed new fees. Enclosed with this report are the proposed fees that would go into effect in June, 2021. Second, we have scheduled a Public Hearing for the Board to review and consider adopting the proposed updates to the Town's Traffic Rules and Regulations. These regulations were updated by a Working Group made up of me, Dawn Dunbar, Michael Bouchard, Michael Luth, Tom Delaney and Kevin Henehan. Enclosed with this report are the proposed updates (red-lined) to the Traffic Rules and Regulations for your review and consideration.
2. As of the writing of this report, I have no new updates for the Board relative to Town action on the Pandemic. We continue to operate under the protocols approved by the Board last May. If necessary, I will have an update at Monday's meeting.
3. We continue to monitor the weekly health report issued by the Department of Public Health. Enclosed with this report is the latest report dated March 4, 2021. We continue to be a "yellow" community with 31 reported cases in the last two weeks with a 1.76% positivity rate. We are trending lower for the third straight week. We will continue to be diligent in our efforts to address the impact this pandemic has on our operations. I will have a further update for the Board at Monday's meeting.
4. I am extremely pleased to report that Michael Luth and I have reached agreement on a new three (3) year contract for him to remain as our Police Chief. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Mike has done an excellent job as our Chief and we are very pleased to retain Mike in this position. He has agreed to freeze his salary in FY 2022 and accept a one-time 1.5% cash payment (not added to his base), which is in line with the recently approved Supervisor's Union Contract. In addition, we have added an additional week of vacation, which is also in line with the Supervisor's Union Contract, as well as allowing him to buy back one week of vacation each year and a weekly clothing maintenance allowance of \$20. All other terms are the same. I had provided a copy of the Agreement with Mike to the Board under separate cover. I would respectfully request that you vote to ratify this agreement at Monday's meeting.

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5. I have set aside time on the Agenda to update the Board with any changes to the Warrant for the 2021 Spring Town Meeting. The only changes to the Warrant that was provided the Board last week are an update to summary for the Affordable Housing Trust's CPA Request and an adjustment to the Citizens' Petition summary provided by the proponent of the petition. I am still waiting to receive the draft Bylaw from the Board of Health on banning polystyrene containers. As soon as I receive it, I will forward it to the Board. Please note that the public hearing will be on Monday, March 15th. I hope to have Town Counsel's comments in time for the public hearing. In addition, I will be meeting with the Moderator, Town Clerk, Select Board Chair and FinCom Chair on Tuesday, March 9th to discuss Town Meeting logistics. I will provide the Board with an update at your March 15th Meeting. I will provide any further updates on the Town Meeting Warrant at Monday's meeting.
6. As is our practice, I have set aside time on the Agenda to update the Board on any issues related to the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Operating Budget. As you know, depending on the outcome of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District Budget, we will be approximately \$93,000 under the FY 2022 Anticipated Levy Limit. I will be meeting with the Finance Committee on Tuesday, March 9th to discuss the budget in more detail. Unless the Board objects, I will be recommending to the Finance Committee that they add funding to the FY 2022 Budget to fund the vacant Police Officer position. We can discuss this in more detail at Monday's meeting.
7. Please see the update to the Select Board's Meeting Schedule through Spring Town Meeting:

Monday, March 8, 2021	-Already Posted
Monday, March 15, 2021	-Public Hearing on the Warrant for Spring Town Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021	-Follow-Up on Warrant Articles Public Hearing -Finalize FY 2022 Proposed Operating Budget
Monday, March 29, 2021	-Regularly Scheduled Meeting (Potential No Meeting)
Monday, April 5, 2021	-Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021	-Finalize Warrant for Spring Town Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2021	-No Meeting – (Patriot's Day Holiday)
Monday, April 26, 2021	-Final Spring Town Meeting Prep
Saturday, May 1, 2021	2021 Spring Town Meeting

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Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard – Thursday, March 4, 2021

Count and Rate of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Tests Performed in MA by City/Town, January 1, 2020 – March 2, 2021

City/Town	Total Case Count	Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days) ¹	Relative Change in Case Counts ²	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 days)	Total Positive Tests (Last 14 days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 days)	Change in Percent Positivity ³
Freetown	825	41	32.4	Lower	13032	855	42	4.91%	Lower
Gardner	2072	45	16.2	Lower	33471	1684	50	2.97%	Lower
Georgetown	480	24	19.1	Lower	12828	838	25	2.98%	Lower
Gill	28	0	0	No Change	4257	246	0	0%	No Change
Gloucester	1598	88	22.1	Higher	42219	3006	98	3.26%	No Change
Goshen	24	<5	12.4	Lower	875	77	2	2.60%	Lower
Gosnold	5	0	0	No Change	124	1	0	0%	No Change
Grafton	981	23	8.2	Lower	33933	2350	24	1.02%	Lower
Granby	300	18	21.0	Higher	10088	715	23	3.22%	Higher
Granville	70	<5	9.2	Higher	1817	103	2	1.94%	Higher
Great Barrington	390	10	10.6	Higher	22970	1525	12	0.79%	Higher
Greenfield	685	22	9.2	Lower	31405	2203	22	1.00%	Lower
Groton	404	28	17.1	No Change	22386	1758	31	1.76%	Lower
Groveland	413	9	9.4	Higher	9399	507	9	1.78%	Higher
Hadley	273	26	32.0	Higher	20418	1805	28	1.55%	No Change
Halifax	429	17	15.9	Lower	9437	557	21	3.77%	Lower
Hamilton	335	24	23.2	Higher	13697	1025	25	2.44%	Higher

Data are current as of 11:59pm on 03/02/2021; For populations <50,000, <5 cases are reported as such or suppressed for confidentiality purposes. ¹ For the calculations used to delineate Grey, Green, Yellow, and Red, please see table on page 25. ²Number of new cases occurring over the current two-week period (2/14/2021 – 2/27/2021) compared to the previous two-week period (2/7/2021 – 2/20/2021). **Higher**=number of new cases in the current two-week period higher than the number of new cases during the last two-week period. **Lower**=number of new cases in the current two-week period lower than number of new cases during the last two-week period. **No change**=number of new cases in current two-week period is equal to the number of new cases during the last two-week period. ³Change in percent positivity compared to the previous week's (2/25/2021) report. **No Change**= <0.10% difference in the percent positivity. DPH calculates rates per 100,000 population using denominators estimated by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute using a modified Hamilton-Perry model (Strate S, et al. Small Area Population Estimates for 2011 through 2020, report, Oct 2016.) As of 11/5/2020, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is using the 2019 population estimates, the most current available data. **Please note:** Data for these tables are based on information available in the DPH surveillance database at a single point in time. Case counts for specific cities and towns change throughout the day as data cleaning occurs (removal of duplicate reports within the system) and new demographic information (assigning cases to their city or town of residence) is obtained.

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF GROTON
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Groton Select Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:15 P.M. to discuss and receive input on proposed increases to Transfer Station Sticker and Bag Fees. The Hearing will be held on Zoom (link to meeting can be found on the final posted agenda located at www.grotonma.gov, at least 48 hours before the meeting) pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order Concerning the Open Meeting Law.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
TRANSFER STATION PROPOSED
FEE INCREASES**

March 8, 2021



OBJECTIVE

- **AS PART OF FY22 BUDGET PROCESS, LOOK TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN TRANSFER STATION REVENUE AND EXPENSES BY EXAMINING FEES ON BAGS AND STICKERS**
- **COMPARE GROTON'S FEE STRUCTURE TO OTHER TOWNS WITH TRANSFER STATIONS**



FINDINGS

- GROTON'S FEES ON STICKERS AND BAGS WERE FOUND TO BE BELOW MEAN AVERAGE, AS COMPARED TO 17 OTHER TOWNS
- PROPOSED INCREASES ON BOTH STICKERS AND BAG FEES COULD GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL \$60,000 IN REVENUE, BASED ON CURRENT USAGE BY 1,532 HOUSEHOLDS
- SINCE 2008, THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN 2 FEE INCREASES



PROPOSED STICKER FEE INCREASES

<u>Sticker Type</u>	<u>Current Sticker Fee Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Sticker Fee Rate</u>	<u>Potential Increase in Revenue</u>
Full Sticker	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$16,100.00
Add'l Sticker	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$3,345.00
Senior Sticker	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$3,635.00
Replacement Sticker	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$159.00



PROPOSED BAG FEE INCREASES

<u>Bag Size</u>	<u>Current Bag Fee Rates (10 bags)</u>	<u>Proposed Fee Rates (10 bags)</u>	<u>Potential Increase in Revenue</u>
15 Gallon	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$7,844.00
32 Gallon	\$19.00	\$25.00	\$24,216.00
45 Gallon	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$9,837.00



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Pursuant to Chapter 266 of the Bylaws of the Town of Groton, Traffic Rules and Regulations, the Groton Select Board will hold a public hearing on Zoom (link to meeting can be found on the final posted agenda located at www.grotonma.gov, at least 48 hours before the meeting) pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order Concerning the Open Meeting Law on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the Hearing will be to discuss and receive input on proposed revisions to the Traffic Rules and Regulations.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

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GROTON TRAFFIC RULES & REGULATIONS

The following Rules and Orders regulating traffic upon the streets and highways of the Town of Groton are hereby enacted by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~Select Board of the Town of Groton and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. These Rules and Orders were approved for the Town of Groton, on Monday, March 5, 1945; revised and approved on September 8, 2009; and further revised and approved on March 8, 2021.:

(Revised and Approved by the Board of Selectmen on 9-08-09.)

Article 1 – Definitions

For the purpose of these Rules and orders, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

- (a) "Street or Hhighway." The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for the purpose of travel.
- (b) "Roadway," That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.
- (c) "Lane." A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles.
- (d) "Vehicle." Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- (e) "Parking." The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied, or not otherwise than temporarily, for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in obedience to an officer or traffic signs or signals or while making emergency repairs or, if disabled, while arrangements are being made to move such vehicles.
- (f) "Crosswalk." That portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of curb lines and property lines at intersections, or at any portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines on the road surface or by other markings or signs.
- (g) "Sidewalk." That portion of a street or highway set aside for pedestrian travel.
- (h) "Pedestrian." That person afoot or riding on a conveyance moved by human power, except bicycles or tricycles.
- (i) "Railroad Crossing." Any intersection of ways with a railroad right-of-way.
- (j) "Official Traffic Signs." All signs, markings and devices, other than signals, not inconsistent with these rules and orders, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Mass Highway Department and placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.
- (k) "Official Street Marking." Any painted line, legend, marking or marker of any description painted or placed upon any way authorized by the Town Manager or DPW Director.
- (l) "Official Curb Marking." That portion of a curbing, the painting of which has been authorized by the Town Manager or DPW Director.

- (m) "Traffic Island." Any area or space set aside, within a roadway, which is not intended for use of vehicular traffic.
- (n) "Officer." Any Police officer or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations. *(REVISED 2009)*
- (o) "Emergency Vehicles." Vehicles of the Fire Department ~~(Fire Patrol)~~, Police Vehicles, Ambulances and Emergency Vehicles of Federal, State, and Municipal departments of Public Service Corporations when the latter are responding to an emergency in relation to the Police and Fire Departments.
- (p) "Traffic." Pedestrians, vehicles, street cars or other conveyances either single or together while using any street or highway for the purpose of travel.
- (q) "Traffic Control Area." Any area along any way, other than an intersecting way, at which drivers are to be controlled by traffic control signals.
- (r) "Bus Stop." An area in the roadway set aside for the boarding of, or alighting from, and the parking of, busses.
- (s) "Taxicab Stands." An area in the roadway in which certain taxicabs are required to park while waiting to be engaged.
- (t) "Funeral Procession." Any procession of mourners properly identified as such, accompanying the remains of a human body. *(REVISED 2009)*

Article II- Authority and Duties of Police

Sec: 1. Officers to Direct Traffic. It shall be the duty of officers designated by the Chief of Police to enforce the provisions of these rules and orders. Such officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signals in conformance with the provisions of these rules and orders, provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or Fire Department may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and orders.

Sec. 2. Police May Close Streets Temporarily. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to close temporarily any street or highway in an impending or existing emergency, or for any lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for the closing of such street.

Sec. 2 A. Road Closure Policy ~~(ADOPTED 2009)~~

This policy is to streamline the process of requests to close a secondary road for the purpose of an event, i.e. block party. The applicant shall fill out a Request for Road Closure Form at the ~~Board of Selectmen~~Select Board's office including the following information:

- ☐ Contact Person and active cell phone number
(to be on file with Communications Department)
- ☐ Road to be closed
- ☐ Particulars of request i.e. date, time, purpose
- ☐ Consent of neighborhood residents

The Request for Road Closure form shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police for approval. The Chief of Police shall review the request and forward to the Town Manager for his/her approval or denial. The Chief of Police has the right to require a police detail for the event should circumstances warrant the need for traffic control/safety measures. The cost of any police detail shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

The following conditions and restrictions shall apply.

1. A point of contact for the event, including active cell phone number must be on file with the Communications Center.
2. All blockades shall be easily movable i.e. a barrier. Vehicles and tables laden with food shall not be used.
3. One lane of traffic shall be unobstructed by tables, tents, chairs, etc. at all times to allow access to the farthest residence beyond the barricade.
4. Entertainment shall cease at 10:00 p.m. or in accordance with any Town of Groton noise by-law.
5. Clean up will commence immediately following the event and is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Notification shall be made to the applicant by the Chief Police

Sec. 3. Police May Prohibit Parking Temporarily. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to prohibit, temporarily, parking on any street or highway or part thereof in an impending or existing emergency, or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for such prohibition. Vehicles parked in places where such parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

Sec. 4. Exemptions. The provisions of these rules and orders shall not apply to operators actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to officers when engaged in the performance of public duties nor to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of public duties when the nature of the work of any of these performance of public duties when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates a departure from any part of these rules and orders. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the drivers of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Article III – Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings and Zones

Sec. 1. Traffic Signs and Signals, Markings and Zones

- (a) The DPW Director is hereby authorized, and as to those signals and signals required hereunder, it shall be its duty to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official traffic signs, signals, markings and safety zones. All signs, signals markings and safety zones shall conform to the standards as prescribed by the Mass Highway Department. ~~(REVISED 2009)~~
- (b) Section 2 and 3 of Article II and Sections 2 to 4 inclusive of Article IV relative to parking shall be effective only during such times as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained in each block designating the provisions of such sections and located so as to be easily visible to approaching drivers.

- (c) Sections relating to one-way streets shall be effective only during such time as a sufficient number of official signs are erected and maintained at each of the exits for each one-way street, so that at least one sign will be clearly visible for a distance of at least seventy-five (75) feet to drivers approaching such an exit.

Sec. 2 Display of Unauthorized Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain or to display upon or in view of any street any official sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic sign, signal, marking or device or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view any official sign or signal. The Chief of Police and DPW Director are ~~is~~ hereby empowered to remove every such prohibited sign, signal, marking or device or cause it to be removed without notice.

Sec. 3. Interference with Signs, Signals, and Markings Prohibited. Any person who willfully defaces, injures, moves, obstructs or interferes with any official traffic sign, signal, or marking shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty (50) dollars for each and every offence and the costs of sign and replacement. ~~(REVISED 2009)~~

Sec. 4. Location of bus Stops, Taxicab Stands and Service Zones. The location of all bus stops, taxicab stands and service zones shall be specified by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Select Board and in the case of Taxicab Stands the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Select Board shall designate who may use them as such.

Sec. 5. Obedience to Traffic Signs and Signals. No driver of any vehicle or of any street car shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Article IV- Parking

Sec. 1 General Prohibitions. No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places and vehicles found parked in violation of the provisions of this section may be moved by or under the direction of an officer and at the expense of the owner to a place where parking is permitted.

- (a) Within an intersection.
- (b) Upon any sidewalk.
- (c) Upon any crosswalk and within ~~(20) twenty~~ (10) ten feet of a crosswalk if so marked.
- (d) Upon the roadway where parking is permitted unless both curb or edge of roadway, except upon those streets which are designated as one-way, vehicles shall be parked in the direction in which said vehicle is moving and with both wheels within (12) twelve inches of the curb or edge of roadway. ~~(REVISED 2009)~~
- (e) Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ~~ten~~ (10) ten feet wide for passing traffic.
- (f) Upon any street or highway within (10) ten feet of a fire hydrant.
- (g) Upon or in front of any private road or driveway.
- (h) Upon any street or highway within ~~(20) feet~~ (10) ten of an intersection way, except alleys.
- (i) Within ~~fifteen~~ (15) fifteen feet of the wall of a fire station or directly across the street from such station provided signs are erected acquainting the driver of such restriction.

- (j) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

Sec. 2. Prohibited Parking. Prohibited parking enforcement is done when a sign is posted that is approved by the Town Manager with recommendation from the Police Chief. *(REVISED 2009)*

Sec. 3. Angle Parking.

- (a) No angle parking shall be allowed ~~anywhere~~ on a public way unless approved by the Town Manager.

Sec. 4. No All –Night Parking. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one acting in an emergency, to park said vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of 1:00 am – 6:00 am of any day.

***Note- Winter Parking Ban is from November 15th – April 15th.
Snow Emergency- No on-street parking when a Snow Emergency is declared
by the DPW Director or Town Manager. *(ADOPTED 2009)***

Sec. 5. Parking Clerk. The Parking Clerk is an appointed position by the Town Manager for a one year term with no remuneration. The supervises and coordinates the processing of parking notices in the Town and may not perform other police functions. The Parking Clerk receives fines for violations, holds hearings for contested citations and notifies the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of any unresolved violations.

Sec 6. Penalty & Fees- First Offense shall be fine listed below. A second or subsequent offense shall be double that of first offense. *(REVISED AND ADOPTED 2009)*

FINE	CODE	VIOLATION
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	1	Overtime Parking
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	2	Parking within 20 <u>10</u> feet of intersection
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	3	Parking upon any sidewalk
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	4	Parking upon any crosswalk
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	5	Parking on roadway in rural district
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	6	Parking more than 1 foot from curb
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	7	Not leaving 10 feet of unobstructed lane
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	8	Upon or in front of any private road or driveway

\$15.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	9	Parking on street more than 1 hour during winter snow ban
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	10	Parking in no parking zone
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	11	Parking in wrong direction
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	12	Not parking in marked spaces/meter
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	13	Blocking bus stop/taxi stand
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	14	Blocking service/loading zone
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	15	Parking on grass/landscaped town owned
\$15.00 <u>\$25.00</u>	16	Parking "double"
\$15.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	17	Parking on street during snow emergency
\$30.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	18	Blocking Fire/Ambulance driveway
\$30.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	19	Parking within 10 feet of fire hydrant
\$30.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	20	Parking in marked fire lane
\$30.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	21	Beach parking without permit/sticker
\$100.00	22	Obstructing handicap ramp/sidewalk access
\$100.00	23	Parking in handicap zone
\$100.00	24	Interfering with emergency vehicles

Article V. Zones of Quiet.

Sec. 1. Zones of Quiet

- (a) All of the territory within two hundred (200) feet of the premises of each hospital of this town is hereby created and established as Zones of Quiet. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to erect and maintain in a conspicuous manner within this area such signs and markings as are necessary to designate it as a zone of quiet.
- (b) The Chief of Police may temporarily establish a zone of quiet upon any street where a person is seriously ill, if requested to do so by the written statement of at least one registered physician certifying to its necessity. Said temporary zone of quiet shall embrace all territory within a radius of two hundred (200) feet of the building occupied by the person named in the request of said physician. Said temporary zones of quiet shall be designated by the police by placing at a conspicuous place in the street a sign or marker bearing the words "Zone of Quiet."

- (c) No person operating a motor vehicle within any designated and signed zone of quiet shall sound the horn or other warning device of said vehicle except in an emergency.
- (d) Idling- MA General Laws Chapter 90, Section 16A, states that: No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the unnecessary operation of the engine of a motor vehicle while said vehicle is stopped for a foreseeable period in excess of five minutes. *(ADOPTED 2009)*

Article VI - Advertising Signs, and Displays and Storage of Materials in Streets.

Sec. 1. Using Vehicle for Sole Purpose of Displaying Advertising Prohibited. No Person shall operate or park a vehicle on any street or highway for the sole purpose of displaying advertising signs.

Sec. 2. Advertising Signs on Sidewalks or Streets Must Have Permits. No person shall erect or cause to be erected upon or above any town sidewalk, street or highway right of way any advertising sign or other device which projects into or over the sidewalk, street or highway right of way more than six (6) inches unless a permit authorizing the erection of such sign or device has been issued by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~Select Board is in effect. After five days' notice, illegal advertising signs or devices may be removed by, or under, the direction of a police officer and at the expense of the owner. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars for each day such sign or device has remained after the expiration of the five days' notice.

Sec. 3. Placing of Structures or Property in Streets Prohibited.

- (a) No person shall place, erect or cause to be placed or erected within any sidewalk, street or highway any fixture or structure unless a permit, issued by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~Select Board in the case of Town ways, or by the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the case of State highways authorizing such placing or erection has been granted and is in effect.
- (b) No person, other than one employed directly or indirectly by this town or by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and while in the performance of necessary public duties, shall at any time place or leave in any sidewalk, street or highway any article, material or merchandise, or park any vehicle or cart in any sidewalk, street or highway for the purpose of displaying merchandise, unless a permit issued by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~Select Board in the case of Town Ways or by the Department of Public Works in the case of State Highways, authorizing the use of sidewalk, street or highway has been granted and is in effect; except as may be necessary for the reasonable and expeditious loading or unloading of any such article, material, merchandise, cart or vehicle; provided, however, that such property shall never be left so as to obstruct the free passage of pedestrians or vehicle travel.
- (c) Any such fixture, structure or property referred to in this section which has been erected, placed or left illegally in any street, highway or sidewalk may be moved by, or under, the direction of an officer at the owner's expense.

Sec. 4. Deposit, Bond or Insurance Policy may be required for the privilege of using the streets for Special Purposes. The Board or Officer issuing permits for such use of sidewalks, streets or highways as are described in the two previous sections, may in its, his, or her discretion, when occasion justifies, demand a suitable cash deposit, security bond, or insurance indemnity policy to save the town or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from all liability caused directly or indirectly by such use. Bond to be held by the Treasurer.

Article VII- One Way Streets.

Sec. 1. One-Way Streets. Upon the following streets or parts of streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below: ~~(REVISED 2009)~~

Court Street from Main Street to Station Avenue

Broadmeadow Road from Main Street to Playground Road

Old Legion Road from Main Street to School Street

Blossom Lane from Hollis Street to Martins Pond Road.

Article VIII- Heavy Commercial Vehicles

Restricted. The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles having a carrying capacity of more than 2.5 tons are hereby restricted on the following named streets or parts thereof and in the marked outlines in the times set forth.

1. Mill Street

4.2. ~~Champney Street~~

Loading or Unloading Construction Vehicles on the Right of Way. There will be no unprotected, loading or unloading of heavy construction equipment, tracked or with rubber tires, along the public right of way, to access a construction site. If it is not possible to do so, it will be done as close to the construction site as possible and the operator will be responsible for providing protection to the surface of the road. This may be done by using wood, tires, etc., as long it protects the surface of the road from being damaged. If, in the opinion of the DPW director, damage has occurred to the road, then the operator or company who unloaded the equipment on the right of way will be responsible to repair the damage.

Article IX – Schools Zones ~~(ADOPTED 2009)~~

1. Groton School-Farmers Row

~~2. Lawrence Academy-Main Street~~

3.2. Boutwell School-Hollis Street

4.3. Florence Roche/GD Middle School-Main Street

Article X- Operation of Vehicles

Sec. 1. Drive within Marked Lane. When any roadway has been divided into lanes, a driver of a vehicle shall drive so as to be entirely within a single lane and shall not move from the lane in which he is driving until he has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

Sec. 2. Use Right Lane. Upon all roadways the driver of a vehicle shall drive in the lane nearest the right side of the roadway when said lane is available for travel except when overtaking another vehicle or when preparing for a left turn.

Sec. 3. Overtake Only When There is a Space Ahead. The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass a vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless there is sufficient clear space ahead on the right side of the roadway to permit the overtaking to be completed without impeding the safe operation of any vehicle ahead or behind.

Sec. 4. Driver To Give Way to Overtaking Vehicle. The driver of a vehicle when about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle, on a suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

Sec. 5. Obstructing Traffic.

- (a) No person shall drive in such a manner as to obstruct unnecessarily the normal movement of traffic upon any street or highway. Officers are hereby authorized to require any driver who fails to comply with this section to drive to the side of the roadway and wait until such traffic has been delayed has passed.
- (b) No driver shall enter an intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk and on the right half of the roadway to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrian notwithstanding any traffic control signal to proceed.

Sec. 6. Following Too Closely. The driver of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon, and condition of the street or highway. Upon roadways less than twenty-seven (27) feet wide and upon which vehicular traffic is permitted to operate in both directions, the driver of any slow moving vehicle when traveling outside of a business or residential district shall not follow another slow moving vehicle within two hundred (200) feet, but this shall not be construed to prevent such slow moving vehicle from overtaking and passing another slow moving vehicle. This section shall not apply to funerals or other lawful processions.

Sec. 7. Care In Starting, Stopping, Turning or Backing. The driver of any vehicle before starting, stopping, turning from a direct line or backing shall first see that such movement can be made in safety. If the operation of another vehicle should be affected by a stopping or turning movement, the driver of such vehicle shall be given a plainly visible signal, as required by the following section.

Sec. 8. Stopping And Turning Signals.

- (a) Any signal herein required shall be given in sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to any person who may be affected by said movement, and shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the specified manner, or by a suitable mechanical or electrical device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand or arm

signal from being made or from being visible both to the front and rear, the signal shall be given by a suitable device.

- (b) Hand and arm signals, as required herein shall be made as follows:
- (c) An intention to stop shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left and beyond the side of the vehicle.
- (d) An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by pointing to the left with the index finger.
- (e) An intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, any by moving the hand in a circle.

Sec. 9. Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs. Every driver of a vehicle, railway car or other conveyance, approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing him an official sign, bearing the word "STOP" and authorized by this section, and such approval being in effect shall before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle, railway car or other conveyance to a complete stop at such point as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, or if a point is not so marked, then at a place between the said "Stop" sign and the nearer line of the street intersection. In the case of a line of two or more vehicle approaching such "Stop" sign, the drivers of the second and third vehicles in the line in any group shall not be required to stop more than once before proceeding through the intersection. This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device.

In accordance with the foregoing and erection and maintenance of official "**Stop**" sign(s) are authorized so as to face: ~~(REVISED 2009)~~

~~Westbound drivers on Broadmeadow Road at Farmers Row~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Elm Street at Main Street~~
~~Westbound drivers on Elm Street cutoff at Pleasant Street~~
~~Southbound drivers on Hollis Street at Main Street~~
~~Westbound drivers on School Street at Main Street~~
~~Southbound drivers on Long Hill Road at Farmers Row~~
~~Westbound drivers on Martins Pond Road at Hollis Street, Eastbound at Schoolhouse~~
~~Westbound drivers on Arlington Street at Mill Street Arlington at North Main Route 119~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Gratuity Road at Mill Street~~
~~Westbound drivers on Broadmeadow Road at Farmers Row~~
~~Westbound drivers on Lowell Road at Main Street~~
~~Northbound drivers on Court Street at Main Street~~
~~Northbound drivers on Old Ayer Road at Boston Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Hemlock Park Drive at Lowell Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Lost Lake Drive at Lowell Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Kemp Street at Townsend Road and East at Kemp at Pepperell~~

~~Westbound drivers on Peabody Street at Farmers Row~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Peabody Street at Old Ayer Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Pepperell Road at Townsend Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Sand Hill Road at Longley Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Nashua Road at Longley Road~~
~~Northbound drivers on Graniteville Rd at Route 40~~
~~Southbound drivers on Cow Pond Brook Rd at Route 40~~
~~Northbound drivers on Cow Pond Brook Road at Hoyts Warf Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Cow Pond Brook Road at Hoyt Warf Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Hoyt Warf Road at Cow Pond Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Hoyt Warf Road at Cow Pond Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Hoyt Warf Road at Old Dunstable Road~~
~~Westbound driver on Island Pond Road at Old Dunstable Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Old Dunstable Road at Route 40~~
~~Northbound drivers on Gay Road at Route 40~~
~~Southbound drivers on Gay Road at Route 119~~
~~Southbound drivers on School House Road at Route 40~~
~~Northbound drivers on School House Road at Martins Pond Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Martins Pond Road @ School House Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Route 40 at Main Street~~
~~Southbound drivers on Powderhouse Road at Route 119~~
~~Northbound drivers on Elm Street at Main Street~~
~~Southbound drivers on Elms Street at Pleasant Street~~
~~Northbound drivers on Fairview Avenue at Route 119~~
~~Southbound drivers on Champney Street at Route 119~~
~~Northbound drivers on Champney Street at Hollis Street~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Blossom Lane at Martins Pond Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Raddin Road at Chicopee Row~~
~~Westbound drivers on Reedy Meadow Road at Nashua Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Reedy Meadow Road at Chicopee Row~~
~~Westbound drivers on Indian Hill Road at Old Ayer Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Worthen Drive at Old Ayer Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Smith Street at Old Ayer Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Smith Street at Farmers Row~~
~~Northbound drivers on Culver Road at Smith Street~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Joy Lane at Farmers Row~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Peabody Street at Old Ayer Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Peabody Street at Farmers Row~~
~~Southbound drivers on Higley Street at Peabody Street~~

~~Northbound drivers on Higley Street at Farmers Row~~
~~Westbound drivers on Broadmeadow Street at Farmers Row~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Longhill Road at Farmers Row~~
~~Southbound drivers on Riverbend Drive at Longhill Road~~
~~Southbound drivers on Hill Road at West Main Street~~
~~Northbound drivers on Town Forest Road at West Main Street~~
~~Northbound drivers on Whorton Row at West Main Street~~
~~Southbound drivers on Pepperell Road at West Main Street~~
~~Southbound drivers on Townsend Road at West Main Street~~
~~Eastbound drivers on West Main Street at Townsend Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on St. James at Townsend Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on St. James at Pepperell Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Bixby Hill Road at Pepperell Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Windmill Hill Road at Townsend Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Kemp Street at Pepperell Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Kempt Street at Townsend Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Rockwood Lane at Townsend Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Crosswinds Drive at Townsend Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Hill Road at Maple Ave.~~
~~Southbound drivers on Maple Ave at Hill Road~~
~~Northbound drivers on Maple Ave at Pepperell Road~~
~~Northbound drivers on Townsend Road at Route 119~~
~~Southbound drivers on Townsend Road at Route 119~~
~~Northbound drivers on Wallace Road at Pepperell Rd.~~
~~Westbound drivers on Castle Drive at Pepperell Road~~
~~Westbound drivers on Throne Hill Road at Pepperell Rd.~~
~~Northbound drivers on Hickory Lane at Jenkins Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Jenkins Road at Mill Street~~
~~Westbound drivers on Arlington Street at Mill Street~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Arlington St. at Route 119~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Gratuity Rd. at Mill Street~~
~~Northbound drivers on Mill Street at Route 119~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Fitches Bridge at Route 119~~
~~Westbound drivers on Nod Rd. at Route 119~~
~~Northbound drivers on Common St. at Nod Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Sand Hill Rd. at Longley Road~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Sunset Rd. at Route 119~~
~~Northbound drivers on Fletcher Hill Lane at Forge Village Rd.~~
~~Northbound drivers on Old Carriage Path at Forge Village Rd.~~

~~Northbound drivers on Stonebridge Way at Forge Village Rd.~~
~~Northbound drivers on Gilson Rd at Forge Village Rd.~~
~~Northbound drivers on Orr Rd. at Forge Village Rd.~~
~~Southbound drivers on Hadden Rd. at Forge Village Rd.~~
~~Southbound drivers on Newpond Rd. at Forge Village Rd.~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Whiley Rd. at Route 119~~
~~Eastbound drivers on Hidden Valley Rd. at Whiley Rd.~~
~~Northbound drivers on Lost Lake Drive at Route 40~~

Sector 1 Stop Signs

BROADMEADOW RD. @ FARMERS ROW
BLOSSOM LN. @ MARTINS POND RD.
COURT ST. @ MAIN ST.
COW POND BROOK RD @ HOYTS WHARF RD. (X2)
COW POND BROOK RD @ LOWELL RD.
CULVER RD. @ SMITH ST.
FLETCHER HILL LN. @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
GAY RD. @ BOSTON RD.
GAY RD. @ LOWELL RD.
GILSON RD. @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
GRANITEVILLE RD @ LOWELL RD.
HAYDEN RD. @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
HEMLOCK PARK DR. @ LOWELL RD.
HIDDEN VALLEY RD. @ WHILEY RD.
HIGLEY ST. @ FARMERS ROW
HIGLEY ST. @ PEABODY ST.
HOLLIS ST. @ MAIN ST.
HOYTS WHARF RD. @ COW POND BROOK RD. (X2)
HOYTS WHARF RD. @ OLD DUNSTABLE RD.
INDIAN HILL RD @ OLD AYER RD
ISLAND POND RD. @ OLD DUNSTABLE RD.
LOST LAKE DR. @ LOWELL RD.
LOWELL RD. @ MAIN ST.
MARTINS POND RD. @ HOLLIS ST.
MARTINS POND RD. @ SCHOOL HOUSE RD. (X2)
NEWPOND RD. @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
OLD AYER RD. @ BOSTON RD.
OLD CARRIAGE PATH @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
OLD DUNSTABLE RD. @ LOWELL RD.
ORR RD. @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
PEABODY ST. @ FARMERS ROW
PEABODY ST. @ OLD AYER RD.
POWDERHOUSE RD. @ MAIN ST.
RADDIN RD. @ CHICOPEE ROW
SCHOOL HOUSE RD. @ LOWELL RD.
SCHOOL HOUSE RD. @ MARTINS POND RD.
SMITH ST. @ FARMERS ROW
SMITH ST. @ OLD AYER RD.

STONEBRIDGE WAY @ FORGE VILLAGE RD.
SUNSET RD. @ BOSTON RD.
WHILEY RD. @ BOSTON RD.
WORTHERN DR. @ OLD AYER RD.

Sector 2 Stop Signs

180 WHARTON ROW @ 91 WHARTON ROW (LOOP)
7 OVERLOOK DR. @ MEADOWVIEW RD.
ARBOR WAY @ CHERRY TREE LN.
ARLINGTON ST. @ MAIN ST.
ARLINGTON ST. @ MILL ST.
BIXBY HILL RD. @ PEPPERELL RD.
BREAKNECK RD. @ LONGLEY RD.
CASTLE DRIVE @ PEPPERELL RD.
CHAMPNEY ST. @ HOLLIS ST.
CHAMPNEY ST. @ MAIN ST.
COMMON ST. @ HOLLIS ST.
COMMON ST. @ NOD RD.
CROSSWINDS DRIVE @ TOWNSEND RD. (X2)
ELM ST. @ MAIN ST.
ELM ST. @ PLEASANT ST.
FITCHES BRIDGE @ MAIN ST.
FOX RUN @ PEPPERELL RD.
GRATUITY RD. @ MILL ST.
HICKORY LN. @ JENKINS RD.
HILL RD. @ MAPLE AVE. (X2)
HILL RD. @ PEPPERELL RD.
HILL RD. @ WEST MAIN ST.
INTEGRITY WAY @ PEPPERELL RD.
JENKINS RD. @ MILL ST.
JOY LN. @ FARMERS ROW
JOY LN. @ SHIRLEY RD. (2 SIGNS)
KEMP ST. @ PEPPERELL RD.
KEMP ST. @ TOWNSEND RD.
KIRK FARM RD. @ MEADOWVIEW RD.
KIRK FARM RD. @ NASHUA RD.
LEGION RD. @ SCHOOL ST.
LONG HILL RD. @ FARMERS ROW
LONGLEY RD. @ HOLLIS ST. (RIGHT TURN DIRECTION)
MAGNOLIA LN. @ CHERRY TREE LN.
MAPLE AVE. @ HILL RD.
MAPLE AVE. @ PEPPERELL RD.
MEADOWVIEW DR. @ 102 OVERLOOK DR.
MEADOWVIEW RD. @ NASHUA RD.
MILL ST. @ CANTEBURY LN.
MILL ST. @ MAIN ST.
MILL ST. @ PLEASANT ST.
NASHUA RD. @ LONGLEY RD.
NOD RD. @ MAIN ST.

NOD RD. @ MAIN ST.
PAQUAKET PATH @ LONGLEY
PEPPERELL RD. @ TOWNSEND RD.
REEDY MEADOW RD. @ CHICOPEE ROW
REEDY MEADOW RD. @ NASHUA RD.
RIVERBEND DR. @ 71 WINTERGREEN LN.
RIVERBEND DRIVE @ LONG HILL RD.
ROCKWOOD LN. @ TOWNSEND RD.
SAND HILL RD. @ LONGLEY RD.
SCHOOL ST. @ HOLLIS ST.
SCHOOL ST. @ MAIN ST.
ST. JAMES @ PEPPERELL RD.
ST. JAMES @ TOWNSEND RD.
TAYLOR ST. @ MAIN ST.
THRONE HILL RD. @ PEPPERELL RD.
TOWN FOREST @ WEST MAIN ST.
TOWNSEND RD. @ TOWNLINE RD.
TOWNSEND RD. @ TOWNLINE RD. (TOWNSEND'S PROCTOR RD)
TOWNSEND RD. @ WEST MAIN ST.
WALLACE RD. @ PEPPERELL RD.
WEST MAIN ST. @ TOWNSEND RD. (SIGN COMING OFF BRIDGE)
WEST ST. @ MAIN ST.
WHARTON ROW @ TOWN FOREST (ALL 4 SIGNS)
WHITING AVE. @ ELM ST.
WHORTON ROW @ WEST MAIN ST.
WINDMILL HILL RD. @ TOWNSEND RD.
WINTERGREEN LN. @ 156 RIVERBEND DR.
WYMAN RD. @ NASHUA RD.
WYMAN RD. @ NORTH ST.

Sec. 10. Operation of Vehicles at Roadway Divisions. When such roadways as are divided by an island, plot, reservation, or by any structure or other area reserved from the travelled road, drivers of vehicles shall keep to the right of any such divisions, except when otherwise directed by an officer, signs, signals or markings.

Sec. 11. Driving On Road Surfaces Under Construction or Repair. No operator shall enter upon the road surface of any street or highway or section thereof, when, by reason of construction, surface treatment, maintenance or the like, or because of some unprotected hazard, such road surface is closed to travel, and one or more signs, lights or signals have been erected to indicate that all or part of the road surface of the street or highway is not to be used, or when so advised by an officer, watchman, member of a street or highway crew or employee of the Town, either audibly or by signals.

Sec. 12. Rights and Duties of Drivers in Funeral Or other Processions.

- (a) It shall be the duty of each driver in a funeral or other procession to keep as near to the right edge of the roadway as is feasible and to follow the vehicle ahead as closely as is practicable and safe.

- (b) At an intersection where a traffic control signal is operating, the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop for a red or red and yellow indication.
- (c) At an intersection where a lawful 'Stop' sign exists, the driver of the first vehicle in a funeral or other procession shall be the only one required to stop before proceeding through the intersection.

Sec. 13. Dropping or Leaking Loads. No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or highway nor shall any owner of any vehicle knowingly permit such vehicle to be driven or moved on any street or highway unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent its contents from spilling, dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom. Vehicles loaded with any material which may be blown around by the wind, shall be suitably covered to prevent the contents from being blown upon the streets or highways.

Sec. 14. Emerging From Alley or Private Driveway. The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway or garage shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving on to a sidewalk or on to the sidewalk area extending across alleyway or driveway.

~~Sec. 15. No operator shall back or turn a vehicle so as to proceed in a direction opposite to that in which said vehicle is headed or traveling on Main Street between its intersection with Old Ayer Road and the Nashua River Bridge, or wherever signs notifying of restrictions have been erected.~~

Article XI- Speed Regulations *(ADOPTED 2009)*

~~Global Speed limit: 30 miles per hour unless posted (see below speed regulations)~~

~~1. Speed Regulation No. 996:~~

~~Route 119-Eastbound~~

~~Beginning at the end of State Highway thence easterly on Route 119 0.93 at 30 miles per hour ending at the beginning of State Highway; the total distance being 0.93 miles.~~

~~Route 119-Westbound~~

~~Beginning at the end of State Highway thence westerly on Route 119 0.93 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the beginning of State Highway; the total distance being 0.93 miles.~~

~~Old Ayer Road-Northbound~~

~~Beginning at the Ayer Town Line thence northerly on Old Ayer Road~~
~~0.60 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~0.70 miles at 40 miles per hour~~
~~0.25 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~0.13 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Route 119;~~
~~the total distance being 1.68 miles.~~

~~Old Ayer Road-Southbound~~

~~Beginning 700 feet of Route 119 thence southerly on Old Ayer Road~~

~~_____ 0.25 miles at 35 miles per hour
_____ 0.70 miles at 40 miles per hour
_____ 0.60 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Ayer
Town Line; the total distance being 1.55 miles.~~

Mill Street-Northbound

~~Beginning 400 feet north of Route 225 thence northerly on Mill Street~~

~~_____ 0.28 miles at 25 miles per hour
_____ 0.75 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Route 119;
The total distance being 1.03 miles.~~

Mill Street-Southbound

~~Beginning 150 feet south of Route 119 thence southerly on Mill Street~~

~~_____ 0.72 miles at 30 miles per hour
_____ 0.28 miles at 25 miles per hour
_____ 0.08 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Route 225;
The total distance being 1.08 miles.~~

2. Speed Regulations No. 1009:

Route 225-Eastbound

~~Beginning at the Shirley Town Line thence easterly on Route 225~~

~~_____ 0.13 miles at 20 miles per hour
_____ 0.45 miles at 35 miles per hour
_____ 0.84 miles at 40 miles per hour
_____ 0.23 miles at 35 miles per hour
_____ 0.69 miles at 40 miles per hour
_____ 0.08 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 111.~~

~~And beginning again at Route 111 thence easterly on Route 225~~

~~_____ 0.18 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 119~~

~~And beginning again 150 feet east of Route 119 thence easterly on Route 225~~

~~_____ 1.18 miles at 40 miles per hour ending at the Westford Town Line;~~

~~The total distance being 3.78 miles.~~

Route 225-Westbound

~~Beginning at the Westford Town Line thence westerly on Route 225~~

~~_____ 1.2 miles at 40 miles per hour ending at Route 119~~

~~And beginning again at Route 119 thence westerly on Route 225~~

~~0.18 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 111~~

~~And beginning again at Route 111 thence westerly on Route 225~~

~~_____ 0.08 miles at 25 miles per hour
_____ 0.69 miles at 40 miles per hour
_____ 0.23 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~0.84 miles at 40 miles per hour~~
~~0.25 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~0.20 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~0.13 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at the Shirley Town Line~~
The total distance being 3.78 miles.

Route 111-Northbound

~~Beginning at the Ayer Town Line thence northerly on Route 111~~
~~0.74 miles at 40 miles per hour~~
~~1.43 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~0.24 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 119;~~
The total distance being 2.41 miles

Route 111-Southbound

~~Beginning 200 feet south of Route 119 thence southerly on Route 111~~
~~0.20 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~1.43 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~0.74 miles at 40 miles per hour ending at the Ayer Town Line;~~
The total distance being 2.37 miles

Route 40-Eastbound

~~Beginning 100 feet east of Route 119 thence easterly on Route 40~~
~~0.26 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~1.03 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~0.95 miles at 40 miles per hour~~
~~1.80 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Westford Town Line;~~
The total distance being 4.04 miles.

Route 40-Westbound

~~Beginning at the Westford Town Line thence westerly on Route 40~~
~~1.80 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~0.95 miles at 40 miles per hour~~
~~1.03 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~0.28 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 119;~~
The total distance being 4.05 miles.

Longley Road-Northbound

~~Beginning 200 feet north of Hollis Street and Chicopee Row~~
~~thence northerly on Longley Road~~
~~2.52 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Pepperell Town Line;~~
The total distance being 2.52 miles

Longley Road-Southbound

~~Beginning at the Pepperell Town Line thence southerly on Longley Road~~
~~2.56 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Hollis Street and Chicopee Row;~~
The total distance being 2.56 miles

Townsend Road-Northbound

~~Beginning 400 feet north of Route 225 thence northerly on Townsend Road~~

~~_____ 1.10 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.23 miles at 30 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 2.00 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.06 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 119;~~

~~The total distance being 3.39 miles~~

Townsend Road-Southbound

~~Beginning 100 feet south of Route 119 thence southerly on Townsend Road~~

~~_____ 2.04 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.23 miles at 30 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 1.10 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.08 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 225;~~

~~The total distance being 3.45 miles~~

Hollis Street and Chicopee Row-Northbound

~~Beginning 150 feet north of Route 119 thence northerly on Hollis Street and Chicopee Row~~

~~_____ 0.82 miles at 30 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 1.00 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 1.63 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Dunstable Town Line;~~

~~The total distance being 3.45 miles~~

Chicopee Row and Hollis Street-Southbound

~~Beginning at the Dunstable Town Line thence southerly on Chicopee Row and Hollis Street~~

~~_____ 1.63 miles at 30 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 1.00 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.85 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Route 119;~~

~~The total distance being 3.48 miles~~

3. Speed Regulations No. 7179:

Raddin's Road-Eastbound

~~Beginning at Chicopee Row thence easterly on Raddin's Road~~

~~_____ 0.22 miles at 25 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.12 miles at 20 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.30 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at the end of Raddin's Road;~~

~~The total distance being 0.64 miles.~~

Raddin's Road-Westbound

~~Beginning at a point 10 feet from beginning of Raddin's Road thence westerly on Raddin's Road~~

~~_____ 0.23 miles at 25 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.12 miles at 20 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.22 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Chicopee Row;~~

~~The total distance being 0.62 miles~~

Lost Lake Drive-Eastbound

~~Beginning at Lowell Road (Route 40) thence easterly on Lost Lake Drive~~

~~_____ 1.03 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.67 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Pine Trail Road;~~
The total distance being 1.70 miles.

Lost Lake Drive Westbound

Beginning at Pine Trail Road thence westerly on Lost Lake Drive

~~_____ 0.67 miles at 20 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 1.03 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Lowell Road (Route 40);~~
The total distance being 1.70 miles

4. Speed Regulations No. 7179-A:

Pepperell Road Northbound

Beginning at Groton Road (Route 225) thence northerly on Pepperell Road

~~_____ 0.09 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.33 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.30 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 1.05 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.21 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Pepperell Town Line;~~
The total distance being 1.98 miles

Pepperell Road Southbound

Beginning at the Pepperell Town Line thence southerly on Pepperell Road

~~_____ 0.21 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 1.05 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.30 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.33 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.09 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Groton Road (Route 225);~~
The total distance being 1.98 miles

Nashua Road Northbound

Beginning at Longley Street thence northerly on Nashua Road

~~_____ 0.39 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.93 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.22 miles at 20 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.22 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Pepperell Town Line;~~
The total distance being 1.76 miles

Nashua Road Southbound

Beginning at the Pepperell Town Line thence southerly on Nashua Road

~~_____ 0.22 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.22 miles at 20 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.93 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.35 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.04 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Longley Street;~~
The total distance being 1.76 miles

5. Speed Regulations No. 7394:

Broadmeadow Road-Eastbound

~~Beginning at a point 80 feet from Farmers Row thence easterly on Broadmeadow Road~~
~~_____ 0.49 miles at 35 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.15 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Playground Road;~~
~~The total distance being 0.69 miles.~~

Broadmeadow Road-Westbound

~~Beginning at Route 119 thence westerly on Braodmeadow Road~~
~~_____ 0.20 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.50 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at Farmers Row;~~
~~The total distance being 0.70 miles~~

Gay Road-Northbound

~~Beginning at Route 119 thence northerly on Gay Road~~
~~_____ 0.51 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.45 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 40;~~
~~The total distance being 0.96 miles.~~

Gay Road-Southbound

~~Beginning at a point 80 feet from Route 40 thence southerly on Gay Road~~
~~_____ 0.44 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.51 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Route 119;~~
~~The total distance being 0.95 miles.~~

Martins Pond Road-Eastbound

~~Beginning at a point 550 feet from Hollis Street thence easterly on Martins Pond Road~~
~~_____ 1.47 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 1.80 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Dan parker Road;~~
~~The total distance being 3.36 miles~~

Martins Pond Road-Westbound

~~Beginning at Dan Parker Road thence westerly on Martins Pond Road~~
~~_____ 1.89 miles at 20 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 1.57 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Hollis Street;~~
~~The total distance being 3.46 miles~~

6. Speed Regulations No. 7431:

Hill Road-Eastbound

~~Beginning at Pepperell Road thence easterly on Hill Road~~
~~_____ 0.39 miles at 25 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.19 miles at 20 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.27 miles at 30 miles per hour~~
~~_____ 0.34 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 225;~~
~~The total distance being 1.19 miles.~~

Hill Road-Westbound

~~Beginning at Route 225 thence westerly on Hill Road~~

~~_____ 0.34 miles at 25 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.27 miles at 30 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.19 miles at 20 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.39 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Pepperell Road;~~

~~The total distance being 1.19 miles.~~

Higley Street-Northbound

~~Beginning at a point 90 feet from Peabody Street thence northerly on Higley Street~~

~~_____ 0.36 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Farmers Row;~~

~~The total distance being 0.36 miles.~~

Higley Street-Southbound

~~Beginning at a point 90 feet from Farmer Row thence southerly on Higley Street~~

~~_____ 0.36 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Peabody Street;~~

~~The total distance being 0.36 miles.~~

Flavell Road-Northbound

~~Beginning at Route 40 thence northerly on Flavell Road~~

~~_____ 0.78 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Hoyts Wharf Road;~~

~~The total distance being .078 miles~~

Flavell Road-Southbound

~~Beginning at a point 140 feet from Hoyts Wharf Road thence southerly on Flavell Road~~

~~_____ 0.76 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Route 40;~~

~~The total distance being 0.76 miles.~~

School House Road-Northbound

~~Beginning at Route 40 thence northerly on Route 40~~

~~_____ 0.47 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Martins Pond Road;~~

~~The total distance being 0.47 miles.~~

School House Road-Southbound

~~Beginning at Martins Pond Road thence southerly on School House Road~~

~~_____ 0.47 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Route 40;~~

~~The total distance being 0.47 miles.~~

Whiley Road-Northbound

~~Beginning at Boston Road, Route 119 thence northerly on Whiley Road~~

~~_____ 0.85 miles at 35 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.55 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Pine Trail;~~

~~The total distance being 1.40 miles~~

Whiley Road Southbound

~~Beginning at Pine Trail thence southerly on Whiley Road~~

~~_____ 0.55 miles at 20 miles per hour~~

~~_____ 0.85 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Boston Road, Route 119;~~

~~The total distance being 1.40 miles.~~

~~7. Speed Regulations No. 7435:~~

Peabody Street Eastbound

~~Beginning at a point 100' from Farmers Row thence easterly on Peabody Street
_____ 0.59 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Old Ayer Road;
The total distance being 0.59 miles.~~

Peabody Street Westbound

~~Beginning at a point 130' from Old Ayer Road thence westerly on Peabody Street
_____ 0.60 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Farmers Row;
The total distance being 0.60 miles.~~

~~8. Speed Regulations No 7447:~~

Old Dunstable Road Northbound

~~Beginning at Route 40 thence northerly on Old Dunstable Road
_____ 1.14 miles at 30 miles per hour
_____ 1.65 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at the Dunstable Town Line;
The total distance being 2.79 miles.~~

Old Dunstable Road Southbound

~~Beginning at the Dunstable Town Line thence southerly on Old Dunstable Road
_____ 1.65 miles at Old Dunstable Road
_____ 1.14 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Route 40;
The total distance being 2.79 miles.~~

Nod Road Eastbound

~~Beginning at a point 390 feet from Route 119 thence easterly on Nod Road
_____ 0.06 miles at 20 miles per hour
_____ 0.66 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Intersection of Sand Hill Road and
Common Street;
The total distance being 0.72 miles.~~

Nod Road Westbound

~~Beginning at the Intersection of Sand Hill of Sand Hill Road and Common Street thence
westerly on Nod Road
_____ 0.66 miles at 30 miles per hour
_____ 0.14 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Route 119;
The total distance being 0.80 miles.~~

Sand Hill Road Eastbound

~~Beginning at the Intersection of Nod Road and Common Street thence
easterly on Sand Hill Road
_____ 0.81 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Longley Street;
The total distance being 0.81 miles.~~

Sand Hill Road Westbound

~~Beginning on Longley Street thence westerly on Sand Hill Road
0.81 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Intersection of
Nod Road and Common Street;
The total distance being 0.31 miles.~~

Common Street-Northbound

~~Beginning at Hollis Street thence northerly on Common Street
0.99 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the Intersection of Nod Road and Sand Hill Road;
The total distance being 0.99 miles.~~

Common Street-Southbound

~~Beginning at the Intersection of Nod Road and Sand Hill Road thence southerly on Common
Street 0.99 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Hollis Street;
The total distance being 0.99 miles.~~

9. Speed Regulations No. 7651:

Lovers Lane-Northbound

~~Beginning at Route 119 thence northerly on Lovers Lane
0.27 miles at 25 miles per hour
0.10 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Whitman Road;
The total distance being 0.37 miles.~~

Lovers Lane-Southbound

~~Beginning at Whitman Road thence southerly on Lovers Lane
0.10 miles at 20 miles per hour
0.27 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Route 119;
The total distance being 0.37 miles.~~

Whitman Road-Eastbound

~~Beginning at Lovers Lane thence easterly on Whitman Road,
0.44 miles at 20 miles per hour
0.26 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at Gay Road;
The total distance being 0.70 miles.~~

Whitman Road-Westbound

~~Beginning at a point 120' from Gay Road thence westerly on Whitman Road,
0.24 miles at 25 miles per hour
0.44 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at Lovers Lane
The total distance being 0.68 miles.~~

10. Speed Regulations No. 7614:

Blossom Lane-Eastbound

~~Beginning at the junction of Chicopee Row, thence easterly on Blossom Lane;
0.44 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at the junction of Martin's Pond Road;
The total distance being 0.44 miles.~~

Town of Groton Speed Limits

Updated: 2/10/21

All roads not listed are 30 MPH (Global Speed Limit) & Need Not Be Posted

Definitions of State Highways in Town:

Rt. 40, (Eastbound/ Westbound):

§ Rt. 40 E. begins at the intersection of Main St. and Lowell Rd. and continues east on Lowell Rd. until the Westford Town Line.

Rt. 111, (Northbound/ Southbound):

§ Rt. 111 N. begins in Groton at the Ayer Town Line on Farmers Row. It continues north onto Pleasant St. and then onto Elm St. It then

Rt. 119, (Eastbound/ Westbound):

§ Rt. 119 E. begins in Groton at the Pepperell Town Line on Main St. It continues east on Main St. onto Boston Rd. and ends at the Littleton

Rt. 225, (Eastbound/ Westbound):

§ Rt. 225 E. begins in Groton at the Shirley Town Line on West Main St. It continues east onto Long Hill Rd., goes north on Farmers Row/

Definitions of Sectors

Sector 1:

East side of Groton. (Everything east from the center of the road of Farmers Row, Pleasant St. Elm St. Legion Rd. School St. Hollis St. and Chicopee Row to the boarder of Groton.)

Sector 2:

West side of Groton. (Everything west from the center of the road of Farmers Row, Pleasant St. Elm St. Legion Rd. School St. Hollis St. and Chicopee Row to the boarder of Groton.)

Sector	Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location (In the Area of)
1	Blossom Lane (Eastbound): One Way	25	Hollis St. Intersection
1	Boston Road - Rt. 119/225 (Eastbound)	30	1 Main St. (Utility Pole #113)
		35	106 Boston Rd. - CVS
		35	Old Boston Rd. Intersection
		35	660 Boston Rd.
		35	Approx. 300ft. East of Sunset Rd. Intersection
1	Boston Road - Rt. 119/225 (Westbound)	35	Littleton Town Line
		35	760 Boston Rd.
		35	660 Boston Rd.
		35	309 Boston Rd.
		30	106 Boston Rd. - CVS
1	Broadmeadow Road (Eastbound)	35	Farmers Row Intersection
		25	Utility Pole #19
1	Broadmeadow Road (Westbound)	25	16 Broadmeadow Rd.
		35	Utility Pole #17
2	Common Street (Southbound)	30	Intersection of Nod Rd. & Sand Hill Rd.
2	Common Street (Northbound)	30	Utility Pole #1
1	Cow Pond Brook Road (Northbound)	25	Utility Pole #45 (Transfer Station)
		25	Intersection of Hoyts Wharf Rd.
1	Cow Pond Brook Road (Southbound)	25	Lowell Rd. Intersection
		25	Utility Pole #40
		25	Utility Pole #33
2	Chicopee Row (Southbound)	30	Dunstable Town Line
		30	686 Chicopee Row
		30	638 Chicopee Row
		30	622 Chicopee Row
		35	293 Chicopee Row
		30	39 Chicopee Row

Sector	Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location (In the Area of)
1	Chicopee Row (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Hollis St.
		35	1 Chicopee Row
		30	293 Chicopee Row
		30	402 Chicopee Row
		30	686 Chicopee Row
2	Elm Street (Southbound)	25	Approx. 100ft. from Main St. Intersection
1	Elm Street (Northbound)		
1	Farmers Row - Rt. 111/225 (Northbound)	40	Ayer Town Line
		35	357 Farmers Row
2	Farmers Row - Rt. 111/225 (Southbound)	35	Intersection of Pleasant St.
		35	123 Farmers Row
		35	235 Farmers Row
		40	357 Farmers Row
1	Flavell Road (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Lowell Rd.
1	Flavell Road (Southbound)	35	Intersection of Hoyts Wharf Rd.
1	Forge Village Road - Rt. 225 (Eastbound)	35	Intersection of Boston Rd.
1	Forge Village Road - Rt. 225 (Westbound)	40	Westford Town Line
1	Gay Road (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Boston Rd.
		25	142 Gay Rd.
		25	205 Gay Rd.
1	Gay Road (Southbound)	25	Intersection of Lowell Rd.
		30	147 Gay Rd.
1	Higley Street (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Peabody St.
1	Higley Street (Southbound)	30	Intersection of Farmers Row
2	Hill Road (Westbound)	25	Intersection of West Main St.
		30	99 Hill Rd.
		20	173 Hill Rd.
		25	235 Hill Rd.
2	Hill Road (Eastbound)	25	Intersection of Pepperell Rd.
		20	235 Hill Rd.
		30	173 Hill Rd.
		25	99 Hill Rd.
1	Hollis Street (Northbound)	30	10 Hollis St.
		30	111 Hollis St.
2	Hollis Street (Southbound)	30	200 Hollis St.
2	Long Hill Road - Rt. 225 (Westbound)	40	Approx. 500ft. from Farmers Row
		35	Approx. 300ft. before Nashua River Bridge
2	Long Hill Road - Rt. 225 (Eastbound)	35	Intersection of West Main St.
		40	Approx. 500ft after Nashua River Bridge
		25	Approx. 500ft. from Farmers Row
2	Longley Road (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Hollis St.
		30	158 Longley Rd.
		30	284 Longley Rd.
		30	475 Longley Rd.

Sector	Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location (In the Area of)
2	Longley Road (Southbound)	30	Pepperell Town Line
		30	284 Longley Rd.
		30	250 Longley Rd.
1	Lost Lake Drive (Eastbound)	30	Intersection of Lowell Rd.
		30	124 Lost Lake Drive
		20	277 Lost Lake Drive
		20	331 Lost Lake Drive
1	Lost Lake Drive (Westbound)	20	Intersection of Pine Trail (Utility Pole #2)
		30	277 Lost Lake Drive
1	Lovers Lane (Northbound)	25	Intersection of Boston Rd.
		20	45 Lovers Lane
1	Lovers Lane (Southbound)	20	Intersection of Whitman Rd.
		25	45 Lovers Lane
1	Lowell Road - Rt. 40 (Westbound)	35	Westford Town Line
		35	Intersection of Heritage Ln.
		40	Approx. 100ft. before Old Dunstable Rd.
		30	373 Lowell Rd.
		25	61 Lowell Rd.
1	Lowell Road - Rt. 40 (Eastbound)	25	Approx. 100ft. after north of Main St.
		30	19 Lowell Rd.
		40	373 Lowell Rd.
		35	Approx. 200ft. after Allens Trail
1/2	Main Street - Rt. 111/119 (Eastbound)	40	Pepperell Town Line
		35	391A Main St.
		35	Intersection of Champney St.
		30	263 Main St. @ Elm St.
1/2	Main Street - Rt. 111/119 (Westbound)	30	39 Main St.
		35	263 Main St. @ Elm St.
		40	368 Main St.
		40	391A Main St.
1	Martins Pond Road (Eastbound)	30	Utility Pole #5
		30	Utility Pole #27
		20	Intersection of Orchard St.
1	Martins Pond Road (Westbound)	20	Intersection of Rocky Hill Rd.
		20	523 Martins Pond Rd.
		30	409 Martins Pond Rd.
		30	Utility Pole 45
2	Mill Street (Northbound)	25	Approx. 500ft. north of Farmers Row
		30	Intersection of Canterbury Ln.
		25	245 Mill St.
2	Mill Street (Southbound)	30	257 Mill St.
		25	Intersection of Canterbury Ln.
		25	2 Mill St.
2	Nashua Road (Northbound)	35	Intersection of Longley Rd.
		30	Intersection of Reedy Meadow Rd.
		20	Intersection of Wyman Rd.
		30	425 Nashua Rd.

Sector	Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location (In the Area of)
2	Nashua Road (Southbound)	30	Pepperell Town Line
		20	425 Nashua Rd.
		30	Intersection of Wyman Rd.
		35	Intersection of Reedy Meadow Rd.
		25	22 Nashua Rd.
2	Nod Road (Northbound)	20	18 Nod Rd.
		30	70 Nod Rd.
2	Nod Road (Southbound)	30	Intersection of Sand Hill Rd.
		20	78 Nod Rd.
1	Old Ayer Road (Southbound)	35	24 Old Ayer Rd.
		35	54 Old Ayer Rd.
		40	122 Old Ayer Rd.
		30	284 Old Ayer Rd.
1	Old Ayer Road (Northbound)	30	Ayer Town Line
		40	284 Old Ayer Rd.
		35	122 Old Ayer Road.
		20	49 Old Ayer Rd.
1	Old Dunstable Road (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Lowell Rd.
		25	Intersection of Hoyts Wharf Rd.
1	Old Dunstable Road (Southbound)	25	Dunstable Town Line
		30	Intersection of Hoyts Wharf Rd.
1	Peabody Street (Eastbound)	30	Intersection of Farmers Row
		30	Approx. 100ft past Higley intersection
1	Peabody Street (Westbound)	30	Approx. 130ft. from Old Ayer Rd.
2	Pepperell Road (Northbound)	25	West Groton Square Intersection
		35	32 Pepperell Rd.
		30	132 Pepperell Rd.
		30	Intersection of Hill Rd.
		35	235 Pepperell Rd.
		30	Intersection of Wallace St.
2	Pepperell Road (Southbound)	30	Pepperell Town Line
		35	Intersection of Wallace St.
		30	235 Pepperell Rd.
		25	153 Pepperell Rd.
		25	32 Pepperell Rd.
1	Pleasant Street (Northbound)	35	Intersection of Farmers Row
		25	99 Pleasant St. (Groton Police Station)
		25	Intersection of Elm St.
2	Pleasant Street (Southbound)	25	Approx. 200ft. from Main St. Intersection
		25	Approx. 100ft. from Whistle Post Ln.
		35	99 Pleasant St. (Groton Police Station)
1	Raddin Road (Eastbound)	25	Intersection of Chicopee Row
		20	67 Raddin Rd.
		25	103 Raddin Rd.
1	Raddin Road (Westbound)	25	157 Raddin Rd.
		20	103 Raddin Rd.
		25	67 Raddin Rd.

Sector	Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location (In the Area of)
2	Sand Hill Road (Eastbound)	30	Intersection of Nod Rd./ Common St.
2	Sand Hill Road (Westbound)	30	Intersection of Longley Rd.
1	Sandy Pond Road (Eastbound)	35	Ayer Town Line
1	Sandy Pond Road (Westbound)	35	Intersection of Boston Rd.
1	School House Road (Northbound)	30	Intersection of Lowell Rd.
1	School House Road (Southbound)	30	104 School House Rd.
2	Town Line Road - Rt. 119 (Westbound)	45	Pepperell Town Line
2	Town Line Road - Rt. 119 (Eastbound)	40	Townsend Town Line
2	Townsend Road (Northbound)	35	40 Townsend Rd.
		30	308 Townsend Rd.
		35	396 Townsend Rd.
		35	Intersection of Cherry Tree Ln.
		25	888 Townsend Rd.
2	Townsend Road (Southbound)	35	Intersection of Town Line Rd.
		35	Intersection of Britt Ln.
		35	Intersection of Fieldstone Dr.
		30	406 Townsend Rd.
		35	313 Townsend Rd.
		25	66 Townsend Rd.
2	West Main Street - Rt. 225 (Eastbound)	20	Shirley Town Line
		35	34 West Main St.
		40	163 West Main St.
		35	382 West Main St.
2	West Main Street - Rt. 225 (Westbound)	35	Intersection of Long Hill Rd.
		40	Intersection of Hill Rd.
		35	163 West Main St.
		25	91 West Main St. (Blood Farm)
		25	74 West Main St.
		20	34 West Main St.
1	Whiley Road (Northbound)	35	Intersection of Boston Rd.
		20	228 Whiley Rd.
1	Whiley Road (Southbound)	20	Intersection of Lost Lake Drive/ Pine Trail
		20	Intersection of Moose Trail
		25	218 Whiley Rd.
1	Whitman Road (Eastbound)	20	Intersection of Lovers Lane
		25	132 Whitman Rd.
1	Whitman Road (Westbound)	25	Intersection of Gay Rd.
		20	132 Whitman Rd.

Article X Snow & Ice ~~(ADOPTED 2009)~~

Sec. 1. Winter Parking Ban- The DPW Director declares the Winter Parking Ban. The ban is in effect from November 15th until April 15th.

- ◆ On-street parking is prohibited overnight.
- ◆ Vehicles that are illegally parked will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sec. 2. Snow Emergency- There is no on-street parking during a Snow Emergency, which is determined by the DPW Director or Town Manager.

Sec. 3. Groton's Storm Strategy

The Town of Groton Highway Department has over 105 miles of roads to maintain. In an effort to make the snow season as safe as possible, we offer the following tips and information. Please remember that each storm is different so our strategy must be adjusted accordingly to achieve the best results. The Highway Department staff is well trained and dedicated to plow around the clock if necessary, to keep the roadways open and passable. If a plow truck is riding with its plow up, please do not be misled. They may be returning to the garage for fuel or repairs or might be headed to another section of town to assist with snow removal.

- ◆ Please be advised that Boston Rd. (Rte. 119), Route is maintained by Mass Highway from Old Ayer Road east and Elm Street west.

Residents should not be concerned if they do not see their roadway plowed during the early part of a snowstorm. The Highway Department follows an assigned route plan where main roads and hills are plowed first. Please be patient, all town owned roads will eventually be plowed.

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Sec. 4. When The Snow Begins

When a snowstorm begins the Department responds by treating all roads with deicing chemicals. Treating the road surfaces serves two purposes - preventing snow and ice from bonding to the surface and to keep traffic flowing. During certain storms, such as Ice Storms, multiple rounds of

deicing chemicals may be applied during the event. The initial treating the roads takes approximately 2 1/2 – 3 hours. Please remember that our crews have to travel on snow covered, slippery untreated roads to get here at any hour of the day or night. Please be patient as the crews will be out as soon as possible to begin snow removal operations.

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Sec. 5. During The Storm

Plowing operations begin when there is an accumulation of 2 to 4 inches of snow on road surfaces. Depending upon the severity of the storm, Town forces are assisted by hired contractors to expedite the process of snow removal. Each vehicle is assigned to a pre-determined route and will remain there until the storm subsides, unless an emergency occurs that requires reassignment of equipment from one location to another. The main objective is to keep all roads passable during the storm. Unfortunately, it is not possible to keep the roads free of snow without filling in many driveways; therefore, when you clean the end of your driveway, deposit the excess snow to the downstream side of your driveway. This will minimize the redeposit of snow into the cleared opening when the plow makes its next pass. Do not be surprised to see us plowing with very little snow. It is cheaper to plow than to apply chemicals to melt all the snow.

- ◆ Please do not shovel, plow or blow snow or ice into the roadway. You could be liable or fined if you create a hazardous condition in the roadway.
- ◆ If you have a private contractor plowing your driveway please make sure to remind them of this as you will be held responsible for their actions.

After plowing is completed, roads are given a final treatment of deicing chemical. In the days following a storm, scraping and treating of roads continues depending upon weather forecasts. If snow is expected right away, we may not treat flat or minor streets if it is going to snow again that night. If colder weather is forecasted streets must be scraped of snow and slush to prevent icing of the surface when the temperature drops. At times right after the storm we will be out again to widen the road edge so that drainage structures are exposed if the temperatures rise and melting occurs. As time allows, snow is removed from intersections and some areas of the center of Town where sight distance and parking is a concern.

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~~driveway. This will minimize the redeposit of snow into the cleared opening when the plow makes its next pass. Do not be surprised to see us plowing with very little snow. It is cheaper to plow than to apply chemicals to melt all the snow.~~

~~◆ No person shall shovel, plow or blow snow or ice into the roadway. You could be liable or fined if you create a hazardous condition in the roadway.~~

~~If you have a private contractor plowing your driveway please make sure to remind them of this as you will be held responsible for their actions.~~

~~After plowing is completed, roads are given a final treatment of deicing chemical. In the days following a storm, scraping and treating of roads continues depending upon weather forecasts. If snow is expected right away, we may not treat flat or minor streets if it is going to snow again that night. If colder weather is forecasted streets must be scraped of snow and slush to prevent icing of the surface when the temperature drops. At times right after the storm we will be out again to widen the road edge so that drainage structures are exposed if the temperatures rise and melting occurs. As time allows, snow is removed from intersections and some areas of the center of Town where sight distance and parking is a concern.~~

Article X- Accidents Reports, Responsibility, Penalties and Repeals

Sec. 1. Drivers Must Report Accidents. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to, or death of any person, or property damage to an apparent total extent of twenty-five (\$25) dollars or more shall within twenty-four (24) hours make a complete report in writing of such accident to the Police Headquarters in this town. A driver who has been incapacitated as a result of such accident, and to such an extent as to make reporting impossible or unfavorable to his recovery, shall not be required to report such accident until he has recovered sufficiently to be able to do so. The report shall be made on a form furnished by the police department, copies of which shall be available at the police station. Compliance with this section, however, shall not relieve such driver from the additional responsibility of reporting to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles any accident in which a person is killed or injured.

Sec. 2. Owner Prima Facie Responsible for Violations. If any vehicle is found upon any street or highway in violation of any provisions of these rules and orders and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or the person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima facie responsible for such violations.

Sec. 3 Penalties. Any person violating any provision of any rule, regulation or order regulating the parking of motor vehicles, made by anybody authorized to make same shall be dealt with as provided in Chapter 176 of the legislative Acts of 1935, amending Section 20A of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and any person violating any of the rules and regulations applicable to State Highways made by the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under authority of Chapter 85, Section 2 of the General laws, shall be subject to the penalty provided in said rules and regulations.

Any person convicted of a violation of any rule, regulations or order made hereunder, except as otherwise provided, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty (\$20) dollars for each offense.

Sec. 4 Repeal. These rules are adopted with the intent that each of them shall have force and effect separately and independently of every other except insofar as by express reference or necessary implication any rule or any part of a rule is made depend upon another rule or part thereof.

The provisions of these rules so far as they are the same in effect as those of any existing valid rules, orders or regulations heretofore made by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~Select Board of Groton relative to, or in connection with official signs, lights, markings, signal systems or devices shall be construed as a continuation thereof; but all existing rules, orders and regulations so made for the regulation of vehicles are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal, however, shall not affect any punishment or penalty imposed or any complaint or prosecutions pending at the time of the passage hereof for an offense committed under any of the said valid rules, orders or regulations hereby repealed.

The following is a list of public and private roads in the Town of Groton:

~~(ADOPTED 2009)~~

Source Street Name List ~~January 2005~~July 2020

ACORN PATH
ADAMS AVENUE
ALDER ROAD
ALLENS TRAIL
ALLISON PARK
AMELIA WAY
AMES ROAD
ANTHONY DRIVE
ARBOR WAY
ARLINGTON STREET
ARROW TRAIL
AUGUSTINE ROAD
AUTUMN LEAF DRIVE
BABY BEACH ROAD
BALSAM WALK
BAYBERRY ROAD
BEECHER ROAD
BIRCHWOOD AVENUE
BIXBY HILL ROAD
BLOSSOM LANE
BOATHOUSE ROAD
BOSTON ROAD (ROUTE 119 & 225)
BRANCH LANE
BREAKNECK ROAD
BRIDGE STREET

BRITT LANE
BROADMEADOW ROAD
BROWN LANE
BROWNLOAF ROAD
BRYANWOOD LANE
BURNTMEADOW ROAD
CANDICE LANE
CANTERBURY LANE
CARDINAL LANE
CARMICHAEL WAY
CASTLE DRIVE
CEDAR ROAD
CHAMPNEY STREET
CHARLES ROAD
CHERRY TREE LANE
CHESTNUT HILLS ROAD
CHESTNUT ROAD
CHICOPEE ROW
CHURCH STREET
COMMON STREET
CONNOLLY DRIVE
COURT STREET
COW POND BROOK ROAD
CROSSWINDS DRIVE
CRYSTAL SPRINGS LANE

CULVER ROAD
CYPRESS ROAD
DALE LANE
DEERFIELD DRIVE
DOLAN DRIVE
DOROTHY PLACE
DRUMLIN HILL ROAD
DUCK POND DRIVE
ELM STREET
ENGLEWOOD AVENUE
FAIRVIEW AVENUE
FAIRWAY DRIVE
FARMERS ROW
FAWN TERRACE LANE
FERTILDALE DRIVE
FIELDSTONE DRIVE
FIR ROAD
FITCHS BRIDGE ROAD
FLAVELL ROAD
FLETCHER HILL LANE
FLOYD HILL ROAD
FOREST DRIVE
FORGE VILLAGE ROAD (ROUTE 225)
FOX RUN
GAY ROAD
GEORGIA ROAD
GILSON ROAD
GRANITEVILLE ROAD
GRATUITY ROAD
HAWTREE WAY
HAYDEN ROAD
HAZEL ROAD
HAZELWOOD AVENUE
HEMLOCK PARK DRIVE
HEMLOCK ROAD
HERITAGE LANE
HICKORY LANE
HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD
HIGH OAKS PATH
HIGHLAND ROAD
HIGLEY STREET
HILL ROAD
HILLSIDE AVENUE
HOLLIS STREET
HOYTS WHARF ROAD
HUBBARD LANE
INDIAN HILL ROAD
INDIAN ROAD
INTEGRITY WAY

ISLAND POND ROAD
ISLAND ROAD
JENKINS ROAD
JOY LANE
JUNIPER POINT ROAD
KAILEYS WAY
KEMP STREET
KIRK FARM ROAD
LABBE ROAD
LAKESIDE DRIVE
LAKIN STREET
LAUREL LANE
LAWRENCE DRIVE
LINDSAY DRIVE
LITTLE HOLLOW LANE
LONE LANE
LONG COPE DRIVE
LONG HILL ROAD
LONGFELLOW ROAD
LONGLEY ROAD
LOOMIS LANE
LOST LAKE DRIVE
LOVERS LANE
LOWELL ROAD (ROUTE 40)
MADELINE DRIVE
MAIN STREET
MAPLE AVENUE
MAPLEWOOD AVENUE
MARA LANE
MARTINS POND ROAD
MAYFIELD DRIVE
MCCANNS HILL ROAD
MCCARTHY DRIVE
MCLAINS WOODS ROAD
MEADOWVIEW ROAD
MILL STREET
MOCKINGBIRD HILL ROAD
MONARCH PATH
MOORS ROAD
MOOSE TRAIL
NASHUA ROAD
NATE NUTTING ROAD
NEW POND ROAD
NICOLE LANE
NOD ROAD
NORTH STREET
NORTHWOODS ROAD
OLD AYER ROAD
OLD BOSTON ROAD

OLD CARRIAGE PATH
OLD DUNSTABLE ROAD
OLD HOMESTEAD ROAD
OLD LANTERN LANE
OLD ORCHARD STREET
ONEILL WAY
ORCHARD LANE
ORION WAY
ORR ROAD
OTTER LANE
OVERLOOK DRIVE
OXBOW LANE
PACER WAY
PAINTED POST ROAD
PAQUAWKET PATH
PARK DRIVE
PAUGUS TRAIL
PEABODY STREET
PEPPERELL ROAD
PINE TRAIL
PLEASANT STREET
POINT ROAD
POND HILL LANE
POWDERHOUSE ROAD
PRESCOTT STREET
PROCTOR ROAD (ROUTE 119)
QUAIL RIDGE ROAD
RADDIN ROAD
RADIO ROAD
RAWDING ROAD
RED PEPPER LANE
REDSKIN TRAIL
REEDY MEADOW ROAD
RHODENDA ROAD
RIDGE ROAD
RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
RIVERBEND DRIVE
ROBIN HILL ROAD
ROCKWOOD LANE
ROCKY HILL ROAD
ROOKS RUN
ROSS ROAD
ROXANNE ROAD
RUSTIC TRAIL
SADDLE LANE
SAND HILL ROAD
SANDY POND ROAD
SAWTELL DRIVE
SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD

SCHOOL STREET
SHATTUCK STREET
SHELTERS ROAD
SHENANDOAH ROAD
SHEPLEY STREET
SHIRLEY ROAD
SHORE LANE
SKINNER'S LANE
SKYFIELD DRIVE
SMITH STREET
SPAULDING DRIVE
SPENCER CIRCLE
SPRUCE ROAD
SQUANNACOOK DRIVE
ST JAMES AVENUE
STAR HOUSE LANE
STATION AVENUE
STONE BRIDGE WAY
STONECLEAVE LANE
SUMMIT AVENUE
SUNSET ROAD
SYLVAN LANE
TAMARACK ROAD
TAVERN ROAD
TAYLOR ROAD
TEMPLE DRIVE
THRONE HILL ROAD
TOWN FOREST ROAD
TOWNSEND ROAD
VALLEY ROAD
VALLIRIA DRIVE
VIOLET ROAD
VOSE AVENUE
WACHUSETT TRAIL
WALLACE ROAD
WATSON WAY
WENUCHAS TRAIL
WEST MAIN STREET
WEST STREET
WESTBROOK LANE
WESTVIEW STREET
WEYMISSET ROAD
WHARTON ROW
WHILEY ROAD
WHISPERING BROOK ROAD
WHISTLEPOST LANE
WHITAKER LANE
WHITEWOOD ROAD
WHITING AVENUE

WHITMAN ROAD
 WHITNEY POND ROAD
 WILDFLOWER LANE
 WILLOWDALE STREET
 WINDING WAY
 WINDMILL HILL ROAD

WINTERGREEN LANE
 WOOD LANE
 WORTHEN DRIVE
 WYMAN ROAD

<u>ACORN PATH</u>	<u>MARTINS POND ROAD</u>
<u>ADAMS AVENUE</u>	<u>MAYFIELD DRIVE</u>
<u>ALDER ROAD</u>	<u>MCCANNS HILL ROAD</u>
<u>ALDER ROAD</u>	<u>MCCARTHY DRIVE</u>
<u>AMES ROAD</u>	<u>MCLAINS WOODS ROAD</u>
<u>ARLINGTON STREET</u>	<u>MEADOW VIEW ROAD</u>
<u>ARROW TRAIL</u>	<u>MILL STREET</u>
<u>AUGUSTINE ROAD</u>	<u>MOORS ROAD</u>
<u>AUTUMN LEAF DRIVE</u>	<u>MOOSE TRAIL</u>
<u>BABY BEACH ROAD</u>	<u>NASHUA ROAD</u>
<u>BALSAM WALK</u>	<u>NATE NUTTING ROAD</u>
<u>BAYBERRY ROAD</u>	<u>NEW POND ROAD</u>
<u>BEECHER ROAD</u>	<u>NICOLE LANE</u>
<u>BIRCHWOOD AVENUE</u>	<u>NOD ROAD</u>
<u>BIXBY HILL ROAD</u>	<u>NORTH STREET</u>
<u>BIXBY HILL ROAD</u>	<u>OLD AYER ROAD</u>
<u>BLOSSOM LANE</u>	<u>OLD BOSTON ROAD</u>
<u>BLOSSOM LANE</u>	<u>OLD CARRIAGE PATH</u>
<u>BRANCH LANE</u>	<u>OLD DUNSTABLE ROAD</u>
<u>BREAKNECK ROAD</u>	<u>OLD HOMESTEAD ROAD</u>
<u>BRIDGE STREET</u>	<u>OLD ORCHARD STREET</u>
<u>BRITT LANE</u>	<u>ONEILL WAY</u>
<u>BROADMEADOW ROAD</u>	<u>ORCHARD LANE</u>
<u>BROWN LANE</u>	<u>ORION WAY</u>
<u>BROWN LOAF ROAD</u>	<u>ORR ROAD</u>
<u>BRYANWOOD LANE</u>	<u>OTTER LANE</u>
<u>BURNTMEADOW ROAD</u>	<u>OVERLOOK DRIVE</u>
<u>CARDINAL LANE</u>	<u>OVERLOOK DRIVE</u>
<u>CARMICHAEL WAY</u>	<u>OXBOW LANE</u>
<u>CASTLE DRIVE</u>	<u>PACER WAY</u>
<u>CEDAR ROAD</u>	<u>PAINTED POST ROAD</u>
<u>CHAMBERLAINS MILL LANE</u>	<u>PAQUAWKET PATH</u>
<u>CHAMPNEY STREET</u>	<u>PAQUAWKET PATH</u>

<u>CHARLES ROAD</u>	<u>PARK DRIVE</u>
<u>CHESTNUT HILL ROAD</u>	<u>PEABODY STREET</u>
<u>CHESTNUT ROAD</u>	<u>PEABODY STREET</u>
<u>CHICOPEE ROW</u>	<u>PEPPERELL ROAD</u>
<u>COMMON STREET</u>	<u>PINE TRAIL</u>
<u>CONNOLLY DRIVE</u>	<u>PLEASANT STREET</u>
<u>COURT STREET</u>	<u>PLEASANT STREET</u>
<u>COW POND BROOK ROAD</u>	<u>POINT ROAD</u>
<u>CROSSWINDS DRIVE</u>	<u>POND HILL LANE</u>
<u>CROSSWINDS DRIVE</u>	<u>POWDER HOUSE ROAD</u>
<u>CRYSTAL SPRINGS LANE</u>	<u>PRESCOTT STREET</u>
<u>CULVER ROAD</u>	<u>PROCTOR ROAD</u>
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<u>CYPRESS ROAD</u>	<u>RADDIN ROAD</u>
<u>DALE LANE</u>	<u>RADIO ROAD</u>
<u>DEERFIELD DRIVE</u>	<u>REDSKIN TRAIL</u>
<u>DOLAN DRIVE</u>	<u>REEDY MEADOW ROAD</u>
<u>DRUMLIN HILL ROAD</u>	<u>RHODENDA ROAD</u>
<u>DUCK POND DRIVE</u>	<u>RIDGEWOOD AVENUE</u>
<u>ELM STREET</u>	<u>RIVERBEND DRIVE</u>
<u>ENGLEWOOD AVENUE</u>	<u>ROBIN HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FAIRVIEW AVENUE</u>	<u>ROBIN HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FAIRWAY DRIVE</u>	<u>ROBIN HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FARMERS ROW</u>	<u>ROBIN HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FARMERS ROW</u>	<u>ROCKWOOD LANE</u>
<u>FAWN TERRACE LANE</u>	<u>ROCKY HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FERTILEDAL DRIVE</u>	<u>ROCKY HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FIR ROAD</u>	<u>ROOKS RUN</u>
<u>FITCHS BRIDGE ROAD</u>	<u>ROSS ROAD</u>
<u>FITCHS BRIDGE ROAD</u>	<u>ROXANNE ROAD</u>
<u>FLAVELL ROAD</u>	<u>RUSTIC TRAIL</u>
<u>FLETCHER HILL LANE</u>	<u>SADDLE LANE</u>
<u>FLOYD HILL ROAD</u>	<u>SAINT JAMES AVENUE</u>
<u>FOREST DRIVE</u>	<u>SAND HILL ROAD</u>
<u>FOREST DRIVE</u>	<u>SANDY POND ROAD</u>
<u>FOREST DRIVE</u>	<u>SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD</u>
<u>FORGE VILLAGE ROAD</u>	<u>SCHOOL STREET</u>
<u>FOX RUN</u>	<u>SHATTUCK STREET</u>
<u>GAY ROAD</u>	<u>SHENANDOAH ROAD</u>
<u>GILSON ROAD</u>	<u>SHEPLEY STREET</u>

<u>GRANITEVILLE ROAD</u>	<u>SHIRLEY ROAD</u>
<u>GRATUITY ROAD</u>	<u>SKINNERS LANE</u>
<u>HARDING ROAD</u>	<u>SKYFIELD DRIVE</u>
<u>HAWTREE WAY</u>	<u>SLYVAN LANE</u>
<u>HAYDEN ROAD</u>	<u>SMITH STREET</u>
<u>HAZEL ROAD</u>	<u>SPAULDING LANE</u>
<u>HAZELWOOD AVENUE</u>	<u>SPENCER CIRCLE</u>
<u>HEMLOCK PARK DRIVE</u>	<u>SPRUCE ROAD</u>
<u>HEMLOCK ROAD</u>	<u>SQUANNACOOK DRIVE</u>
<u>HERITAGE LANE</u>	<u>STAR HOUSE LANE</u>
<u>HICKORY LANE</u>	<u>STATION AVENUE</u>
<u>HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD</u>	<u>STONEBRIDGE WAY</u>
<u>HIGH OAKS PATH</u>	<u>STONECLEAVE LANE</u>
<u>HIGHLAND ROAD</u>	<u>SUMMIT AVENUE</u>
<u>HIGLEY STREET</u>	<u>SUNSET ROAD</u>
<u>HILL ROAD</u>	<u>TAVERN ROAD</u>
<u>HILL ROAD</u>	<u>TEMPLE DRIVE</u>
<u>HILLSIDE AVENUE</u>	<u>THRONE HILL ROAD</u>
<u>HOLLIS STREET</u>	<u>TOWN FOREST ROAD</u>
<u>HOYTS WHARF ROAD</u>	<u>TOWNSEND ROAD</u>
<u>HOYTS WHARF ROAD</u>	<u>VALLEY ROAD</u>
<u>INDIAN HILL ROAD</u>	<u>VALLIRIA DRIVE</u>
<u>INDIAN HILL ROAD</u>	<u>VOSE AVENUE</u>
<u>INDIAN ROAD</u>	<u>WALLACE ROAD</u>
<u>INTEGRITY WAY</u>	<u>WATSON WAY</u>
<u>ISLAND POND ROAD</u>	<u>WATSON WAY</u>
<u>ISLAND ROAD</u>	<u>WENUCHAS TRAIL</u>
<u>JENKINS ROAD</u>	<u>WEST GROTON ROAD</u>
<u>JOY LANE</u>	<u>WEST MAIN STREET</u>
<u>JUNIPER POINT ROAD</u>	<u>WEST STREET</u>
<u>KAILEYS WAY</u>	<u>WESTVIEW STREET</u>
<u>KEMP STREET</u>	<u>WEYMISSET ROAD</u>
<u>KIRK FARM ROAD</u>	<u>WHARTON ROW</u>
<u>LABBE ROAD</u>	<u>WHARTON ROW</u>
<u>LAKESIDE DRIVE</u>	<u>WHARTON ROW</u>
<u>LAWRENCE DRIVE</u>	<u>WHARTON ROW</u>
<u>LEGION ROAD</u>	<u>WHILEY ROAD</u>
<u>LINDSAY DRIVE</u>	<u>WHISPERING BROOK ROAD</u>
<u>LITTLE HOLLOW LANE</u>	<u>WHISTLE POST LANE</u>
<u>LONE LANE</u>	<u>WHITAKER LANE</u>

<u>LONG HILL ROAD</u>	<u>WHITEWOOD ROAD</u>
<u>LONGFELLOW ROAD</u>	<u>WHITING AVENUE</u>
<u>LONGLEY ROAD</u>	<u>WHITMAN ROAD</u>
<u>LONGLEY ROAD</u>	<u>WHITMAN ROAD</u>
<u>LOOMIS LANE</u>	<u>WHITNEY POND ROAD</u>
<u>LOST LAKE DRIVE</u>	<u>WILLOWDALE ROAD</u>
<u>LOST LAKE DRIVE</u>	<u>WINDING WAY</u>
<u>LOVERS LANE</u>	<u>WINDMILL HILL ROAD</u>
<u>LOWELL ROAD</u>	<u>WINTERGREEN LANE</u>
<u>MADELINE DRIVE</u>	<u>WOOD LANE</u>
<u>MAIN STREET</u>	<u>WORTHEN DRIVE</u>
<u>MAIN STREET</u>	<u>WORTHEN DRIVE</u>
<u>MAPLE AVENUE</u>	<u>WORTHEN DRIVE</u>
<u>MAPLEWOOD AVENUE</u>	<u>WYMAN ROAD</u>
<u>MARA LANE</u>	-

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021
UN-APPROVED**

SB Members Virtually Present: Alison S. Manugian, Chair; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chair; Rebecca H. Pine, Clerk; John R. Giger, Member; John F. Reilly, Member

Also Virtually Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant; Melisa Doig, HR Director; Patricia Dufresne, Town Accountant; Hannah Moller, Assistant Tax Collector/Treasurer; Michael Hartnett, Tax Collector/Treasurer; Megan Foster, Principal Assistant Assessor; Michael Hartnett, Tax Collector/Treasurer; Michael Bouchard, Town Clerk

Ms. Manugian called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Haddad said that he brought an easement release to the Board for Tarbell School a few weeks ago. He said that the neighborhood had reached out and wanted to see the Town keep the easement. Mr. Haddad said he was withdrawing his request and thanked the Board for suggesting that he reach out to the abutters. Mr. Giger questioned the liability with not maintaining the easement property. Mr. Haddad said he could look into that. Further, Mr. Giger requested that Town Government determine which organization or individual is responsible for the upkeep of the easement land and maintenance of the playground equipment installed at that location.

Ms. Manugian said that effective March, there would be no COVID vaccines available to through the Board of Health.

Mr. Haddad said that the Board rejected a liquor license request for 9 West Main Street a couple of weeks ago adding that the applicant had appealed the decision to the ABCC. He said that a hearing would be scheduled and would provide more information as soon as they received it. Mr. Giger suggested that they take pictures in advance of the hearing in order to represent themselves. Ms. Pine said that a number of the abutters had questions about the hearing process. She said she consulted with Town Counsel and learned that no one had answers for the abutters as it was too early in the appeal process.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad said that there were no updates to COVID action taken by the Town. He said that Groton was still a yellow community adding they went down this week to a 1.97% positivity rate. He said that if they went back to Green this week, he would recommend that they open back up to the public the following week. The Board was agreeable to this plan. Ms. Manugian said she was also amenable to opening up a few days a week should the employees feel more comfortable with that.
2. Mr. Haddad said that the Diversity Task Force was recommending that the Select Board appoint Gordon Candow to fill the vacancy on the Task Force representing the ADA. He said that Officer Candow had children with disabilities and thought that coupled with the fact he was an officer in Town made him a great addition to this committee.

Ms. Pine moved to appoint Gordon Candow to the Diversity Task Force. Mr. Degen seconded the motion with a term to expire June 30, 2021. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye

3. Mr. Haddad said that the Invasive Species Committee was recommending that the Board appoint Charlotte Weigel to fill a vacancy on the Committee. Mr. Giger asked what her experience was. Mr. Degen said that Charlotte was an avid gardener that lived on a piece of property that was surrounded by invasive species. He said that she had done a tremendous amount of research on this and on eradicating the weeds herself.

Ms. Manugian moved to appoint Charlotte Weigel to the Invasive Species Committee through June 30, 2021. Ms. Pine seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye; Degen abstain.

4. Mr. Haddad said that Kevin Lindemer of Boston Road had approached him about placing an article on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant that would grant Mr. Lindemer an easement through the Groton Country Club to connect to the Town Sewer. He said that a couple of years ago, the Town Meeting voted to include Mr. Lindemer's property on Boston Road in the Center Sewer District. Mr. Haddad said that after a review of the various options to connect, Mr. Lindemer would like to pursue this option.

Mr. Frank McPartlan from Dillis and Roy Design Group said that they had been working on this plan for a while now. He said that they were seeking an easement to go under the Country Club from Boston Road to a new home that Mr. Lindemer would like to build. Mr. McPartlan said that it would be a 25ft wide utility easement. He said that the Town's sewer line ended across the street from Johnson's. He said that no excavation would be required. He said that they were experiencing difficulty permitting this with MassDOT and why they were needing to explore other avenues. He said that work access would be limited to when the course wasn't being used.

Ms. Pine asked what installing this trenchless meant. Mr. McPartlan said that an auger would be used to dig this trench underground. He said that the contractor had enough equipment and confidence in their equipment to do this in one shot. Ms. Pine asked what their timing looked like. Mr. Lindemer said if Town Meeting approved this, they would need to wait until the Fall to find a good time to complete this so as to not interfere with golf. Ms. Manugian asked why this couldn't be done within the right of way. Mr. McPartlan said that it was because it was a private line. Ms. Manugian asked if any of this was in wetlands. Mr. Lindemer said that they had a wetland survey done. He said that the wetland was solely on his property and not on the golf course property. Mr. Giger said that he believed that Mr. Lindemer was given general support for this approach some time ago. He said he was concerned about putting an access point across from Pediatrics West adding the piece of the golf course was already spongy there. Mr. McPartlan said that if that was too much of a concern, they could pull that off the plan. Mr. Lindemer said he preferred the access point be located on his property also. Mr. Degen asked how many permanent feet the easement was for. Mr. McPartlan said it was 370 feet plus or minus. Mr. Degen said that Ms. Manugian brought up a good point concerning if they were to ever develop that land. Mr. Degen asked if Mr. Lindemer was offering to purchase this easement. Mr. Lindemer said he was not. Mr. Degen said he thought this would open pandoras box for other homeowners. Ms. Manugian said she agreed. She said there was a reason DOT was not comfortable with such a lengthy extension for private use. Mr. Lindemer said that DOT had a set of rules regardless of how long. Mr. Haddad said that there would be legal costs associated with this and didn't want to see the taxpayers have to bear the costs associated with this and thought it should be borne by the applicant. Mr. Lindemer said he fully expected he would bear that cost. Ms. Pine said that she was not as concerned about others asking for this same treatment and didn't think it was unusual for property to be sold with an easement on it. She asked to hear what the Sewer Commission had to say about this. Mr. Bouchard said that this was the most detail he had seen as a Sewer Commissioner. He said that this was a private line and were expecting that all costs be borne by the applicant. Mr. Lindemer said that Mr. Delaney and the Sewer Commission had been great in working to answer all questions either side had.

Ms. Pine asked why this needed to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Haddad said that the Select Board could not approve an easement adding it required Town Meeting approval. Mr. Degen asked if this had been done in this community or other communities. Mr. Haddad said he wasn't aware of any in Groton but would have to research that. Ms. Pine said she hadn't heard a reason to not include this on the warrant. Mr. Degen said he needed to hear how this had been handled in other communities. Ms. Manugian said that an easement would typically come with a dollar value and wanted to understand that also. Mr. Haddad said that the Board would need to authorize the addition of this on the warrant to which Town Meeting would vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an easement.

Mr. Giger questioned how this was different from Indian Hill extending the line to their property. Mr. Degen said that the difference was others along the way to Indian Hill had the opportunity to tie in where in this case it was for a single private use. Ms. Pine said it sounded like the ability to extend the existing line to Mr.

Lindemer's property. Mr. Lindemer said that they would have to dig a trench and put in a larger line. He said that the easement approach would be all underground and a smaller line. He said it was the least intrusive, cost effective means for doing this. Mr. Degen asked if there was sewer up Skyfield Drive. Mr. Gmeiner said that it did not extend up Skyfield. Mr. Gmeiner said he would like to see this be limited to Mr. Lindemer's property.

Mr. Haddad said that the question before the Board was whether or not they would allow an article added to the Warrant. Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Lindemer was prepared to bring this forward by citizen's petition if the Board did not vote to add it to the warrant.

Ms. Pine moved that they authorize the Town Manager to work with Mr. Lindemer to draft an article to be include on the warrant for Spring Town Meeting. Mr. Giger seconded the motion. Mr. Haddad asked that all legal costs for the easement be borne by the applicant. Ms. Pine accepted the wording addition.

Mr. Giger said that there would be no cost to the Town for this. Ms. Pine said this vote allowed it to be added to the warrant. Ms. Manugian said there was too much information unknown and was uncomfortable moving this forward. Mr. Reilly said he didn't have a problem bringing this forward to the Town but agreed there was some value to be discussed further here. Ms. Pine said that gathering more information was a good idea and could be something they end up not supporting at Town Meeting.

Roll Call: Manugian-no; Degen-no; Pine-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye

5. Mr. Haddad said that a couple of things had happened since he presented the proposed budget. He said that there was no change in the levy capacity and excluded debt. He said that there was an increase in the Governor's budget and decided to carry that number. He said that the free cash number was going up because they didn't need to set aside free cash for GDRSD capital. There was enough in the GDRSD capital stabilization fund. Mr. Haddad said that based on union negotiations, he had updated those amounts. Mr. Haddad said that the overall budget was reduced by \$238,709 since presented in January. He said that they were now \$132,968 under the levy limit.

Ms. Pine asked if this allowed them to add anything back into the budget. Ms. Manugian said that the GDRSD numbers were still estimates at this point and was based on the assumption the District would not needing additional PPE and remote learning in the Fall. Mr. Haddad said that Dunstable would need to come up with an additional \$70K to meet the needs and was predicated on this. Mr. Haddad said that should any money become available, he had 4 priorities that he would like to see filled. He said that their insurance budget was going to be short by \$40K because of 4 major losses over the last three years putting their use over 200%. He said if there was \$90K left (\$70K for salary and \$20K for insurance) after adding to the insurance budget, he would like to fill the patrolman position. Ms. Pine said that this was all dependent on the Governor's budget coming in where its estimated. Mr. Haddad said the Governor's budget had always been right around what was presented by the Governor.

Ms. Manugian said this was good information and liked how it was laid out. Mr. Haddad thanked Mr. Robertson for all his help with this over the weekend.

6. Mr. Haddad reviewed the Board's schedule for the next few meetings.
7. Mr. Haddad said that the Select Board met during Executive Session earlier to discuss the Fire Union negotiations. Mr. Haddad said that they had agreed to a one-year contract, a 1.5% one-time cash payment, a \$500 COVID stipend, and some wording changes. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to consider ratifying the contract.

Mr. Degen moved to ratify as presented and discussed earlier this evening. Ms. Pine seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Degen-aye; Giger-aye; Reilly-aye; Manugian-aye

Ms. Pine said they felt that because the Firefighters were put into a unique situation of having to go into COVID infected home and ride in ambulances with COVID patients, that they were putting themselves at more risk than anyone. Mr. Robertson said that these agreements were good for both the employees and the Town and thought everyone worked well as a team to get this done. He said that this came out as good as they could expect from a financial perspective. Ms. Manugian thanked everyone also.

Mr. Degen left the meeting at 8:31pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Manugian said she compiled a list of committees as was one of their goals. She said she made a list of those that required further discussion. She wasn't sure if they could eliminate any of these committees. She asked what other information folks wanted to see. Ms. Pine said there were some committees that were actually statutorily required but were some she wasn't sure what they did, if they operated still, etc.

MINUTES

Ms. Pine moved that they approve the amended minutes of February 8, 2021. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye

Ms. Manugian adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.

Approved: _____
Rebecca H. Pine, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted:
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved:

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021
UN-APPROVED**

SB Members Virtually Present: Alison S. Manugian, Chair; Joshua A. Degen, Vice Chair; Rebecca H. Pine, Clerk; John R. Giger, Member; John F. Reilly, Member

Also Virtually Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant; Melisa Doig, HR Director; Patricia Dufresne, Town Accountant; Hannah Moller, Assistant Tax Collector/Treasurer; Michael Hartnett, Tax Collector/Treasurer; Megan Foster, Principal Assistant Assessor; Michael Hartnett, Tax Collector/Treasurer; Michael Bouchard, Town Clerk; Meryl Nistler, Studio G; David Saindon, Left Field; Finance Committee Members Scott Whitefield, Colby Doody, Bud Robertson, Art Prest, Mary Linskey, David Manugian, Gary Green; Marlena Gilbert; Fay Raynor

Mr. Degen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Robertson called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 7:04pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rebecca Tabasky said she was a new resident of Groton as of February. She said she was thrilled about the Diversity Task Force and hearing All Were Welcome. She asked the Board to support 2 bills at the state level, the Working Family Mobility Act and the Safe Communities Act.

Ms. Pine said Mr. Degen had said at a meeting on February 8th about a failure of the Affordable Housing Trust to pursue legal action against the developer of Boynton Meadows. *(See attached statement)*

Mr. Degen asked that this discussion be put into an Executive Session with the Affordable Housing Trust so that the CEO's of the Town could be updated on this matter. He said he stood behind his comments based on knowledge he had to date. He said that affordable housing was needed but stood behind his conviction that the developer needed to be held accountable and would not support a CPC application for affordable housing until this was cleared up. He reiterated that he believed in affordable housing and the need for it.

FLORECNCE ROCHE BUILDING PROJECT PRESENTATION

Ms. Gilbert began by showing a layout for the proposed elementary school also showing where the track would be relocated. She said that the School Committee looked at data on other elementary schools and showed that this proposed school construction was mid-range for MSBA school construction projects researched from 2019 to those projected to begin in 2021. She said that a renovation would make sense if they wanted the school to last another 10 years. She said that they were looking for a school that would be there for 50 plus years. She showed that a new build, with MSBA reimbursement would cost Groton residents \$51.8 million vs. renovating both Florence Roche and Swallow union, with no MSBA reimbursement, for a total cost of \$62 million. She said Swallow Union needed work but not to the extent of Florence Roche. Ms. Gilbert said that they currently didn't have enough space for special education needs within the current square footage of either school. Ms. Gilbert showed the tax impact/debt service they would be looking at. An average home valued at \$507,000 would see a full tax impact in FY2025 of \$770.64.

Ms. Pine asked if the proposed track relocation surrounded a soccer field. Ms. Gilbert said it would. Ms. Gilbert said that the field had been there but would be rehabilitated as part of a CPA application they have submitted. Ms. Pine asked if May 2022 was the expected start of construction. Mr. Saindon from Left Field said that once the project was approved, they needed to complete the design which would take a year and therefore was expected to begin construction in May 2022.

Mr. Green suggested that they look at total costs when looking at this for comparison sake and not with MSBA reimbursements. Mr. Saindon said that all projects provided as comparisons were MSBA approved projects. Mr. Giger said he agreed with Mr. Green and thought at a minimum that the cost to Groton and the State should show a square footage cost. He said that the MSBA money came from tax payers also and why he thought it should be shown.

Mr. Degen asked if they could build this school for less than using MSBA funding because of different requirements and hoped they could do that kind of cost comparison. Ms. Manugian said they could not have built this for less and met the criteria but didn't know how to show that.

Mr. Prest said he agreed with Mr. Giger in that the slide showing the cost per square footage comparison to the Groton Center was misleading.

Mr. Saindon said that the reimbursable portion was 53% adding there were a lot of things that were not eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Robertson said that the 53% was on a lower number than the total number then.

Ms. Gilbert showed a slide on their informational activity/community outreach going forward.

Mr. Giger suggested that they settle on numbers and stick to them moving forward. He said that this was what the taxpayers wanted to see at the end of the day.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad said that they continued to monitor the weekly health report issued by the Department of Public Health. He said Groton continued to be a "yellow" community with 33 reported cases in the last two weeks with a 1.80% positivity rate. He said that they were trending lower for the second straight week and would continue to be diligent in their efforts to address the impact this pandemic has on our operations. Mr. Haddad said that as on that day, the Governor had eased some of the restrictions also such as increasing capacity limits to 50%.
2. Mr. Haddad said that he was requesting that the Board consider ratifying the appointment of Jesse Johnson of Rindge, New Hampshire as a Truck Driver/Laborer for the Groton Highway Department.

Ms. Pine made the motion to ratify the appointment of Jesse Johnson as Truck Driver/Laborer for the DPW effective March 15, 2021. Mr. Degen seconded the motion.

Mr. Degen asked about the travel time and if there were any requirements. Mr. Haddad said that they did have travel requirement adding they had other employees who lived in Rindge and could get here in under the required time.

Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye

3. Mr. Haddad said that at the request of Building Commissioner Bob Garside, he had appointed Jeremy Pierce as the Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector and respectfully requested that the Board to ratify this appointment.

Ms. Pine made a motion to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Jeremy Pierce as Alternate Gas/Plumbing Inspector. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye

4. Mr. Haddad said that Paul Martell has resigned from the Board of Registrars as he was now the Chair of the Republican Town Committee, which made him ineligible to serve as a registrar. Mr. Haddad said that since there were two Democrats on the Board of Registrars, this appointment has to be a Republican. He said that the Republican Town Committee had nominated Paul Fitzgerald as Paul Martell's replacement. He said that Paul Fitzgerald, if appointed, would serve the remainder of Paul Martell's term. Mr. Haddad respectfully requested that the Board make this appointment with his term to expire on June 30, 2021. Mr. Haddad added that Mr. Fitzgerald would be up for reappointment in June when the Select Board makes their annual appointments.

Mr. Reilly made the motion. Ms. Manugian seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-aye; Reilly-aye; Giger-aye

5. Ms. Foster said that she was there to provide an overview of the types of property tax relief options available to residents. She said that the statutory exemptions were limited to one of out the five but that the 2 town adopted programs were both available to seniors. Ms. Foster reviewed the limits and process for each of the exemptions. Ms.

Manugian asked a question on some of the tax exemption limits and whether they were as high as they could go. This was something that needed to be looked into.

6. Mr. Haddad reviewed the wording for the ballot question and asked the Board if they wanted to vote on the ballot wording that night or wait until the public hearing. Ms. Manugian said she preferred to hold it until the public hearing. Ms. Pine asked if this was reviewed by counsel. Mr. Haddad said it was drafted by Bond Counsel and reviewed by Town Counsel. Mr. Haddad said that MSBA Counsel had also signed off on it.

Mr. Haddad reviewed each of the articles contained in the warrant for the 2021 Spring Town Meeting.

Mr. Degen asked how many years the middle school track project funding would be for. Mr. Haddad said he recommended to the CPC that this be for 5 years using a State House note.

Ms. Pine said that there would be a wording change to the Affordable Housing Trust's CPA application for testing to not include Surrenden Farm. Mr. Degen asked if there would be a cost reduction based on this. Ms. Pine said there would not be.

Ms. Manugian asked if contamination of the site under article 19 was of concern because of its previous use as a training site for the Fire Department. Mr. Haddad said he was unsure. Ms. Pine said that the Affordable Housing Trust would be interested in meeting with the Housing Authority on this adding this property was listed in the Housing Production Plan and had just come forward.

Mr. Degen said that they could not change the wording of the Citizen's Petition and suggested that the proponents change Board of Selectmen to Select Board. Ms. Pine said that the summary submitted stated by the proponents of this petitions said that Joy Lane would have to be relocated and wanted to correct that misunderstanding. She said that no road would be created but that the existing road/driveway into General Field would be upgraded and Joy Lane would remain as such. Ms. Pine said that the Affordable Housing Trust had backed off and stopped considering the Surrenden Farm parcel because of the road access issue which would be daunting and expensive.

7. Mr. Haddad said that they needed to adjust their insurance budget by \$35-40K due to property losses they had experienced over the last 3 years.
8. There was a discussion about logistics for Town Meeting being held on Saturday and whether one day would be enough.
9. Mr. Haddad reviewed the Board's schedule moving forward.
10. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to extend the signing authority on warrants for him and one member of the Board through April 8th.

Ms. Manugian moved to extend the signing authority for the Town Manager and Mr. Reilly on the warrants. Ms. Pine seconded the motion. Roll Call: Pine-aye; Manugian-aye; Degen-aye; Reilly-abstain; Giger-aye

MINUTES

The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Manugian adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm.

Approved: _____
Rebecca H. Pine, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted:
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved:

I'd like to make a statement regarding comments that Josh made at our Feb. 8th meeting, which were then repeated in last week's Groton Herald, when Josh said there has been a 'failure by the Affordable Housing Trust to pursue legal action over the Boynton Meadows project', and a failure to seek restitution of the town funds that were invested in that project.

As I said at the time, and as Josh surely knows, any efforts by the AHT to pursue legal action on any matter, would need to be discussed in Executive Session and therefore would not be publicly known, so he was basing his opinion on incomplete and inaccurate information.

I would like to summarize information that is publicly known at this point.

Since 2019, there has been a complete turnover of membership on the AHT. Two of the current AHT members have moved into Groton since Boynton Meadows was built. One of the current members spoke against the Boynton Meadows project at Town Meeting. The current AHT has, nevertheless, picked up the pieces of this messy, and still unresolved, situation and is working hard to find answers.

Specifically, the AHT sent a demand letter to the developer last May, which they made public. A review of the publicly posted agendas shows that the AHT has held four Executive Sessions about Boynton Meadows in the past 8 months, with another one scheduled for this week. The AHT has also publicly authorized payment to KP Law, who have provided legal advice on Boynton Meadows since the beginning.

It is inaccurate and, I would also add, it is insulting to characterize the AHT's efforts as a failure to pursue legal action or to seek restitution of the town's funds from the Boynton Meadows project. Please be assured that the Affordable Housing Trust, and I personally, share, along with the Groton Herald and all Groton taxpayers, a wish to get more answers about the Boynton Meadows investment, and to recoup the Town's investment.

At our Feb. 8th meeting, Josh also stated his intention to withhold support for any future funding for the AHT until the Boynton Meadows issue is resolved. I personally find this a frustrating and pointless position. Withholding approval for the AHT's application for CPA funds will do **nothing** to recoup the Boynton Meadows investment, but will certainly slow, if not prevent entirely, the AHT's efforts to create much-needed affordable housing in Groton.

I know there is controversy about where to build affordable housing. I will have more comments about that later this evening, when we discuss the Citizens Petition article about the Surrenden Reserve Parcel on the Town Meeting Warrant.

I would like to add that Josh was both a Selectman and a member of the Affordable Housing Trust when the Boynton Meadows project was conceived and undertaken, and Josh was one of the project's biggest advocates in presenting the project to Town Meeting in the spring of 2011 (10 years ago). I appreciate his frustration and concerns about these issues at this point, but given the seriousness of these matters, it is very important to be certain that public comments are accurate.