

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MAY 3, 2004

Middlesex:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To any Constable in the Town of Groton

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn said inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote on Town affairs to assemble in the Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium in said Town on Monday, the third day of May next, at 8:00 P.M. in the evening, to consider the following:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2004 budget, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Board of Selectmen: **Recommendation - Support**

Finance Committee: **Recommendation - At Town Meeting**

Summary: *To transfer money within the FY 04 budget as shown in the handout to be distributed at Town Meeting.*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the following unpaid FY03 bills

\$180.20 Police Department Expenses

\$ 66.88 Park Commission Expenses

\$440.00 Sealer of Weights & Measures

or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation - At Town Meeting

Summary: *Invoices for the above costs were submitted after the close of Fiscal Year 2003. Town Meeting approval is required to pay any prior year invoice. The source of funding is Free Cash.*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the remaining balances of the following appropriations:

\$4975.25 voted under Article 11 of the Warrant for the May 1, 2000, Annual Town Meeting (W. Groton Mill Dam Repair)

\$296.40 voted under Article 20 of the Warrant for the September 23, 2002, Special Town Meeting (Purchase of MacGregor property).

A sum of money voted under Article 20 of the Warrant for the April 24, 2000, Annual Town Meeting (Landfill Capping)

To the stabilization fund, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation - At Town Meeting

Summary: *The purposes for which the above funds were appropriated have been accomplished. This article transfers the remaining funds so they can be used for other purposes.*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the appropriation voted under Article 12 of the Warrant for the April 28, 2003, Annual Town Meeting (acquisition costs associated with the acquisition of the Gilson Road Land), as follows:

\$20,000 To conduct a study on the property known as the Brownloaf site, shown on Assessors' Map 234, Parcels 4 and 18.1, said sum to be expended by the Board of Selectmen

A sum of money to the stabilization fund

or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation - At Town Meeting

Summary: *These funds will be used for a detailed wetland delineation, soil testing for septic system design, and topographic survey plan in order to layout a concept plan for affordable housing on the Brownloaf site.*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the appropriation voted under Line Item 5161 of the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, Weed Harvester - Expenses, to the Lost

Lake/Knops Pond Weed Management Advisory Committee for the purchase of supplies relative to the siphoning of Northern Cove, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Board of Selectmen: **Recommendation - Support**

Finance Committee: **Recommendation - At Town Meeting**

Summary: *This article will be postponed indefinitely.*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Health to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Westford to allow the Groton Transfer Center/Recycling Center to accept leaves and grass cuttings from the Town of Westford for a fee, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Board of Selectmen: **Recommendation - At Town Meeting**

Finance Committee: **Recommendation - At Town Meeting**

Summary: *Passage of this article will allow Westford to deposit leaves and grass cuttings at the Groton Transfer Station/Recycling Center. The Town of Groton will use these materials to make compost. The Town of Westford will pay Groton a fee negotiated by the Board of Health for this privilege.*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to relocate Mill Street by accepting as a public way the parcel of land shown as Parcel T (“Mill Street Relocation”) on a plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, Mill Street Groton, MA Prepared for: Ryan Development, LLC” Scale: 1” = 50’ dated September 26, 2002, revised 11/7/02, 12/18/02, 2/4/03, 2/11/03, and 3/18/04, prepared by LandTech Consultants, Inc., (the “Plan”) a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and further to discontinue as a public way those portions of Mill Street shown as Parcels Q, R, and S on said Plan, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver deeds releasing the Town’s right, title and interest in Parcels Q, R, and S for such consideration as it deems satisfactory, which consideration may be nominal, and to accept for purposes of a public way said Parcel T or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation - At Town Meeting

Summary: *Acceptance of this article will allow for the relocation of Mill Street as shown on a plan as filed with the Town Clerk.*

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same in at least four public places in said Groton, fourteen days before the day appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand four.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Groton Middlesex

Thomas D. Hartnett, Chairman

Pursuant to the within Warrant,

I have this day notified the

INHABITANTS to assemble at the

George F. Dillon Jr., Vice Chair

Time, Place and for the purpose

within mentioned as within directed.

Personally posted by constable.

John L. Saball, Clerk

Virginia C. Wood, Member

Peter S. Cunningham, Member