## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT DECEMBER 11, 2006

Middlesex: Commonwealth of Massachusetts To any Constable in the Town of Groton

Greetings:

Time

Date

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 eleventh day of December next, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, to consider the following:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, the fee in the parcel of land shown as "Parcel B" on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land, The Marion D. Campbell Trust, Farmers Row, Groton, Massachusetts," dated October 17, 2006, prepared by Beals Associates, Inc., and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or take any other action thereon.

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Recommendation – 5 Support
Recommendation – @ Town Meeting

**Summary:** The approval of this article will authorize the Selectmen to initiate the acceptance process of what was formerly known as Old Farm Road as it currently exists. This includes a 50' right of way.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of all or a portion of the parcel of land described below currently held by the Board of Selectmen as the Town Forest to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of granting or consenting to an eminent domain taking of a conservation restriction to be held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Fish and Game, on said land located at West Main Street, Groton, as shown on Assessors' Map 210, Parcels 4 and 5, and more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8015, Page 190, and Book 40167, Page 425, respectively, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant or consent to said conservation restriction in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.184, §31-34, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, so that said land may be held jointly for forest purposes and purposes consistent with said conservation restriction; and further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court to approve the change in custody and the change in use of said land for the purpose stated herein pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any other action thereon.

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**Summary:** Negotiations are currently underway between the Town and the Commonwealth regarding the possibility of including a Conservation Restriction on part or all of the Town Forest. This action is part of the negotiations regarding the Surrenden Farms acquisition.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand six. OFFICER'S RETURN Groton Middlesex Peter S. Cunningham, Chairman Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have this day notified the George F. Dillon Jr, Vice Chair INHABITANTS to assemble at the Time, Place and for the purpose within mentioned as within directed. John L. Saball, Clerk Personally posted by constable. Mihran Keoseian, Member Constable Joshua A. Degen, Member