

Warrant, Summary, and Recommendations

# TOWN OF GROTON



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium

Beginning Monday, April 24, 2006 @ 7:00 PM

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Attention – Voters and Taxpayers:  
**Please bring this Report to Town Meeting**

*THE BUDGET HANDOUT FOR ARTICLE 6 IS AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: TOWN HALL, LIBRARY, POLICE STATION, SENIOR CENTER, SHERWIN'S STORE, MOISON'S ACE HARDWARE, GROTON AND WEST GROTON POST OFFICES.*

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
APRIL 24, 2006**

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 Twenty-Fourth day of April next, at Seven in the evening, to consider all business other than the election of Town officers and on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May next at an adjourned session thereof to give their ballots for:

Vote for One	Board of Assessors	3 years
Vote for One	Board of Health	3 years
Vote for One	Board of Selectmen	3 years
Vote for One	Commissioner of Trust Funds	3 years
Vote for One	Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee	1 year
Vote for Two	Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee	3 years
Vote for One	Groton Electric Light Commission	3 years
Vote for One	Highway Surveyor	3 years
Vote for One	Moderator	3 years
Vote for One	Park Commission	3 years
Vote for Three	Planning Board	3 years
Vote for One	Sewer Commission	3 years
Vote for One	Sewer Commission	2 years
Vote for One	Town Clerk	3 years
Vote for One	Tree Warden	1 year
Vote for Two	Trustees of the Groton Public Library	3 years
Vote for One	Water Commission	3 years
Vote for One	Water Commission	2 years

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**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers and Committees, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Summary:** *To hear reports of Town Boards, Committees or Commissions.*

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**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Federal and State Grants for which the Town is or may be eligible and to expend the funds received thereunder, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Summary:** *To allow the Board of Selectmen to apply for grants.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the following compensation for the following elected officials:

Selectmen	\$ 950	Town Clerk	\$55,600
Board of Selectmen, Chrm.	\$ 1,100	Town Moderator	\$ 65
Assessors	\$ 850	Highway Surveyor	\$64,688
Board of Assessors, Chrm.	\$ 1,000	Tree Warden	\$ 1,377

for the ensuing year, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - 4 Support**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support**

**Summary:** *To provide compensation for elected officials. The Town Clerk, Highway Surveyor and Tree Warden salaries include a 2.5% COLA.*

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**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Wage and Classification Schedule as set forth in the Schedule to be distributed at Town Meeting, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN & PERSONNEL BOARD**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - 4 Support**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – 6 Support 3 Abstain**

**Summary:** *The Wage and Classification schedule for non-union employees includes a 2.5% COLA for FY07.*

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**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund:

Appropriate \$ 46,000 for the Community Preservation Committee Operating Expenses

Appropriate \$ 92,000 for Open Space Reserve

Appropriate \$ 92,000 for Historic Resource Reserve

Appropriate \$ 92,000 for Community Housing Reserve

Appropriate \$598,000 FY06 Budget Reserve

Total Appropriation \$920,000

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation –Support**

**Summary:** *This is an accounting procedure that is necessary to ensure the Community Preservation Committee will have access to the funds raised during FY07. With the exception of the operating expenses, none of these funds will be spent without additional approval at Town Meeting. It is anticipated that \$460,000 is the [FY07] amount raised by the CPA (Community Preservation Act). We also expect to receive \$460,000 in matching funds on October 15, 2006. 10% of that amount (for a total of 30%) must be allocated to three separate categories: Open Space, Historic Preservation and Community Housing. 5% will be reserved for operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.*

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**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the next fiscal year (2007) and act on the budget of the Finance Committee, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Summary:** *Budget - See Finance Committee report which includes the Finance Committee's and Board of Selectmen's recommendations.*

**THE BUDGET HANDOUT FOR ARTICLE 6 IS AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: TOWN HALL, LIBRARY, POLICE STATION, SENIOR CENTER, SHERWIN'S STORE, MOISON'S ACE HARDWARE, GROTON AND WEST GROTON POST OFFICES.**

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**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 533 of the Acts of 1991, as amended by Chapter 115 of the Acts of 1995, and Chapter 387 of the Acts of 1998, to approve the budget of the Groton Country Club and Recreation Authority, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** COUNTRY CLUB & RECREATION AUTHORITY

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation – 8 Support, 1 Abstain

**Summary:** *The legislation creating the Country Club and Recreation Authority requires that the Authority present its annual budget to the Town for approval. Please refer to the handout at Town Meeting for budget figures.*

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**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to amend the Groton Country Club Authority legislation as follows:

**By removing the words:**

“and Recreation” from the first sentence of Section 1 of Chapter 533 of the Acts of 1991, as amended by Chapter 115 of the Acts of 1995 and Chapter 387 of the Acts of 1998 and from Section 12 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 1995.

**By deleting Section 11 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 1995, which reads as follows, in its entirety:**

“Section 12. Upon the effective date of this act, (1) the recreation director and the assistant to the recreation director of the town of Groton shall become employees of the Authority and their employment with said town shall terminate; and (2) all monies deposited in the town of Groton recreation revolving fund and any balance remaining in the fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-six town of Groton recreation commission budget shall be transferred to the Authority.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Authority shall, upon the effective date of this act, be authorized to operate and administer all programs facilities and equipment heretofore operated and administered by the town of Groton recreation commission and shall have all the powers of a recreation commission under the provisions of section fourteen of chapter forty-five of the General Laws.”

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** COUNTRY CLUB & RECREATION AUTHORITY

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Summary:** *In 1995, language was added to the Country Club Authority legislation that placed the Town Recreation Department under the jurisdiction of the Country Club Authority. In 1999, the Recreation Department was removed from the jurisdiction of the Country Club Authority and put back under the jurisdiction of the Town, although the Authority legislation was not changed at that time. This article proposes amendments to the Country Club Authority legislation to remove any reference to the Recreation Department.*

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**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the following purposes:

ITEM	AMOUNT	FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION	FROM RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	CPC RECOMM
Fire-Engine 5 replacement	\$350,000	\$350,000		Recommend
Fire Dept. SUV	\$40,000			Not recommend
Highway-Intermediate Truck	\$55,000			Not recommend
Highway Dump Truck	\$100,000		\$100,000	Recommend
Transfer Station Baler	\$52,000	\$50,000	\$2,000	Recommend
Fire Dept. Plymo Vent	\$35,000			Not Recommend

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation –7 Support 2 Abstain

**Summary:** *No funding is recommended unless the Capital Planning Committee votes in favor by a majority vote. The article can be amended on the Town Meeting floor by providing an item that is not recommended by the CPC be funded. The amendment must state the funding source.*

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**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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

**Summary:** *The Finance Committee Reserve Fund is used for unanticipated emergencies.*

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**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Groton Water Department to transfer a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Fund Surplus to the [FY07] Water Department budget, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** WATER COMMISSIONERS

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation –Support

**Summary:** *This article proposes the transfer of \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Surplus to the Water Department General Operating Expenses to minimize the proposed rate increase.*

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**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Commission to transfer a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Surplus to the [FY07] Sewer Enterprise Department budget, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** SEWER COMMISSIONERS

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation – Support

**Summary:** *This article proposes the transfer \$181,744 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Surplus to offset rate increases for FY07 and to pay for upgrades to the Nod Road and Partridgeberry Woods pump stations.*

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**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, by deleting Chapter 48, Personnel, Section 3, Personnel Administrator, which reads as follows, in its entirety:

“To assist the Personnel Board in the exercise of its powers and duties under §48-2, there shall be employed a Personnel Administrator reporting to the Personnel Board.”

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** BOARD OF SELECTMEN & PERSONNEL BOARD

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation - Support

**Summary:** *The Town has never filled the position of Personnel Administrator, and therefore, there is no need for this position in the bylaw. The Town has created the position of Personnel Manager.*

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**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18, Transfer of retirees to Medicare Extension Plan, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 3 Support, 1 At Town Meeting

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation –4 Support, 1 Not Support, 2 Abstain

**Summary:** *Passage of this article will require Medicare eligible retirees to join a Medicare plan rather than the available active employee plan offered by the Town. At this time, all Medicare eligible retirees are on a Medicare plan.*

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**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton by adopting a Demolition Delay By-Law, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk and will be distributed to this meeting, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 3 Support, 1 Not Support

**Summary:** *The intent of this by law is to establish a predictable process for preserving and protecting significant buildings and other structures within the Town of Groton which constitute or reflect distinctive features of the cultural, political, architectural or social history of the Town and to encourage owners of such structures to seek out people who might be willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore them.*

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**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, to allow an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2007 for certain persons who qualify for a property tax exemption under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation – Support

**Summary:** *This is a yearly article which allows the Town to increase from \$500 to \$1,000 the exemption for Elderly, Blind, or Service Disabled Veterans.*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to remove from the Town’s tax possession rolls and dedicate as conservation land under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission in accordance with General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, the following three parcels

Parcel #	Map #	Street	Value	Size
1	129-220	Boathouse Rd.	\$69.45	2,000 SF
2	129-138	Redskin Trail	\$237.08	6,200 SF
3	250-23	Lowell Road	\$1,811.58	5.2 acres

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By:** CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation – Support

**Summary:** *To permanently remove these parcels from the tax possession rolls (the Town does not receive tax revenue on them) and assure that no sale occurs. Parcel 1 has frontage on a bog known as the Sunken Garden on Boathouse Rd. It is an environmentally sensitive area which should not be developed or used for assembly of parcels for zoning purposes. Parcel 2 has frontage on Lost Lake/Knops Pond which could provide public access. Also, maintaining buffers with trees and other natural vegetation helps assure cleaner lake water. Parcel 3, which has substantial wetlands, is land that connects with existing protected open space on Flavell Rd.*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to designate the following parcels of land as conservation land under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission in accordance with General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C:

Parcel #	Map #	Street	Acreage
1	247-42	Old Dunstable Rd.	1.17 acres
2	231-4	Reedy Meadow Rd.	1.88 acres
3	213-67	Wallace Rd.	.73 acres

**Sponsored By:** CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Board of Selectmen:** Recommendation – 4 Support

**Finance Committee:** Recommendation – Support

**Summary:** *These parcels have been previously removed from the tax rolls by Town Meeting vote. Parcel 1 would provide public access and road frontage to the Woodland Park Conservation Area which is currently only accessible to direct abutters. Parcel 2 is mostly wetlands, containing a tributary to Reedy Meadow Brook. Parcel 3 provides a link with a trail easement on Wallace Road. Designating these parcels as conservation land would provide recreational opportunities, as well as assure that no development takes place in the future.*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 196, Signs, Section 12, Exemptions, by deleting the following:

A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to all signs in the town of Groton, except as follows:

and inserting in its place:

A. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all signs in the Town of Groton, except as follows:

or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: SIGN COMMITTEE**  
**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**  
**Summary:** *This change is only for clarification purposes.*

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**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-30, Water Resource Protection Districts, as shown on the annotated copy of Section 218-30 which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk,

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD**  
**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**  
**Summary:** *This article proposes revisions to the existing Water Resource Protection Districts provisions to address nitrate loading criteria in Zone III. The Planning Board, Board of Health, and Water Department collaborated in the drafting of the amendment.*

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**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-23, Off-Street Parking and Loading, Subsections A, B, and C, as shown on the annotated copy of Section 218-23 which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk,

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD**  
**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 3 At Town Meeting, 1 Not Support**  
**Summary:** *This article proposes additions and revisions to the existing Off Street Loading and Parking criteria in order to address parking provisions and require additional landscaping for commercial developments.*

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**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-25, Site Plan Review, as shown on the annotated copy of Section 218-25 which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk,

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD**  
**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**  
**Summary:** *This article proposes revisions to the existing Site Plan Review provisions to require the grant of a special permit for Level II and Level III site plans. Level I site plans, for construction less*



than 1000 square feet, will continue to be by-right. The amendment also adds submission requirements for Levels II and III and addresses drainage standards.

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**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-26, Flexible Development, subsection I, Affordable Component, by deleting the following provision:

“(1) As a condition of the grant of any special permit for a flexible development for any development creating more than 10 dwelling units, affordable units shall be required as follows:

“(a) Ten percent of the units shall be affordable to persons or families qualifying as low income; or

“(b) Fifteen percent of the units shall be affordable to persons or families qualifying as moderate income.”

And replacing it with the following:

“(1) As a condition of the grant of any special permit for a flexible development for any development creating more than 10 dwelling units, affordable units shall be required as follows:

“(a) Fifteen percent of the units shall be affordable to persons or families qualifying as low or moderate income.”

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Summary:** *This article proposes amending the Flexible Development provisions regarding the provision of affordable units.*

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**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 198, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, of the Code of the Town of Groton by deleting it in its entirety, and substituting therefore a new Chapter 198, Stormwater Management – Low Impact Development, the text of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk,

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: EARTH REMOVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Summary:** *This article proposes replacing the existing Soil Erosion and Sediment Control provisions with new Stormwater management provisions mandated by the federal Clean Water Act, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Management requirements.*

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**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to renew the revolving account under Chapter 44, § 53E½ of the General Laws for the purpose of utilizing receipts and fees received under Chapter 198 of the Code of the Town of Groton, said receipts and fees to be credited to said account and expended by the Earth

Removal Advisory Committee for administration, oversight and review activities under Chapter 198, with the maximum amount to be expended in said account not to exceed \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2007,

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: EARTH REMOVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support**

**Summary:** *To authorize the use of the revolving fund for technical review of applications submitted under Chapter 198, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.*

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**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the following private way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen:

Rockwood Lane: as shown on an As-Built Plan dated January, 2002, entitled “Road As-Built/Street Acceptance Plan, Groton, Massachusetts” prepared for Rick Stanachuck by Dillis and Mische, Inc., a copy of which is on file in Town Clerk’s office.

Or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Summary:** *This article provides for the acceptance of Rockwood Lane as a public way.*

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**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to release a drainage easement back to the homeowners at 25 Sawtell Drive, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: PETITION OF DAMON IRBY AND OTHERS**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Summary:** *The drainage easement may have existed prior to the subdivision being developed, but there is no longer a drainage depression on this property (it may have been filled in by the developer prior to the sale of the property). The current owner of this property would like to make improvements to the property but cannot build on the drainage easement since it technically belongs to the Town.*

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And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same in at least two 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **April** in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Six.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Groton Middlesex

Pursuant to the within Warrant,  
I have this day notified the  
Inhabitants to assemble at the  
time, place and for the purpose  
within mentioned as within directed.  
Personally posted by constable.

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Constable

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Date Duly Posted

George F. Dillon Jr  
George F. Dillon Jr., Chairman

John L. Saball  
John L. Saball, Vice Chair

Robert W. Nordblom  
Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk

Peter S. Cunningham  
Peter S. Cunningham, Member

Mihran Keoseian  
Mihran Keoseian, Member

# Warrant, Summary, and Recommendations

## TOWN OF GROTON



### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium

Beginning Monday, April 24, 2006 @ 8:00 PM

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Attention – Voters and Taxpayers:  
**Please bring this Report to Town Meeting**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
APRIL 24, 2006**

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 twenty-fourth day of April next, at 8:00 P.M. in the evening, to consider the following:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to receive the report of the Community Preservation Committee and appropriate \$5,650,000 for the acquisition by gift, purchase or eminent domain, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain:

- a fee interest in 136 acres of land, more or less, that being a portion of Lot 8 North as shown on the Plan of Land entitled Restricted Fee Acquisitions by the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, prepared by Beals Associates, Inc. and dated April 21, 2006; said fee interest to be subject to Conservation Restriction(s) to be held by the Groton Conservation Trust and/or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through one or more agencies of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and/or another entity similarly qualified under G.L.c. 44B, § 12, the terms and locations of said Conservation Restrictions to be recommended by the Conservation Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen, with the purposes of the Conservation Restrictions being to ensure permanent conservation of the land for open space, agricultural, water resource protection and passive recreational purposes;
- a Conservation Restriction interest over 146 acres of land, more or less, fee interest to said land to be owned by the Groton Conservation Trust, on Lots 6 and 7, as shown on a Plan of Land entitled Conservation Restriction Acquisition by the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, prepared by Beals Associates, Inc. and dated April 21, 2006, the terms of said Conservation Restriction to be recommended by the Conservation Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen and consistent with the terms of the Conservation Restriction to be held by the Groton Conservation Trust over Lot 8 North, with the purposes of the Conservation Restriction being to ensure permanent conservation of the land for open space, agricultural, water resource protection and passive recreational purposes;

said land and interests in the land described above if acquired by the Town to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C for open space, agriculture, water resource protection and passive recreation purposes, said land and interests in land to be acquired in perpetuity for the purposes stated in Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

- a fee interest in 14 acres, more or less, in the southwest corner of Lot 7 as shown on a Plan of Land entitled Community Preservation Act Acquisition by the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, prepared by Beals Associates, Inc. and dated April 21, 2006, said fee ownership to be owned by

the Town, to be managed and controlled by the Board of Selectmen, for all uses allowed by statute under the Community Preservation Act;

all of said land being now or formerly owned by the Marion D. Campbell Trust and the Marion Danielson Strachan Family Trust, located on Shirley Road and Farmer's Row, and shown as a portion of the property on Assessors' Map 220 Parcels 32, 33 and 35 and Assessor' Map 219 Parcel 8; and to meet said appropriation and to complete said acquisitions, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to borrow \$5,650,000 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 and/or 44B, the Community Preservation Act or any other enabling authority, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, and to borrow on a short-term basis any amounts needed to temporarily bridge grants of State and/or federal funds awarded to the Town in connection with said acquisitions if said grants are not available at the time of the Town's acquisition; and the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Groton any and all applications deemed necessary under the Community Preservation Act, the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) or the provisions of any other program governed by federal or state statute from which this conservation acquisition may be eligible for funding; and the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, including the conveyance of permanent deed or conservation restrictions in accordance with the requirements of state and/or federal funding programs and General Laws Chapter 184; and to take any other action as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Groton to effect said acquisition, or take any other action thereon.

**Sponsored By: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – 7 Support, 2 Not Support**

**Summary:** *The Town will borrow up to \$5,650,000; the bond will be paid by Community Preservation Funds. 136 acres will be owned by the Town with a conservation restriction held by the Conservation Trust and/or Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 146 acres will be owned by the Conservation Trust with a conservation restriction held by the Town. An additional 14 acres will be owned by the Town to be reserved for use by the town for a purpose consistent with the Community Preservation Act.*

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**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support**

**Summary:** *To transfer money within the FY06 budget. A handout will be available at Town Meeting.*

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**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 2 Support, 2 At Town Meeting**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support**

**Summary:** *Please see handout to be distributed at Town Meeting. Town Meeting approval by 9/10's vote is required to pay any prior year invoice.*

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**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate for other purposes the remaining, unexpended balances of certain appropriations voted at previous Town Meetings, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 At Town Meeting**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation –**

**Summary:** *The purposes for which the funds were appropriated have been accomplished. This article allows for the transfer of the remaining, unspent funds so they can be used for other purposes.*

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**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Groton Water Department to transfer a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Fund Surplus to the FY 06 Water Department budget, or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored By: WATER COMMISSION**

**Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Support**

**Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support**

**Summary:** *This article allows for the transfer of \$50,000 from the Water Enterprise Surplus to the Water Dept.'s General Operating Expenses.*

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same in at least two 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **April** in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Six.

**OFFICER'S RETURN**

Groton Middlesex

Pursuant to the within Warrant,  
I have this day notified the  
Inhabitants to assemble at the  
time, place and for the purpose  
within mentioned as within directed.  
Personally posted by constable.

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Constable

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Date Duly Posted

George F. Dillon Jr  
George F. Dillon Jr., Chairman

John L. Saball  
John L. Saball, Vice Chair

Robert W. Nordblom  
Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk

Peter S. Cunningham  
Peter S. Cunningham, Member

Mihran Keoseian  
Mihran Keoseian, Member

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