

Warrant, Summary, and Recommendations

TOWN OF GROTON



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium
344 Main Street, Groton, Massachusetts 01450**

Beginning Monday, February 28, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
February 28, 2011

Middlesex, ss.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To any Constable in the Town of Groton

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Groton qualified to vote on Town affairs to assemble in the Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium in said Town on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of February, 2011 at Seven O'clock in the evening, to consider the following:

ARTICLE 1: PURCHASE MAIN STREET PARCELS FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including, without limitation, for use as a fire station, the following three (3) parcels of land located on Main Street: (a) a parcel located at 271 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 112 as Parcel 60, described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 3649, Page 136, (b) a parcel located at 279 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 112 as Parcel 61, described in a deed recorded in Book 3119, Page 208, and (c) a parcel located at 271 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 112 as Parcel 62, described in a deed recorded in Book 10317, Page 127, containing 1 acre, more or less, in the aggregate, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, or any combination of the foregoing, a sum or sums of money for such acquisition and costs related thereto, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article, or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: RECOMMENDATION DEFERRED UNTIL TOWN MEETING
Finance Committee: RECOMMENDATION DEFERRED UNTIL TOWN MEETING

Summary: *The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager have been working with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston to purchase the three lots on Main Street that were the former home of the Sacred Heart Church. The agreed to purchase price is \$475,000. The plan is to use this site in the future to construct a new Central Fire Station to replace the one on Station Avenue. The Town Manager is working on a plan to relocate the former Church Building and will provide the Town Meeting with an update at Town Meeting.*

ARTICLE 2: 122 OLD AYER ROAD – CONNECTION TO TOWN SEWER

To see if the Town will vote to extend the “Groton Center Sewer System” as established by the vote of the Special Town Meeting of February 6, 1989, under Article 7, and as shown most recently on the plan approved under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 25, 2005, to include the property shown on Assessors’ Lot 222-55 (122 Old Ayer Road) but only for the exclusive use of Thomas More College, which is proposed to be relocated to that location, provided that all costs of designing, laying, and construction of the extension and any associated connection and the cost of additional capacity and the property owner’s proportionate share of the general benefit facilities, and all other costs associated therewith, are paid by the owner of the property benefited thereby, whether by the assessment of betterments or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Board of Selectmen: RECOMMENDATION DEFERRED UNTIL TOWN MEETING
Finance Committee: RECOMMENDATION DEFERRED UNTIL TOWN MEETING

Summary: *This article requests authorization from the Town Meeting to expand the Central Sewer District to include 122 Old Ayer Road. The Town is currently working with Thomas More College to relocate to Groton. This article, if approved, will provide Sewer Capacity for the exclusive use of Thomas More College. In order to make this a viable project, expansion of the Central Sewer District is necessary. The Board of Sewer Commissioners has reviewed the issue and has voted to allocate the sewer capacity that meets current needs to accommodate this proposed relocation. Should the College not relocate to this location, the connection to the Town Central Sewer System will be rescinded. More information will be provided at the Town Meeting.*

ARTICLE 3: PURCHASE NEW AMBULANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum or sums of money to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department, and all other costs associated with such a purchase, or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
Finance Committee: RECOMMENDATION DEFERRED UNTIL TOWN MEETING

Summary: *Funding for this purchase will come from the “Ambulance Receipt Account”. The ambulance scheduled for replacement is a 2001 Ford F-450. This vehicle is needed by the Fire Department to respond to the number of medicals in Town and also for mutual aid. The current replacement plan for the ambulances in the fleet is every 8-10 years. This ambulance will be 11 years old in 2012.*

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 14th Day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.

Stuart M. Schulman

Stuart M. Schulman, Chairman

Anna Eliot

Anna Eliot, Vice-Chairman

George F. Dillon, Jr.

George F. Dillon, Jr., Clerk

Peter S. Cunningham

Peter S. Cunningham, Member

Joshua A. Degen

Joshua A. Degen, Member

OFFICERS 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 mentioned as within directed. Personally posted by Constable.

Constable

Date Duly Posted