

**Minutes of the Special Town Meeting
December 15, 1998**

Moderator Robert Gosselin called the meeting to order at 7:39pm with 135 voters in attendance. The quorum requirement for this special town meeting was 2% of the 5,780 voters or 116 people.

A motion was made and seconded to move the reading of the warrant. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 1: Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer \$115,000 from free cash for the purpose of completing designing, remodeling, making extraordinary repairs to, equipping and furnishing the Groton Town Hall.

After a brief presentation by Michelle Collette and Thomas Hartnett of the Town Hall Building Committee the vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 2: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as public ways the following private ways as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and further described in the Warrant: Duck Pond Drive, Culver Road, Dolan Drive, and Mara Lane.

There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion carried by majority.

At this point in the meeting, a presentation was made to the Groton Fire Department. Chairman of the Selectmen, Peter Cunningham read and presented a Proclamation to the Fire Department in honor of their heroic efforts to save the life of local resident Lindsay Kilroy. The Proclamation singled out the special efforts of Deputy Chief Clarence Jefferson, Captain William Barletta, Captain Robert Mignard, Lieutenant James Emslie and Firefighters Edward Doucette, Shawn Kraft and Mark Schorn.

Following the presentation by the Selectman, State Representative Robert Hargraves presented a resolution passed by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, honoring the Groton Fire Department. The Department received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Article 3: Moved and seconded that the town vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to amend Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60 by adding a new section "Section 3D City or Town open space fund", as further described in the Warrant.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 4: Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court, in the form of a special act, for the passing of legislation entitled "**An Act to allow the Town of Groton to establish an open space fund and to designate a place on its municipal tax bill for voluntary donations to the fund**" as described further in the Warrant.

The motion carried unanimously.

Article 5: Moved and seconded that the town vote to hear the report of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District.

The motion carried by majority.

The report was made by Eric Wickfield, chair of the School Committee and Chris DeLuca, chair of the Capital Building Committee. The Building Committee is still examining the Walker site. Many residents discussed the site including Edna White, Bill Miller, Tony DeBruyn, Dave Anderson, Brooks Lyman, Rebecca Hallock, Frank Belitsky, Dick Powell, Paul Funch, Pat Ryan Steve Boczenowski, Joel Magid, Becky Pine, Sandra Lovelace, and School Committee members Jane Allen, Peter O'Sullivan and Karen Riggert. Superintendent Mary Jennings also answered questions.

At 9:30 the Moderator sought a motion to dissolved the meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was dissolve at 9:30 pm.