

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 15, 1998**

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Groton was called to order at 7:35 pm on the evening of June 15, 1998 by Town Moderator Robert S. Gosselin. There were 176 voters in attendance at 7:30 which met the 2% quorum requirement of 110 voters. At 8:00 p.m. there were 680 voters in attendance.

Sandra Lovelace made a presentation to Isabel Beal as a thank you for her many years of service to the Town of Groton. She has served as an Elected Official (Library Trustee) and volunteers her time as the Graves Registrar, Town Historian, and serves as a member of the Archives Committee, The Old Burying Ground Committee and the Historical Commission. In addition to a gift, "Izzy" received a standing ovation. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant. The motion passed by majority.

ARTICLE 1: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve pursuant to Chapter 71, section 16 (c) of the General Laws, the acquisition by the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District of the land described generally as follows:

Property in the Town of Groton on Chicopee Row, in the estate of Helen Walker, portions of Map J Parcels 22 and 23 as shown on Groton Assessor's Map, approximately one mile northeast from the intersection of Longley Road and Chicopee Row.

After considerable discussion, there was a call to move the question. The question was moved by majority.

Tellers were called and sworn as follows:

Peter Carson William Hughes

Gilford Dube Robert Johnson

Peter Hughes Sharon Pfenninger

The motion passed by a 2/3 majority: 609 in favor, 134 opposed.

ARTICLE 2: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve, the amount of the \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) debt authorized by vote of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District on May 9, 1998, for the purpose of acquiring approximately one-hundred (100) acres of land in Groton as a site for new school facilities, such land being described generally as follows:

Property in the Town of Groton on Chicopee Row, in the estate of Helen Walker, portions of Map J Parcels 22 and 23 as shown on Groton Assessor's Map, approximately one mile northeast from the intersection of Longley Road and Chicopee Row;

including costs incidental and related thereto, provided however, that this approval shall not be effective unless the town votes, at a town election, held within sixty (60) days from the date said vote was adopted, in the affirmative on a question to exempt the amounts required to pay for the bonds, or notes, so authorized from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called (Mass. General Law, Chapter 59, Section 21C).

The motion passed by majority.

ARTICLE 3: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve the amount of the \$35,000,000 debt authorized by vote of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District on May 9, 1998, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new high school at an estimated cost of \$25,000,000; for reconstructing, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the current high school at an estimated cost of \$7,700,000, including costs incidental and related thereto, and for constructing an addition, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the middle school at an estimated cost of \$2,300,000 including costs incidental and related thereto, all as part of a plan to construct new facilities for the District, which vote provides that no debt shall be incurred thereunder if any member town votes, at a town election, held within sixty (60) days from the date of adoption of said vote, in the negative on a question to exempt the amounts required to pay for the bonds, or notes, authorized therein from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called (Mass. General Law, Chapter 59, Section 21C).

The motion passed by majority.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:45pm.