

**Warrant, Summary, and
Recommendations**

TOWN OF GROTON



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium

Beginning Monday, September 12, 2005 @ 7:00 PM

Attention – Voters and Taxpayers:

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

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

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Forest Committee to enter into an agreement with the West Groton Water Supply District, by lease or otherwise, for use of a portion of the Town Forest for purposes of a public water supply system, including the well designated as No. 18-02 and the area within a 400 foot radius of a well so used, and to grant to the West Groton Water Supply District an approximately 20 foot wide easement in, under and through a portion of the Town Forest for the purpose of installing and maintaining utility service lines and appurtenances necessary in connection with the use of a well for public water supply purposes, said portion and easement area being shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for any legislation necessary therefor, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: WEST GROTON WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - 4 Support / 1 at Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation - 7 Support

Summary: *This article allows the Selectmen and the Town Forest Committee to enter into an agreement with West Groton Water Supply District to allow them to use a portion of Town Forest property for public water supply. If this article is passed at Town Meeting, the Selectmen would petition the state legislature under Article 97 of the State Constitution for a change of use for this portion of Town Forest.*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water Commissioners to enter into an agreement with the West Groton Water Supply District, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A, Section 39H or other enabling authority, for the purposes of providing public water supply system operation services to the District, including the installation of valves, pumps and other necessary equipment, and purchasing excess water from the District in connection with the use of a well or wells within the Town Forest as a public water supply source; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: WATER COMMISSIONERS

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - Unanimous Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation - 5 Support, 2 Not Support

Summary: *This Article will permit the Groton Water Department through its Board of Water Commissioners and the Board of Selectman to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the West*

Groton Water Supply District for the purposes of purchasing said drinking water resources from well #18 located within the Town Forest on Town Forest Road in West Groton. The Inter-Municipal Agreement will be for a twenty (20) year period.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to fund the first year of the Groton Communications Officers and Relief Radio Dispatchers, I.B.P.O. Local 522 for the period of FY06 through FY09, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - Unanimous Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation - 7 Support

Summary: *This article will authorize the new Communications Officers contract that was negotiated. A handout at town meeting will denote the changes to the contract.*

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire, for the purposes of Electric Light Department, the land located adjacent to the existing Electric Light Department substation on Lowell Road and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land located on Lowell Road, Groton, Massachusetts, containing 15 acres, more or less, record title standing in the name of Gloria Fuccillo, Trustee, 114 Realty Trust, being shown on Groton Assessors' Map 233 as Parcel 98, and further described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, in Book 14597, Page 368,

Provided that this authority shall not be exercised unless the Electric Light Department makes a request for such exercise to the Board of Selectmen, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: GROTON ELECTRIC LIGHT

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - 3 Support, 2 at Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation - 7 at Town Meeting

Summary: *This Lowell Road parcel is proposed as the new site for the operations and administration of the Light Department because it is an ideal location given its unique position of being adjacent to the Light Department's only substation.*

The Station Avenue site is no longer adequate for the Light Department's needs and the continued occupation of the site by the Light Department thwarts the Town's plans for the redevelopment of the area.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to use such sum, or sums, of money as may be appropriated by the Electric Light Department from the proceeds of the sale of the land and buildings at Station Avenue, Groton, Massachusetts, which property is presently occupied by the Electric Light Department, or such other sum, or sums, as may be appropriated by the Light Department from Light Department funds, for the payment of damages and expenses in connection with the eminent domain taking, or other acquisition, of

the land adjacent to the existing Light Department substation on Lowell Road and described in Article 4 of this Warrant, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: GROTON ELECTRIC LIGHT

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - 4 Support, 1 at Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation - 7 at Town Meeting

Summary: *While the Light Department will occupy the Lowell Road site, the land will be owned in the name of the Town for the sole use by the Light Department. The money necessary for the eminent domain taking will come from Light Department funds and the sale proceeds noted. There will be no cost to the taxpayer.*

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of the same in at least four 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 the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand five.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Groton Middlesex

George F. Dillon, Jr.

George F. Dillon Jr, Chairman

Pursuant to the within Warrant,

I have this day notified the

John L. Saball

John L. Saball, Vice Chair

INHABITANTS to assemble at the

Time, Place and for the purpose

Robert W. Nordblom

Robert W. Nordblom, Clerk

within mentioned as within directed.

Personally posted by constable.

Peter S. Cunningham

Peter S. Cunningham, Member

Mihran Keoseian

Mihran Keoseian, Member

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