

Warrant, Summary, and Recommendations

TOWN OF GROTON



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium

Beginning Monday, April 25, 2005 @ 7:00 PM

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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 25, 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 Twenty-Fifth day of April next, at Seven in the evening, to consider all business other than the election of Town officers and on the Seventeenth 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 Two	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 One	Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee	3 years
Vote for One	Groton Electric Light Commission	3 years
Vote for One	Housing Authority	5 years
Vote for Two	Park Commission	3 years
Vote for Two	Planning Board	3 years
Vote for One	Sewer Commission	3 years
Vote for One	Tree Warden	1 year
Vote for Two	Trustees of the Groton Public Library	3 years
Vote for One	Trustees of the Groton Public Library	1 year
Vote for One	Water Commission	3 years

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 – Support 4 / 0
Summary: *To hear reports of Town Boards, Committees or Commissions.*

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 – Support 4 / 0
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	\$ 52,921
Board of Selectmen, Chrm.	\$ 1,100	Town Moderator	\$ 65

Assessors	\$850	Highway Surveyor	\$ 61,571
Board of Assessors, Chrm.	\$1,000	Tree Warden	\$ 1,311

for the ensuing year, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation - Support 3 / Abstention 1

Finance Committee: Recommendation - Support 8 / 0

Summary: *To provide compensation for elected officials. The Highway Surveyor received a wage adjustment of \$4719 based on a survey of comparable communities.*

ARTICLE 4: 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, in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

§48. Personnel Manager – To assist the Personnel Board in the exercise of its powers and duties under Section 48-2 there shall be employed a Personnel Manager reporting to the Board of Selectmen

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN & PERSONNEL BOARD

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation - Support 3 / Against 4 / Abstention 1

Summary: *Passage of this article will create the position Personnel Manager but does not fund the position. There is no funding in the budget for a position this year.*

ARTICLE 5: 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 - Support 3 / 1 Abstention

Finance Committee: Recommendation - Support 4 / Not Support 1 / 3 Abstention

Summary: *The classification schedule handed out at town meeting does not contain any COLA's/ Wage adjustments for FY06. It does include the following changes:*

NEW POSITIONS

Young Adult Librarian	Grade 7	COA Administrative Assistant	Grade 2
Personnel Manager	Grade 11	Call Probationary EMS	\$14.33

NEW GRADES/Stipends

Transfer Station Clerk from Grade 3 to stipend of \$14.29hr.

Lifeguard Water Safety Instruction from \$9.00 to \$9.50

CHANGES DUE TO FIRE/EMS MERGER

Changes in pay/job responsibilities

--Fire Chief Grade 17 to Grade 18

--EMS Office Manager Grade 7 to Full Time Firefighter/EMS Manager Grade 10

New positions (previously paid as an EMT at \$17.19)

--Call EMS Lieutenant \$19.66

--Call EMS Captain \$20.06

--Call Rescue Lieutenant \$19.66

CHANGES IN TITLE ONLY

- Deputy Chief to Deputy Fire Chief
- Captain to Call Fire Captain
- Lieutenant to Call Fire Lieutenant
- Emergency Medical Technician to Call EMS Personnel
- Rescue Personnel to Call Rescue Personnel
- Probationary Firefighter to Call Probationary Firefighter
- EMS Director to Deputy Chief EMS
- Assistant Director (EMS) to Rescue Advisor
- Firefighter to Call Firefighter

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 (2006), 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.

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, to approve the budget of the Groton Country Club and Recreation Authority, and to reaccept the provisions of said Chapter 533 of the Acts of 1991, as amended, the Groton Country Club & Recreation Authority Legislation, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for any legislation necessary therefor, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: COUNTRY CLUB & RECREATION AUTHORITY

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8

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. It also requires that the Town reaccept the provisions of the Authority legislation every three years.

ARTICLE 8: 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	SOURCE OF FUNDS	SELECTMEN RECOMM	FIN COM RECOMM	CPC RECOMM
			Support / Against / Abstention		
Intermediate Truck	\$45,000	CASF	4/0	8/0/0	4/0/0
Refurbish Baling Shed/Office	\$40,000				1/3/0 Not Rec.
PlymoVent Fire Station 1	\$35,000	CASF	4/0	8/0/0	4/0/0
Fire/EMS Radio Repeater	\$45,000	CASF	4/0	8/0/0	\$18,000 4/0/0
Cons. Com Dock	\$25,000				Not Rec.
Historical Records	\$25,000				Not Rec.

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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 that an item that is not recommended by the CPC be funded. The amendment must state the funding source.

Highway Intermediate truck - This would replace a 1995 GMC Sierra.

Transfer Station baling shed - To renovate the baling building (which is over 30yrs. old) with repairs to the roof and side paneling, and install new windows and doors.

Plymo vents - To install plymo vents in the Main Fire Station. This vent will remove the exhaust fumes from the fire vehicles.

Fire/EMS Department radio repeater - These funds would be used to install a radio repeater for all fire stations and apparatus with new dual band radios. Capital Planning Committee recommends only \$18,000, as the remainder will be funded through a grant.

Conservation Commission dock - The docks are in poor condition and are a safety hazard to families using the beach. The docks provide an opportunity for the Recreation Department to offer swimming lessons to community children. Sargisson Beach is one of the most used conservation areas in town. This may be eligible for Community Preservation funding, which would require approval by the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting.

Historical Records, Town Clerk - This project will ensure that Groton's historical volumes will be available to future generations. Currently, there is damage and deterioration to many of the volumes (some dating back to 1700). The conservation project will include deacidification, mending and reinforcement of paper, resewing, rebinding or Mylar encapsulation. This may be eligible for Community Preservation funding, which would require approval by the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will transfer the remaining, unexpended balance of the following appropriations:

\$15.93	Voted under Article 11 of the September 23, 2002, Special Town Meeting Warrant (Carol G. Wheeler Park)
\$8,500.00	Voted under Article 5 of the April 30, 2001, Annual Town Meeting Warrant as part of the Selectmen's Line Item Budget for FY02 (4 Corners land purchase)
\$14,949.25	Voted under Article 4 of May 3, 2004, Special Town Meeting Warrant (Brownloaf Development Investigation)
\$9,000.00	Voted under Article 11 of the April 30, 2001 Annual Town Meeting Warrant (demolition of buildings)

And 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 – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8 / 0

Summary: \$32,465.18 from the above unexpended balances and \$17,534.82 from raise and appropriate for a total of \$50,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund which is used for unanticipated emergencies.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a parking lot at the Public Safety Building, 99 Pleasant Street, (Assessors Map 109 Parcel 3), or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 7 / Not Support 1

Summary: \$20,000. The Fire Chief and staff will be moving to the Public Safety Building (PSB) due to the Fire Department/EMS merger. These funds will be used to enlarge the parking lot at the PSB due to the need of long overdue additional parking to allow for visitor and employee parking.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to obtain actuarial services for the purpose of determining the future cost of post employment benefits.

Sponsored By: TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8 / 0

Summary: *Approximately \$7,800. The Town is required by Governmental Accounting Standards (#45) to determine the financial impact of paying for health insurance and other benefits for retired employees. The ongoing costs of such benefits must be part of financial statements by FY 2007. In order to accomplish this, an actuarial study must be performed in FY 2006.*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000 to update and reformat the Groton Code Book or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: TOWN CLERK
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8 / 0

Summary: *General Code, who first codified the Town’s Bylaws in 1989, would be updating and re-formatting the Code Book to better meet the needs of our boards, committees, legal community and citizens. The current format is no longer suitable thus creating many delays and inaccuracies for various boards and committees which could result in legal repercussions. The program will also be available through the Internet allowing users to search the Code and download provisions. The E-code will be linked to the Town’s website.*

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund:

- Appropriate \$ 20,000 for the Community Preservation Committee FY06 Operating Expenses
- Appropriate \$ 40,000 for Open Space Reserve
- Appropriate \$ 40,000 for Historic Resource Reserve
- Appropriate \$ 40,000 for Community Housing Reserve
- Appropriate \$260,000 FY06 Budget Reserve
- Total Appropriation \$400,000

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8 / 0

Summary: *This is an accounting procedure that is necessary to ensure the Community Preservation Committee will have access to the funds raised during FY06. With the exception of the operating expenses, none of these funds will be spent without additional approval at Town Meeting. It is anticipated that \$448,000 is the first year’s amount raised by the CPA(Community Preservation Act) and matched by the state. 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.*

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to approve the plan entitled, “Town of Groton Sewer System” drawn by Woodard & Curran, dated February, 2005, on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, which shows the extensions and expansions of the “Groton Center Sewer System” including the Hollis Street Sewer Extension voted under Article 46 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 1996, and Article 9 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on October 20, 1997, and the Boston Road Sewer Extension voted under Article 19 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of October 25, 2004; and vote to amend Section 190-3 of the Groton Code by deleting the words “plan of land entitled “ Groton Center Sewer System” drawn by Dufresne-Henry, Inc., and dated April 1988”

and inserting in their place the words “plan entitled, “Town of Groton Sewer System” drawn by Woodward and Curran dated February 2005,” or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – No Position

Summary: *This article will correct and update the original plan of the Groton Sewer District.*

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting of October 27, 2003, authorizing the Board of Selectmen and/or Groton Water Department to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District for the operation of the School District’s public water supply system or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: WATER DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 3 / Not Support 1

Finance Committee: Recommendation – No Position

Summary: *This article will rescind earlier action taken at Town Meeting to operate the School District’s public water supply system. The School District has contracted for the services with an independent contractor.*

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Groton Water Department through its Board of Water Commissioners to enter into agreements, pursuant to the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40, Section 39H, with any contiguous municipal water department and/or municipal water supply district for the supply of water, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: WATER DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Not Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation – No Position

Summary: *This article permits the Town of Groton through its Board of Water Commissioners to enter into Intermunicipal agreements with other municipal water departments and/or water supply districts that are contiguous with Groton (i.e. Ayer, Littleton, Pepperell, West Groton Water Supply District) to supply water. The receiving communities and/or districts must also take the appropriate action(s) and/or vote(s) prior to such agreements being approved.*

ARTICLE 17: 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, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, 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 2006, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: EARTH REMOVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation - Support 8 / 0

Summary: *The Earth Removal Advisory Committee deposits application fees in a revolving account to pay for technical review of plans submitted under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control By-law.*

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 218-28D of the Code of the Town of Groton, to retain in place until the 2010 Annual Town meeting Section 218-28, Development Rate Limitation, of Chapter 218-Zoning or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation – 6 Support / 1 Not Support / 1 Abstention

Summary: *Passage of this article will extend the existing Development Rate Limitation provisions, adopted in 1980, until 2010 based upon the Planning Board’s evaluation of the effectiveness of the development rate limitation and the need to continue said limitation.*

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 218, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 218-23D Shared Driveways, by striking out the first sentence which reads as follows:

“A shared driveway shall not be adequate access except that, by special permit from the Planning Board, a shared driveway may be authorized to provide access to parking spaces on no more than two lots.”

And inserting in its place the following sentence:

“A shared driveway shall not be adequate access except that, by special permit from the Planning Board, a shared driveway may be authorized to provide access to parking spaces on no more than three lots, provided that vehicular access to the buildable portion of each lot is possible from the street providing legal frontage to the lot, without reliance on the shared driveway.”

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation – No Position

Summary: *This article will authorize the use of a shared driveway to serve as access to no more than three lots provided that physical access is possible from the legal frontage to the buildable portion of each lot.*

ARTICLE 20 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Item 1. By adding the following new Section 218-16D, entitled “Accessory Apartments”:

Section 218-16D. Accessory Apartments

A. Purpose. For the purpose of (a) providing small additional dwelling units to rent without adding to the number of buildings in the Town, or substantially altering the appearance of the Town, (b) providing alternative housing options; and (c) enabling owners of single family dwellings larger than required for their present needs to share space and the burdens of home ownership, the Board of Appeals may grant a special permit in accordance with the following requirements.

B. Procedures. Accessory apartments may be allowed in the RA and RB Districts on special permit, from the Board of Appeals, in accordance with the special permit process in this Zoning By-Law, as set forth in Section 218-32.1, and provided that each of the following additional criteria are met.

C. Conditions.

1. A plot plan of the existing dwelling unit and proposed accessory apartment shall be submitted to the Board of Appeals, showing the location of the building on the lot, the proposed accessory apartment, location of any septic system and required parking.
2. An affidavit shall be provided stating that one of the two dwelling units shall be the residence for tax

purposes of the owner of the property.

3. Not more than one accessory apartment may be established on a lot. The accessory apartment shall not exceed 800 square feet in floor space and shall be located in the principal residential structure on the premises.
4. The footprint of the structure in which the accessory apartment is to be located shall not be increased by more than 800 square feet and shall retain the appearance of a single-family structure. Any such increase in the footprint shall not exacerbate an existing nonconformity nor create a new nonconformity.
5. Sufficient and appropriate area for at least one (1) additional parking space shall be provided by the owner to serve the accessory apartment. Said parking space shall be constructed of materials consistent with the existing driveway and, to prevent on-street parking, shall have vehicular access to the driveway, all as set forth in Section 218-23B. The Board may limit the amount of paving as a condition of any special permit.
6. No special permit shall be granted without a condition that the accessory apartment shall conform to the provisions of Title V of the State Sanitary Code, 310CMR 15.00 and applicable regulations of the Groton Board of Health.
7. Any accessory apartments intended for occupancy by a person with a disability shall be subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 40A, s. 3.
8. The Board of Appeals shall provide special consideration to an application for an accessory apartment which will be restricted to a rent affordable to a person or household of low or moderate income. Affordable to persons or families qualifying as low or moderate income shall mean affordable to persons in the Lowell metropolitan statistical area under the applicable guidelines of the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development earning not more 80% of the median income. The deed restriction for such unit shall be provided by the Board of Appeals.

D. Decision. Special permits for an accessory apartment may be granted by the Board of Appeals upon a finding that the construction and occupancy of the apartment will not be detrimental to the neighborhood in which the subject property is located and after consideration of the factors set forth in Section 218-32.1 of this Zoning By-Law.

E. Amnesty. The Building Commissioner shall not enforce the provisions of this Section 218-19 until July 1, 2006, in order that existing accessory apartments may come into compliance in an orderly manner.

Item 2. By adding the following new definition to Section 218-4:

ACCESSORY APARTMENT - A separate dwelling unit, complete with its own cooking and sanitary facilities, having not more than one bedroom and functioning as a separate unit. Additions, renovations, and all construction shall meet the requirements of the current edition of the State Building Code.

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: PLANNING BOARD
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting
Finance Committee: Recommendation – No Position

Summary: *This article authorizes the construction of accessory apartments, not to exceed 800 square feet in floor area, subject to the grant of a special permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

ARTICLE 21: 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:

Canterbury Lane: As shown on a plan entitled "Asbuilt Plan of Canterbury Lane, Walnut Run Subdivision in Groton, Mass. dated November 26, 2001, Revised September 9, 2003 prepared for Fox Meadow Realty Corporation by R. Wilson and Associates," together with a drainage easement, water and sewer easement and grades easement as reference in Exhibit A, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – No Position
Summary: *This article provides for the acceptance of Canterbury Lane as a public way.*

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the sum already on deposit in the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: CAPITAL PLANNING
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8
Summary: *Prior to Town Meeting, the fund had a balance of approximately \$213,565. This article may be indefinitely postponed. If Article 8 passes, the Capital Stabilization Fund will have a balance of \$115,565.*

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the sum already on deposit in the Town Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8
Summary: *Prior to Town Meeting, the fund had a balance of approximately \$1,046,578. The amount to be added to this fund will be determined at Town Meeting. For good financial management, it is recommended to have between 5% - 10% of the town's operating budget in the Stabilization Fund. This article may be indefinitely postponed*

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (free cash) for the purpose of affecting the tax rate for the period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting
Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting
Summary: *Prior to Town Meeting, the balance in Unreserved Fund Balance was approximately \$200,000. The purpose of this article is to transfer a sum of money to be determined at Town Meeting from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate.*

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to rezone from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to B-1 (Business) certain premises situated at 48 Boston Road owned by Creed Realty Trust, consisting of approximately 13,500± square feet or 0.31 acres of area which premises is the land described in a deed recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds

in Book 39242, Page 577, being shown as Parcel 36 on Assessors' Map 115 and to approve a concept plan entitled "Concept Plan," existing Tax and Real Estate Office, in the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, certain premises situated at 40 Boston Road owned by John E. Murphy, consisting of approximately 29,185± square feet or 0.67 acres of area which premises is the land described in a deed recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 14792, Page 471, being shown as Parcel 37 on Assessors' Map 115 and to approve a concept plan entitled "Concept Plan," existing Plumbing Office and Supply Facility, in the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, certain premises situated at 28 Boston Road owned by Beth Rea Nominee Trust, consisting of approximately 23,522± square feet or 0.54 acres of area which premises is the land described in a deed recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 23617, Page 283, being shown as Parcel 38 on Assessors' Map 115 and to approve a concept plan entitled "Concept Plan," existing Real Estate Office in the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, certain premises situated at 26 Boston Road owned by Stoneybrook Realty Trust, consisting of approximately 29,988 square feet or 0.91 acres of area which premises is the land described in a deed recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 15301, Page 206, being shown as Parcel 39 on Assessors' Map 115 and to approve a concept plan entitled "Concept Plan," existing Real Estate Office in the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, certain premises situated at 6 Boston Road, owned by Peterborough Oil Company, Inc., consisting of approximately 62,421± square feet or 1.43 acres of area which premises is the land described in a deed recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 38554, Page 010, being shown as Parcel 40 on Assessors' Map 115 and to approve a concept plan entitled "Concept Plan," existing gas station, in the Town of Groton, Massachusetts, prepared by Richard G. Barry, said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: CITIZEN'S PETITION BY BARRY CUNNINGHAM AND OTHERS

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 8 / 0

Summary: *To rezone five separate properties from RA (Residential-Agricultural) to B-1 (Business).*

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to rezone from R-A (Residential-Agricultural) to B-1 (Business) certain premise located at 536 Main Street, Groton, owned by Groton Development Corp., consisting of approximately .95 acres of land, more or less, which premises is described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 32598, Page 475, being shown as Map I, Block 77 Lot C., Map I Block 80, Lot 0 and Map I, Block 79, Lot 0, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: CITIZEN'S PETITION BY ROBERT W. ANCTIL AND OTHERS

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 7 / Not Support 0 / Abstention 1

Summary: *To rezone 536 Main Street, currently shown on Assessors' Map 216-93-0, from RA (Residential-Agricultural to B-1 (Business).*

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to set the quorum requirement for Special Town Meetings to be the number of registered voters present.

Sponsored By: CITIZEN'S PETITION BY BROOKS LYMAN AND OTHERS

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – Support 4 / Not Support 3 / Abstention 1

Summary: *This eliminates the quorum requirement for Special Town Meetings, similar to the Annual Town Meetings.*

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to perform an engineering study of the Town-owned land at Cow Pond Brook to determine its suitability for the construction of affordable housing and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to finance this study.

Sponsored By: CITIZEN'S PETITION BY BROOKS LYMAN AND OTHERS

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – 4 Not Support

Finance Committee: Recommendation – 0 Support / 8 Opposed

Summary: \$20,000. *This engineering study will determine whether the Town can build affordable housing on the Cow Pond Brook land to help minimize or eliminate the impact of Chapter 40B projects on the Town.*

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 4th day of **April** in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Five.

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.

George F. Dillon Jr

George F. Dillon Jr., Chairman

Peter S. Cunningham

Peter S. Cunningham, Vice Chair

John L. Saball

John L. Saball, Clerk

Virginia C. Wood

Virginia C. Wood, Member

Robert W. Nordblom

Robert W. Nordblom, Member

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Groton-Dunstable Middle School Auditorium

Beginning Monday, May 2, 2005 @ 8:00 PM

Attention – Voters and Taxpayers:
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 2, 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 second day of May next, at 8:00 P.M. in the evening, to consider the following:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2005 budget or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
Board of Selectmen: **Recommendation – At Town Meeting**
Finance Committee: **Recommendation – At Town Meeting**
Summary: *To transfer money within the FY05 budget. A handout will be available at Town Meeting.*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the following unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year:

\$678.12	Police Department Utility (Keyspan) bill (FY04)
\$381.00	Nashoba Valley Medical Center (FY04)

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
Board of Selectmen: **Recommendation – Support 4 / 0**
Finance Committee: **Recommendation – At Town Meeting**
Summary: *Invoices for the above costs were submitted after the close of Fiscal Year 2004. Town Meeting approval is required to pay any prior year invoice.*

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Groton Water Department to transfer the sum of \$250,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Surplus to supplement the appropriation voted under Article 8 of the warrant for the October 27, 2003 Special Town Meeting for “Phase II Testing and Engineering for Unkety Brook and/or Shattuck Well;” to the general operations fund for the purpose of continuing “Phase II Testing and Engineering Services at the Shattuck Well;” and to amend the vote taken under said Article 8 by revising the purpose of the appropriation to “Phase II Testing and Engineering for Unkety Brook and/or Shattuck Well and/or new well exploration,” or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: WATER DEPARTMENT
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *This article increases the amount of money previously approved at the Special Town Meeting in October of 2003 for the “Phase II Testing” at both the Unkety Brook Site and the Shattuck Well Site. The current balance from the previously approved Special Town Meeting Article is approximately \$100,000.00. The Shattuck Well Site is a permitted water withdrawal site that will require a new test well, pumping verification as well as water quality testing prior to reactivation as a Public Drinking Water Supply Source.*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Groton Water Department to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Surplus for the purpose of purchasing and installing a water booster pump station and associated water mains on Skyfields Drive, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: WATER DEPARTMENT
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *The booster pump station will improve domestic water pressure to the existing eight homes currently serviced by municipal water and provide a level of expansion in the immediate area.*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds certain sums of money for the following purposes:

- Reduce the deficit in the Recreation Revolving Account
- Reduce the deficit in the New Horizons Grant Account

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0
Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *\$14,957 – The Recreation Revolving Account contains an unrecoverable deficit due to over-expenditure during FY04. Without passage of this article, funds will continue to be withheld from the annual “free cash” certification each year to offset this deficit. \$4,361 – The New Horizons Grant has contained an unrecoverable deficit since FY03 due to unreimbursed expenditures. Without passage of this article funds will continue to be withheld from the annual “free cash” certification each year to offset this deficit, respectively. An affirmative vote under this article will clear the deficits permanently. The available balance in “free cash” prior to Town Meeting was \$200,000*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Groton Wage and Classification schedule by deleting in its entirety:

Non-step and Stipend Positions **Miscellaneous:**
Lifeguard Water Safety Instructor I \$ 9.00
Grade 3 Transfer Station Clerk

And inserting in its place the following:

Non-step and Stipend Positions **Miscellaneous:**

Lifeguard Water Safety Instructor I	\$ 9.50
Transfer Station clerk	\$14.29

Or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: PERSONNEL BOARD

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *Last year the Lifeguard Water Safety Instructor's hourly wage was incorrect. This article corrects that error. This article also changes the transfer station clerk position (which is a part time summer/seasonal position) from a classification position which would receive step increases to a stipend position which does not have step increases. These need to be done at the Special Town Meeting as these positions are filled prior to July 1.*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to 1) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the design, construction and laying of the Board Road Sewer System Extension beginning at Old Ayer Road and extending approximately 4,800 feet easterly to Assessors' Lot No. 235-31-1, and any other costs incidental and related thereto, all costs to be repaid by the assessment of betterments upon the properties benefiting thereby; and 2) to rescind the votes taken under Articles 20 and 21 of the warrant for the October 25, 2004 Special Town Meeting, which appropriated separate amounts for design and construction of separate sections (1 and 2) of said sewer system extension, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *This article is for a single appropriation for the Boston Road Sewer System Extension. Two separate articles were approved at the October 25, 2004 Special Town Meeting for the appropriation of separate amounts for the design and construction of Section 1 and 2. The project is more cost effective if funding is obtained for the project as a whole rather than separately for each section.*

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 19 of the October 25, 2004 Special Town Meeting Warrant, which authorized the Boston Road extension of the Groton Center Sewer System, by deleting therefrom the words "including parts of Skyfield Drive, as more definitively set forth on a map, dated September, 2004" and inserting in its place the words "as more definitively set forth on a map dated April 6, 2005," a copy of said new map being on file in the Town Clerk's office, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – Support 4 / 0

Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *This article is to amend the vote taken at the October 25, 2004 Special Town Meeting for the Boston Road Sewer Extension. Two lots on Skyfields Drive that were included in the original plan will not be included in the revised plan of the Groton Sewer Systems dated February, 2005.*

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Surplus to the FY05 Sewer Enterprise Department budget, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored By: SEWER COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation – At Town Meeting

Summary: *To transfer funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Surplus to address less than anticipated revenue from Permanent Privilege Assessments.*

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 **4th** day of **April** in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Five.

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.

George F. Dillon Jr

George F. Dillon Jr., Chairman

Peter S. Cunningham

Peter S. Cunningham, Vice Chair

John L. Saball

John L. Saball, Clerk

Virginia C. Wood

Virginia C. Wood, Member

Robert W. Nordblom

Robert W. Nordblom, Member

**Town of Groton
Wage and Classification Schedule
Fiscal 2006 (Effective July 2005)**

1.00

Grade		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
10	Salary Planning Administrator	46764	48206	49692	51222	52817	54456	56139	57865
	Wages Fire/EMS Manager	22.48	23.17	23.89	24.63	25.39	26.18	26.99	27.82
11	Salary Assistant Assessor Personnel Manager	50239	51790	53386	55046	56751	58499	60313	62171
	Wages Transfer Station Supervisor	24.15	24.90	25.67	26.46	27.28	28.13	28.99	29.89
12	Salary	50392	51943	53560	55221	56926	58696	60509	62389
	Wages	24.23	24.98	25.75	26.55	27.37	28.22	29.09	29.99
13	Salary Library Director Town Accountant	51746	53342	54980	56685	58434	60248	62105	64028
	Wages	24.87	25.65	26.43	27.25	28.09	28.96	29.86	30.79
14	Salary Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Treasurer/Tax Collector Water Department Manager	52184	53801	55461	57166	58937	60749	62629	64574
	Wages	25.09	25.86	26.67	27.48	28.34	29.21	30.11	31.04
15	Salary Police Lieutenant	55025	56729	58477	60291	62148	64071	66060	68092
	Wages	26.45	27.27	28.12	28.98	29.88	30.81	31.75	32.73
16	Salary Police Captain	57014	58763	60597	62477	64400	66388	68442	70561
	Wages	27.41	28.26	29.13	30.03	30.96	31.92	32.91	33.93
17	Salary	63874	65842	67874	69972	72135	74364	76659	79019
	Wages	30.70	31.65	32.63	33.64	34.68	35.75	36.85	37.99
18	Salary Fire Chief Police Chief	69076	71217	73425	75697	78035	80439	82930	85487
	Wages	33.21	34.24	35.30	36.39	37.51	38.68	39.87	41.10
19	Salary Administrative Officer	70890	73074	75326	77664	80067	82537	85093	87716
	Wages	34.08	35.13	36.21	37.34	38.49	39.69	40.91	42.17
20	Salary	76011	78291	80640	83058	85550	88117	90760	93483
	Wages	36.40	37.50	38.62	39.78	40.97	42.20	43.47	44.78

Town of Groton
Wage and Classification Schedule
Fiscal 2006 (Effective July 2005)

1.00

Non-step and Stipend Positions

Fire/EMS Department	
Deputy Chief: Fire	16232
Deputy Chief:EMS	9520
Rescue Advisor	4704
Call Captain: Fire	20.06
Call Captain: EMS	20.06
Call Lieutenant: Fire	19.66
Call Lieutenant: EMS	19.66
Call Lieutenant: Rescue	19.66
Call Firefighter	17.19
Call Emergency Medical Technician	17.19
Call Rescue Personnel	17.19
Probationary Firefighter	14.33
Probationary Emer. Med. Technician	14.33
Probationary Rescue Personnel	14.33
Recreation and Water Safety	
Head Lifeguard	12.77
Lifeguard/Water Safety Aide I	9.00
Lifeguard/Water Safety Aide II	10.25
Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor I	9.50
Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor II	10.50
Junior Counselor I	6.75
Junior Counselor II	8.00
Junior Counselor III	9.50
Senior Counselor I	9.00
Senior Counselor II	12.00

Miscellaneous	
Veterans' Service Officer	1582
Director Veterans' Services	1582
Earth Removal Inspector	1623
Dog Officer	12690
Animal Inspector	1890
Animal Control Officer	1890
Town Diarist	77
Keeper of Town Clock	1
Transfer Station Clerk	14.29
Conservation Land Manager	12.77
Parking Attendant	9.26
Graves Registration Officer	227
Emergency Management Director	1154
Election Worker: Warden	6.75
Election Worker: Precinct Clerk	6.75
Election Worker: Inspectors (Checkers)	6.75

FY2006 BUDGET SUMMARY

SOURCES OF FUNDS	FY2005		FY2006			Year to Year		Revenue Impact	
	Voted or Actual	Initial Estimate	Changes	Final Estimate	\$ Change	%	FY2006 Change		
Property Tax Revenue	20,742,723	21,808,721	-	21,808,721	1,065,999	5.1%	1,455.13	71.13	
State Aid	834,705	903,719	-	903,719	69,014	8.3%	60.30	4.60	
Local Receipts	2,706,182	2,865,409	-	2,865,409	159,227	5.9%	191.19	10.62	
Other Revenue	1,319,256	225,465	-	225,465	(1,093,791)	-82.9%	15.04	(72.98)	
Enterprise Funds	1,631,047	1,946,772	-	1,946,772	315,725	19.4%	129.89	21.07	
Total Sources of Funds	27,233,913	27,750,086	-	27,750,086	516,174	1.9%	1,851.55	34.44	
USES OF FUNDS	FY2005		FY2006			Year to Year		Tax Impact	
	Voted	Dept Budget	Selectmen Budget	FinCom Budget	\$ Change	%	FY2006 Change		
Line Item Budget Summary									
General Government	1,476,618	1,611,056	1,617,056	1,617,056	140,438	9.5%	107.89	9.37	
Protection of Persons and Property	2,532,996	2,712,503	2,653,311	2,636,878	103,882	4.1%	175.94	6.93	
Schools - Operating Expense	11,780,231	12,975,776	12,514,077	12,514,077	733,846	6.2%	834.97	48.96	
Schools - Debt Service	2,244,767	2,144,882	2,144,882	2,144,882	(99,885)	-4.4%	143.11	(6.66)	
Highway and Health	1,349,894	1,540,581	1,440,581	1,440,581	90,687	6.7%	96.12	6.05	
Sewer Assessment	3,666	28,936	28,936	28,936	25,270	689.3%	1.93	1.69	
Library and Citizens' Services	867,136	978,842	952,112	952,112	84,976	9.8%	63.53	5.67	
Town Debt Service	1,913,763	1,845,297	1,845,297	1,845,297	(68,466)	-3.6%	123.12	(4.57)	
Employee Benefits	1,803,022	1,951,094	1,951,094	1,951,094	148,072	8.2%	130.18	9.88	
Total Line Item Budget	23,972,093	25,788,967	25,147,346	25,130,913	1,158,821	4.8%	1,676.79	77.32	
Town Operating Budget	21,441,637	22,920,052	21,856,431	21,839,998	398,362	1.9%	3,245.69	145.27	
ATM Articles	1,259,256	607,800	185,800	185,800	(1,073,456)	-85.2%	12.40	(71.62)	
Total Enterprise Funds & Utilities	1,631,047	1,946,772	1,946,772	1,946,772	315,725	19.4%	129.89	21.07	
Other Expenditures									
State Offsets and Charges	66,744	83,464	83,464	83,464	16,720	25.1%	5.57	1.12	
Overlay Reserve	261,927	200,000	200,000	200,000	(61,927)	-23.6%	13.34	(4.13)	
Deficits to be Raised	40,147	230,000	230,000	230,000	189,853	472.9%	15.35	12.67	
Total Other Expenditures	368,818	513,464	513,464	513,464	144,646	39.2%	34.26	9.65	
Total Uses of Funds	27,231,214	28,857,003	27,793,382	27,776,949	545,736	2.0%	1,853.34	36.41	
Surplus (Deficit)	2,699	(1,106,917)	(43,296)	(26,863)					
			Deficit to be covered by free cash.						

FY2006 ATM ARTICLE EXPENSES

ATM Warrant Articles	FY2006			
	Dept Budget	Selectmen Budget	Final Budget	Funding Source
Reserve Fund	75,000	50,000	50,000	R&A
Conservation Commission	200,000			
Capital Article				
Water Safety: Dock Repairs	25,000			
Highway: Intermediate Truck	45,000	45,000	45,000	CapStab
Fire: Plymovents	65,000	35,000	35,000	CapStab
Fire: Rehab Van	30,000			
Fire: Repeater System	45,000	18,000	18,000	CapStab
Solid Waste: Renovate baling building	40,000		-	
Town Clerk: Preserve Town Records	25,000		-	
Accountant: Actuarial Study	7,800	7,800	7,800	R&A
Town Clerk: Code Book	10,000	10,000	10,000	R&A
Police Dept: Expand/Upgrade Parking Lot	20,000	20,000	20,000	R&A
Cow Pond Brook Engineering	20,000		-	R&A
Augment Stabilization	-	-	-	
Augment Capital Asset Stabilization	-	-	-	
Total Warrant Articles	607,800	185,800	185,800	-

FY2006 BUDGET

Revenue Estimates

		FY2005 Final	FY2006 Initial Estimates	FY2006 Final Estimates	Year to Year Change	
					\$	%
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE						
1	Prior Year Levy Limit	16,037,545	17,166,982	17,166,982	1,129,437	7.04%
2	2005 Override				-	0.00%
3	FY05 Levy Limit	16,037,545	17,166,982	17,166,982	1,129,437	7.04%
4	2 1/2 % Increase	400,939	429,175	429,175	28,236	7.04%
5	New Growth	728,498	512,080	512,080	(216,418)	-29.71%
6	Levy Limit	17,166,982	18,108,236	18,108,236	941,255	5.48%
	<i>Effect on Tax Rate:</i>	11.45	12.08	12.08	0.63	0.00
7	Capital Exclusions	-	-	-	-	0.00%
8	Debt Exclusions - Town	1,493,742	1,450,894	1,450,894	(42,848)	-2.87%
9	Debt Exclusions - Sewer	124,736	\$104,709	104,709	(20,027)	-16.06%
10	Debt Exclusions - Water	-	-	-	-	0.00%
11	Debt Exclusions - GDRSD	2,244,767	2,144,882	2,144,882	(99,885)	-4.45%
12	Debt Exclusions	3,863,245	3,700,485	3,700,485	(162,760)	-4.21%
	<i>Effect on Tax Rate:</i>	2.58	2.47	2.47	(0.11)	(0.00)
13	Total Tax Levy (6+12)	21,030,227	21,808,721	21,808,721	778,495	3.70%
	<i>Maximum Tax Rate:</i>	14.03	14.55	14.55	0.52	0.00
14	Unexpended Tax Capacity	287,504		-	(287,504)	-100.00%
15	CPA Surtax	-	-	-		
	<i>Effect on Tax Rate:</i>	-	-	-		
16	Actual Tax Levy (13+15-14)	20,742,723	21,808,721	21,808,721	1,065,999	5.14%
	<i>Tax Rate:</i>	13.84	14.55	14.55	0.71	0.00
STATE AID						
18	STATE AID	834,705	903,719	903,719	69,014	8.27%
LOCAL RECEIPTS						
19	Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	1,300,000	1,325,000	1,325,000	25,000	1.92%
20	Total General Revenue	1,406,182	1,540,409	1,540,409	134,227	9.55%
21	Water Department	998,121	1,227,930	1,227,930	229,809	23.02%
22	Sewer Department	632,926	718,842	718,842	85,916	13.57%
23	Total Enterprise Funds	1,631,047	1,946,772	1,946,772	315,725	19.36%
24	Total Local Receipts (19+20)	2,706,182	2,865,409	2,865,409	159,227	5.88%
OTHER REVENUE						
25	Free Cash	304,486	-	-	(304,486)	-100.00%
26	Stabilization	490,000	-	-	(490,000)	-100.00%
	Cell Tower		20,000			
27	Capital Stabilization		98,000	98,000	98,000	0.00%
28	EMS Rec Res Offset	285,000	75,000	75,000	(210,000)	-73.68%
29	Water Department Surplus	-	-	-	-	0.00%
30	Sewer Department Surplus	-	-	-	-	0.00%
31	Misc Income (Abate Reserves)	239,770	32,465	32,465	(207,305)	-86.46%
32	Total Other Revenue	1,319,256	225,465	225,465	(1,093,791)	-82.91%
TOTAL REVENUE (15+17+23+24+32)		27,233,913	27,750,086	27,750,086	516,174	1.90%

FY2006 BUDGET
State Aid, Local Receipts, and Other Revenue

	FY2005	FY2006	FY2006	Year to Year	
	Final	Initial	Final	\$	%
		(House 1)	Estimates		
STATE AID					
Receipts					
State Owned Land	47,448	57,274	57,274	9,826	20.71%
Libraries	13,538	15,127	15,127	1,589	11.74%
Veterans Benefits	-	-	-	0	0.00%
Highway Fund	-	-	-	0	0.00%
One-Time Lottery Aid	69,795				
Quinn Bill Reimbursement	57,840	65,000	65,000	7,160	12.38%
Lottery	633,120	749,057	749,057	115,937	18.31%
Exemptions	6,438	5,213	5,213	(1,225)	-19.03%
Elderly Exemptions	6,526	12,048	12,048	5,522	84.62%
Overestimates	-			0	0.00%
Total State Aid Receipts	834,705	903,719	903,719	69,014	8.27%
Offsets and Charges					
Library Offset	13,538	15,127	15,127	1,589	11.74%
MBTA	29,072	41,961	41,961	12,889	44.33%
Regional Transit	18,364	18,823	18,823	459	2.50%
Air Pollution Control	2,790	2,753	2,753	(37)	-1.33%
Police Academy Charges	-	-	-	0	0.00%
MV Renewal Surcharge	2,980	4,800	4,800	1,820	61.07%
Total State Offsets and Charges	66,744	83,464	83,464	16,720	25.05%
NET STATE AID	767,961	820,255	820,255		0.00%
LOCAL RECEIPTS					
General Revenue					
Investment Income	50,000	45,000	45,000	(5,000)	-10.00%
Licenses & Permits	525,000	418,000	418,000	(107,000)	-20.38%
Fines & Forfeits (Includes Library fines)	43,000	62,000	62,000	19,000	44.19%
Fees	125,282	311,500	311,500	186,218	148.64%
Misc.	0				
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	55,000	82,000	82,000	27,000	49.09%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	117,900	119,400	119,400	1,500	1.27%
Other Municipalities	52,000	62,509	62,509	10,509	20.21%
Departmental Reimburse of Benefits	368,000	370,000	370,000	2,000	0.54%
Other: Country Club Lease Payment	70,000	70,000	70,000	0	0.00%
Subtotal, Misc	662,900	703,909	703,909	41,009	6.19%
Subtotal, General Revenue	1,406,182	1,540,409	1,540,409	134,227	9.55%
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	1,300,000	1,325,000	1,325,000	25,000	1.92%
Departmental Revenue					
Recreation Department	0	90,146	90,146	90,146	0.00%
Additional Lottery Aid	0	0	-	0	0.00%
Subtotal, Dept. Revenue		90,146		0	0.00%
Other Revenue					
Free Cash	304,486		-	(304,486)	-100.00%
Stabilization Fund	490,000		-	(490,000)	-100.00%
Cell Tower		20,000	20,000	20,000	0.00%
Capital Asset Stabilization Fund		98,000	98,000	98,000	0.00%
EMS/Conserv Receipts Reserved	285,000	75,000	75,000	(210,000)	-73.68%
Water Department Surplus		0	-	0	0.00%
Sewer Department Surplus		0	-	0	0.00%
Encumbrances	239,770	32,465	32,465	(207,305)	-86.46%
Subtotal, Other Revenue	1,319,256	225,465	225,465	(1,093,791)	-82.91%
NET LOCAL RECEIPTS	4,025,438	3,181,020	3,090,874	(934,564)	-23.22%

Line Item Expenses

Line	Department	FY2004 Voted Budget	FY2004 Final Spent	FY2005 Voted Budget	FY2006		Year to Year Change		Tax Impact on \$100,000 of Assessed Value	
					Dept Budget	FinCom Budget	\$	%	FY2006	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
	Moderator									
1000	Salaries	65	65	65	65	65	-	0.00%	0.00	-
1001	Expenses	65	30	65	65	65	-	0.00%	0.00	-
	Moderator	130	95	130	130	130	-	0.00%	0.01	-
	Board of Selectmen									
1020	Salaries	6,150	6,150	4,900	4,900	4,900	-	0.00%	0.33	-
1021	Wages	1,500	1,026	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%	0.10	-
1022	Expenses	2,437	1,808	2,437	2,843	2,843	406	16.66%	0.19	0.03
1023	Engineering/Consultant	7,000	5,000	7,000	7,000	5,000	(2,000)	-28.57%	0.33	(0.13)
1024	Minor Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Board of Selectmen	17,087	13,984	15,837	16,243	14,243	(1,594)	-10.07%	0.95	(0.11)
	Administrative Officer									
1040	Salaries	68,668	68,668	77,664	80,067	80,067	2,403	3.09%	5.34	0.16
1041	Wages	53,809	51,417	54,097	56,399	56,399	2,302	4.26%	3.76	0.15
1042	Expenses	7,961	5,441	7,961	7,702	7,702	(259)	-3.25%	0.51	(0.02)
	Administrative Officer	130,438	125,526	139,722	144,168	144,168	4,446	3.18%	9.62	0.30
	Finance Committee									
1060	Expenses	250	250	250	500	500	250	100.00%	0.03	0.02
	Finance Committee	250	250	250	500	500	250	100.00%	0.03	0.02
	Town Accountant									
1080	Salaries	49,316	49,121	54,980	56,685	56,685	1,705	3.10%	3.78	0.11
1081	Wages	27,810	26,418	30,544	31,477	31,477	933	3.05%	2.10	0.06
1082	Expenses	4,500	3,775	21,500	27,500	26,000	4,500	20.93%	1.73	0.30
1083	Audit	18,000	18,000	0	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Town Accountant	99,626	97,314	107,024	115,662	114,162	7,137	6.67%	7.62	0.48
	Board of Assessors									
1100	Salaries (including elected)	54,843	54,605	64,871	64,971	64,971	100	0.15%	4.33	0.01
1101	Wages	42,196	42,295	48,312	49,782	49,782	1,470	3.04%	3.32	0.10
1102	Expenses	12,350	12,310	12,350	15,000	15,000	2,650	21.46%	1.00	0.18
1103	Legal/Consultant	2,750	2,025	5,000	5,000	3,000	(2,000)	-40.00%	0.20	(0.13)
1104	Appraisal Maintenance	28,800	15,633	26,800	25,000	25,000	(1,800)	-6.72%	1.67	(0.12)
1105	Update Maps	5,250	5,250	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	0.33	-
	Board of Assessors	146,189	132,118	162,333	164,753	162,753	420	0.26%	10.86	0.03
	Treasurer/Tax Collector									
1120	Salaries	60,617	56,018	60,749	60,749	60,749	-	0.00%	4.05	-
1121	Wages	83,578	75,046	85,658	88,286	88,286	2,628	3.07%	5.89	0.18
1122	Expenses	18,588	15,983	14,338	18,588	18,588	4,250	29.64%	1.24	0.28
1123	Tax Title	9,100	5,939	8,100	8,100	8,100	-	0.00%	0.54	-
1124	Banking Services	6,200	800	6,200	6,200	6,200	-	0.00%	0.41	-

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1125	Payroll Services	5,750	5,449	5,750	5,750	5,750	-	0.00%	0.38	-
1126	Bond Cost	20,000	14,546	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	0.33	-
	Treasurer/Tax Collector	203,833	173,781	185,795	192,674	192,674	6,878	3.70%	12.86	0.46
	Capital Planning Committee									
1140	Expenses	150	126	150	150	150	-	0.00%	0.01	-
1141	Consultant/Engineers			-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Capital Planning Committee	150	126	150	150	150	-	0.00%	0.01	-
	Town Counsel									
1160	Expenses	102,000	98,414	85,000	90,000	90,000	5,000	5.88%	6.00	0.33
	Town Counsel	102,000	98,414	85,000	90,000	90,000	5,000	5.88%	6.00	0.33
	Personnel Board									
1181	Expenses	500	120	300	2,000	42,000	41,700	13900.00%	2.80	2.78
	Personnel Board	500	120	300	2,000	42,000	41,700	13900.00%	2.80	2.78
	Computer Committee									
1200	Wages			-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
1201	Expenses	53,500	29,937	53,500	53,500	43,500	(10,000)	-18.69%	2.90	(0.67)
	Computer Committee	53,500	29,937	53,500	53,500	43,500	(10,000)	-18.69%	2.90	(0.67)
	GIS Steering Committee									
1220	Expenses	16,600	14,925	16,600	16,600	16,600	-	0.00%	1.11	-
	GIS Steering Committee	16,600	14,925	16,600	16,600	16,600	-	0.00%	1.11	-
	Town Clerk									
1240	Salaries	48,409	48,409	49,861	52,921	52,921	3,060	6.14%	3.53	0.20
1241	Wages	46,073	46,073	53,482	54,475	54,475	993	1.86%	3.63	0.07
1242	Expenses	8,030	6,425	6,830	6,830	6,830	-	0.00%	0.46	-
1243	Vital Statistics	250	250	250	250	250	-	0.00%	0.02	-
1244	Update By-laws	6,436	6,436	4,300	4,300	4,300	-	0.00%	0.29	-
	Town Clerk	109,198	107,593	114,723	118,776	118,776	4,053	3.53%	7.92	0.27
	Elections									
1260	Expenses	7,560	5,512	7,560	7,560	7,560	-	0.00%	0.50	-
1261	Stipend	7,650	3,558	7,650	7,650	7,650	-	0.00%	0.51	-
1262	Minor Capital	-	0	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Elections	15,210	9,070	15,210	15,210	15,210	-	0.00%	1.01	-
	Board of Registrars									
1280	Expenses	225	0	225	225	225	-	0.00%	0.02	-
1281	Stipend	450	450	450	450	450	-	0.00%	0.03	-
	Board of Registrars	675	450	675	675	675	-	0.00%	0.05	-
	Street Listings									
1300	Expenses	4,328	3,315	3,818	3,818	3,818	-	0.00%	0.25	-
	Street Listings	4,328	3,315	3,818	3,818	3,818	-	0.00%	0.25	-
	Conservation Commission									
1320	Salary	40,570	40,412	43,093	43,093	43,093	-	0.00%	2.88	-

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1321	Wages	12,087	8,120	5,525	5,525	5,525	(0)	0.00%	0.37	(0.00)
1322	Expenses	4,950	4,313	4,950	4,950	4,950	-	0.00%	0.33	-
1323	Engineering & Legal	0	0	0		-	-	0.00%	-	-
1324	Land Main. & Signs	2,000	1,435	4,400	9,400	9,400	5,000	113.64%	0.63	0.33
	Conservation Commission	59,607	54,280	57,968	62,968	62,968	5,000	8.63%	4.20	0.33
	Planning Board									
1340	Salaries	52,737	52,515	57,865	57,865	57,865	-	0.00%	3.86	-
1341	Wages	7,149	5,388	5,525	5,525	5,525	(0)	0.00%	0.37	(0.00)
1342	Expenses	6,500	4,979	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0.00%	0.40	-
1343	Engineering	5,000	893	7,500	7,500	7,500	-	0.00%	0.50	-
1344	Consultant	10,000	9,410	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%	0.67	-
1345	M.R.P.C Assessment	2,305	2,305	2,362	2,422	2,422	60	2.54%	0.16	0.00
1346	Legal Expense	10,000	9,689	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%	0.67	-
	Planning Board	93,691	85,179	99,252	99,312	99,312	60	0.06%	6.63	0.00
	Zoning Board of Appeals									
1360	Expenses	16,000	15,989	16,000	18,000	18,000	2,000	12.50%	1.20	0.13
	Zoning Board of Appeals	16,000	15,989	16,000	18,000	18,000	2,000	12.50%	1.20	0.13
	Municipal Buildings & Property Maintenance									
1380	Wages	64,612	64,612	91,762	98,576	98,576	6,813	7.42%	6.58	0.45
1381	Expenses	91,055	90,256	90,755	121,550	121,550	30,795	33.93%	8.11	2.05
1382	Minor Capital	9,980	9,897	5,706	53,378	45,378	39,672	695.27%	3.03	2.65
	Municipal Buildings & Property	165,647	164,765	188,223	273,504	265,504	77,280	41.06%	17.71	5.16
	Insurance & Bonding									
1400	Insurance & Bonding	127,400	126,013	143,718	149,600	149,600	5,882	4.09%	9.98	0.39
1401	Ins. Deductible Reserve	7,000	1,853	7,000	7,000	7,000	-	0.00%	0.47	-
	Insurance & Bonding	134,400	127,866	150,718	156,600	156,600	5,882	3.90%	10.45	0.39
	Town Diarist									
1420	Salary / Stipend (s.b. 443 / prora	435	435	75	100	100	25	33.33%	0.01	0.00
1421	Expenses	58	-	50	50	50	-	0.00%	0.00	-
	Town Diarist	493	435	125	150	150	25	20.00%	0.01	0.00
	Town Report									
1440	Expenses	4,000	2,769	4,000	4,000	3,500	(500)	-12.50%	0.23	(0.03)
	Town Report	4,000	2,769	4,000	4,000	3,500	(500)	-12.50%	0.23	(0.03)
	Keeper of the Town Clocks									
1460	Salary / Stipend	1	-	1	1	1	-	0.00%	0.00	-
	Keeper of the Town Clocks	1	-	1	1	1	-	0.00%	0.00	-
	Historic Districts Commission									
1480	Wages	4,049	2,459	4,213	4,213	4,213	0	0.01%	0.28	0.00
1481	Expenses	350	18	350	350	350	-	0.00%	0.02	-
	Historic Districts Commission	4,399	2,477	4,563	4,563	4,563	0	0.01%	0.30	0.00
	Historical Commission									

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1500	Expenses Historical Commission	430 430	- -	500 500	500 500	500 500	- -	0.00% 0.00%	0.03 0.03	- -
1520	Postage/Office Supplies Expenses	43,100	39,842	43,100	45,500	45,500	2,400	5.57%	3.04	0.16
1521	Lease- Copier	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
1522	Copier Purchase Postage/Office Supplies	- 43,100	- 39,842	10,000 53,100	10,000 55,500	- 45,500	(10,000) (7,600)	-100.00% -14.31%	- 3.04	(0.67) (0.51)
1540	Town Government Study Committee Expenses Town Government Study Comm	1,200 1,200	57 57	200 200	200 200	200 200	- -	0.00% 0.00%	0.01 0.01	- -
1560	Community Preservation Act Administrative Expenses Community Preservation Act	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	0.00% 0.00%	- -	- -
	Blank Department Blank Department	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	0.00%	- -	- -
1600	Sign Committee Expenses Sign Committee	900 900	514 514	900 900	900 900	900 900	- -	0.00% 0.00%	0.06 0.06	- -
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,423,582	1,301,191	1,476,618	1,611,056	1,617,056	140,438	9.51%	107.89	9.37
PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY										
2000	Police Department Salaries (Includes Quinn Bill)	87,858	86,383	91,223	94,036	94,036	2,813	3.08%	6.27	0.19
2001	Wages (Includes Quinn Bill)	964,599	929,410	1,074,019	1,102,702	1,102,702	28,683	2.67%	73.57	1.91
2002	Expenses	104,520	103,693	104,445	110,010	110,010	5,565	5.33%	7.34	0.37
2003	Lease or Purchase Cruisers	25,000	24,891	16,656	42,655	42,655	25,999	156.09%	2.85	1.73
2004	PS Bldg (Expenses)	33,850	32,560	30,150	34,000	34,000	3,850	12.77%	2.27	0.26
2005	Police (Minor Capital)	4,019	3,348	5,393	13,300	4,300	(1,093)	-20.27%	0.29	(0.07)
	Police Department	1,219,846	1,180,285	1,321,886	1,396,703	1,387,703	65,817	4.98%	92.59	4.39
2020	Fire Department Salaries	95,622	95,622	102,591	110,895	110,895	8,304	8.09%	7.40	0.55
2021	Wages	277,741	277,628	393,812	432,393	432,393	38,581	9.80%	28.85	2.57
2022	Consultation/Engineer				15,000	15,000	15,000	N/A	1.00	1.00
2023	Expenses	94,326	94,009	89,370	90,870	90,870	1,500	1.68%	6.06	0.10
2024	Building Maintenance	20,405	20,138	20,405	25,405	25,405	5,000	24.50%	1.70	0.33
2025	Minor Capital	44,000	44,000	43,900	43,900	43,900	-	0.00%	2.93	-
2026	Medic 1 Support	20,000	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	0.33	-
	Fire Department	552,094	551,397	655,078	723,464	723,464	68,385	10.44%	48.27	4.56
2040	Groton Water Fire Protection W. Groton Water District	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	13,000	(14,500)	-52.73%	0.87	(0.97)
2041	Groton Water Department	70,125	70,125	70,125	70,125	35,000	(35,125)	-50.09%	2.34	(2.34)

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	Groton Water Fire Protection	97,625	97,625	97,625	97,625	48,000	(49,625)	-50.83%	3.20	(3.31)
	Building Inspector									
2060	Salaries	61,542	61,301	64,574	64,574	64,574	-	0.00%	4.31	-
2061	Wages	61,653	56,484	65,916	66,290	66,290	374	0.57%	4.42	0.02
2062	Expenses	9,400	8,661	9,400	9,400	9,400	-	0.00%	0.63	-
2063	Minor Capital	1,200	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%	0.08	-
	Building Inspector	133,795	127,446	141,090	141,464	141,464	374	0.26%	9.44	0.02
	Plumbing and Gas Inspector									
2080	Fee Salaries	16,000	12,768	16,000	16,000	16,000	-	0.00%	1.07	-
2081	Expenses	1,550	1,314	1,800	1,800	1,800	-	0.00%	0.12	-
	Plumbing and Gas Inspector	17,550	14,082	17,800	17,800	17,800	-	0.00%	1.19	-
	Sealer of Weights & Measures									
2100	Fee Salaries	1,610	1,610	1,275	1,275	1,275	-	0.00%	0.09	-
2101	Expenses	200	175	250	1,825	1,825	1,575	630.00%	0.12	0.11
	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,810	1,785	1,525	3,100	3,100	1,575	103.28%	0.21	0.11
	Electrical Inspector									
2120	Fee Salaries	16,000	14,544	16,000	16,000	16,000	-	0.00%	1.07	-
2121	Expenses	1,800	1,270	1,800	1,800	1,800	-	0.00%	0.12	-
	Electrical Inspector	17,800	15,814	17,800	17,800	17,800	-	0.00%	1.19	-
	Earth Removal Inspector									
2140	Salary	1,576	1,576	1,623	1,623	1,623	(0)	-0.01%	0.11	(0.00)
2141	Expenses	100	99	69	69	69	-	0.00%	0.00	-
2142	Minor Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Earth Removal Inspector	1,676	1,675	1,692	1,692	1,692	(0)	-0.01%	0.11	(0.00)
	Animal Inspector									
2160	Salary	1,835	1,835	1,890	1,890	1,890	(0)	0.00%	0.13	(0.00)
2161	Expenses	400	0	400	400	400	-	0.00%	0.03	-
	Animal Inspector	2,235	1,835	2,290	2,290	2,290	(0)	0.00%	0.15	(0.00)
	Animal Control Officer									
2180	Salary	1,835	1,835	1,890	1,890	1,890	(0)	0.00%	0.13	(0.00)
2181	Expenses	400	0	400	400	400	-	0.00%	0.03	-
	Animal Control Officer	2,235	1,835	2,290	2,290	2,290	(0)	0.00%	0.15	(0.00)
	Emergency Management Agency									
2200	Salary / Stipend	1,142	1,120	1,154	1,154	1,154	(0)	-0.01%	0.08	(0.00)
2201	E.O.C. and Auxiliary Police	6,615	5,106	6,618	-	-	(6,618)	-100.00%	-	(0.44)
2202	Expenses				6,959	6,959	6,959	N/A	0.46	0.46
2203	Minor Capital (Tower/Radios)				17,000	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Emergency Management Agency	7,757	6,226	7,772	25,113	8,113	341	4.39%	0.54	0.02
	Dog Officer									
2220	Salary	12,320	12,320	12,690	12,690	12,690	0	0.00%	0.85	0.00
2221	Expenses	2,496	2,472	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%	0.20	-

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	Dog Officer	14,816	14,792	15,690	15,690	15,690	0	0.00%	1.05	0.00
2240	Police & Fire Communications									
	Wages	222,908	200,642	234,137	247,002	247,002	12,865	5.49%	16.48	0.86
2241	Expenses	19,670	18,995	16,320	17,720	17,720	1,400	8.58%	1.18	0.09
2242	Minor Capital	1,500	1,500	-	2,750	2,750	2,750	N/A	0.18	0.18
	Police & Fire Communications	244,078	221,137	250,457	267,472	267,472	17,015	6.79%	17.85	1.14
PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL		2,313,318	2,235,935	2,532,996	2,712,503	2,636,878	103,882	4.10%	175.94	6.93
SCHOOLS										
3000	Nashoba Valley RTHS									
	Operating Expenses	547,731	547,731	465,634	452,313	452,313	(13,321)	-2.86%	30.18	(0.89)
	Nashoba Valley RTHS	547,731	547,731	465,634	452,313	452,313	(13,321)	-2.86%	30.18	(0.89)
3020	Groton-Dunstable RSD									
	Operating Expenses	10,626,844	10,626,844	11,296,606	12,509,015	12,047,316	750,710	6.65%	803.82	50.09
3021	Debt Service, Excluded	2,339,230	2,339,230	2,244,767	2,144,882	2,144,882	(99,885)	-4.45%	143.11	(6.66)
3022	Debt Service, Unexcl.	13,181	13,181	17,991	14,448	14,448	(3,543)	-19.69%	0.96	(0.24)
	Groton-Dunstable RSD	12,979,255	12,979,255	13,559,364	14,668,345	14,206,646	647,282	4.77%	947.90	43.19
SCHOOLS		13,526,986	13,526,986	14,024,998	15,120,658	14,658,959	633,961	4.52%	978.08	42.30
HIGHWAY & HEALTH										
5000	Highway Surveyor									
	Salaries	55,196	55,196	56,852	61,571	61,571	4,719	8.30%	4.11	0.31
5001	Wages	445,959	435,992	458,628	479,714	479,714	21,086	4.60%	32.01	1.41
5002	Expenses	121,900	120,864	113,400	130,000	130,000	16,600	14.64%	8.67	1.11
5003	Lines and Signs	25,000	24,907	25,000	30,000	30,000	5,000	20.00%	2.00	0.33
5004	Guard Rails	5,000	3,585	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%	0.33	-
5005	Crack Sealing/Road Maintenance	50,000	23,114	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	0.00%	3.34	-
5006	Sidewalks	20,000	11,448	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%	1.33	-
5007	Minor Capital	0	0	0	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Highway Surveyor	723,055	675,106	728,880	776,285	776,285	47,405	6.50%	51.80	3.16
5020	Street Lights									
	Expenses	21,000	19,169	23,700	23,000	23,000	(700)	-2.95%	1.53	(0.05)
	Street Lights	21,000	19,169	23,700	23,000	23,000	(700)	-2.95%	1.53	(0.05)
5040	Snow & Ice Removal									
	Expenses	100,000	91,994	100,000	160,000	100,000	-	0.00%	6.67	-
5041	Overtime	35,000	79,087	35,000	60,000	35,000	-	0.00%	2.34	-
5042	Hired Equipment	35,000	38,818	35,000	50,000	35,000	-	0.00%	2.34	-
	Snow & Ice Removal	170,000	209,899	170,000	270,000	170,000	-	0.00%	11.34	-
5060	Solid Waste Disposal									
	Wages	139,874	137,056	149,681	149,048	149,048	(633)	-0.42%	9.94	(0.04)
5061	Expenses	35,450	35,409	40,450	50,000	50,000	9,550	23.61%	3.34	0.64

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5062	Tipping Fees	145,000	116,355	125,000	159,000	159,000	34,000	27.20%	10.61	2.27
5063	Paint Disposal	300	211	0		-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Solid Waste Disposal	320,624	289,031	315,131	358,048	358,048	42,917	13.62%	23.89	2.86
	Tree Warden									
5080	Salary	1,311	1,311	1,350	1,311	1,311	(39)	-2.91%	0.09	(0.00)
5081	Expenses	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%	0.20	-
5082	Trees	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%	0.10	-
5083	Tree Work	15,000	14,865	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%	1.00	-
	Tree Warden	20,811	20,676	20,850	20,811	20,811	(39)	-0.19%	1.39	(0.00)
	Graves Registration									
5100	Salary / Stipend	221	221	216	216	216	-	0.00%	0.01	-
5101	Expenses	490	482	449	550	550	101	22.49%	0.04	0.01
	Graves Registration	711	703	665	766	766	101	15.19%	0.05	0.01
	Care of Veteran Graves									
5120	Contract Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,001	1,000	1,000	(1)	-0.10%	0.07	(0.00)
	Care of Veteran Graves	1,000	1,000	1,001	1,000	1,000	(1)	-0.10%	0.07	(0.00)
	Board of Health									
5140	Wages	37,720	37,720	40,712	40,716	40,716	4	0.01%	2.72	0.00
5141	Expenses	3,500	2,612	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	0.00%	0.23	-
5142	Nursing Services	6,061	6,061	6,061	6,061	6,061	-	0.00%	0.40	-
5143	Nashoba Health District	16,894	16,894	16,894	16,894	16,894	-	0.00%	1.13	-
5144	Herbert Lipton MH	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	-	0.00%	0.43	-
5145	Eng/Consult/LdfMonitor	1,000	0	16,000	17,000	17,000	1,000	6.25%	1.13	0.07
	Board of Health	71,675	69,787	89,667	90,671	90,671	1,004	1.12%	6.05	0.07
HIGHWAY & HEALTH		1,328,876	1,285,371	1,349,894	1,540,581	1,440,581	90,687	6.72%	96.12	6.05
SEWER ASSESSMENT										
6000	Sewer Department									
	2004 Upgrade			3,666	28,936	28,936	25,270	689.31%	1.93	1.69
	Sewer Department	-	-	3,666	28,936	28,936	25,270	689.31%	1.93	1.69
SEWER ASSESSMENT		-	-	3,666	28,936	28,936	25,270	689.31%	1.93	1.69
LIBRARY, CITIZEN'S SERVICES										
	Council on Aging									
7000	Wages	74,038	73,854	78,936	88,293	88,293	9,357	11.85%	5.89	0.62
7001	Expenses	11,940	9,472	11,040	11,390	11,390	350	3.17%	0.76	0.02
7002	Minor Capital	0	0	0	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Council on Aging	85,978	83,326	89,976	99,683	99,683	9,707	10.79%	6.65	0.65
	Commission on Handicapped									
7020	Expense	380	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Commission on Handicapped	380	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-

Line Item Expenses

Line	Department	FY2004 Voted Budget	FY2004 Final Spent	FY2005 Voted Budget	FY2006		Year to Year Change		Tax Impact on \$100,000 of Assessed Value	
					Dept Budget	FinCom Budget	\$	%	FY2006	Change
	Veteran's Service Officer									
7040	Salary	3,072	3,072	3,164	3,164	3,164	(0)	0.00%	0.21	(0.00)
7041	Expenses	1,000	507	640	640	640	-	0.00%	0.04	-
7042	Veterans' Benefits	1,700	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%	0.13	-
7043	Minor Capital	-	0	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Veteran's Service Officer	5,772	3,579	5,804	5,804	5,804	(0)	0.00%	0.39	(0.00)
	Library									
7060	Salary	176,067	175,065	194,313	194,357	194,357	44	0.02%	12.97	0.00
7061	Wages	216,582	216,582	239,399	257,761	257,761	18,362	7.67%	17.20	1.23
7062	Expenses	195,909	190,170	186,988	203,200	196,670	9,682	5.18%	13.12	0.65
7063	Minor Capital	10,500	10,398	3,000	10,465	10,465	7,465	248.83%	0.70	0.50
	Library	599,058	592,215	623,700	665,783	659,253	35,553	5.70%	43.99	2.37
	Recreation Commission									
7080	Wages	25,845	23,417	29,171	34,832	32,158	2,987	10.24%	2.15	0.20
7081	General Expense	7,000	6,117	7,429	23,634	11,544	4,115	55.39%	0.77	0.27
7082	Program Expense			22,667	54,356	53,920	31,253	137.88%	3.60	2.09
7083	Minor Capital	0	0	0	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Recreation Commission	32,845	29,534	59,267	112,822	97,622	38,355	64.72%	6.51	2.56
	Parks Department									
7100	Wages	3,130	2,476	3,157	3,157	3,157	(0)	0.00%	0.21	(0.00)
7101	Expense	50,360	41,154	50,360	50,360	45,360	(5,000)	-9.93%	3.03	(0.33)
	Parks Department	53,490	43,630	53,517	53,517	48,517	(5,000)	-9.34%	3.24	(0.33)
	Greenway Committee									
7120	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Greenway Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
	Commemorations & Celebrations									
7140	Expenses	330	330	330	330	330	-	0.00%	0.02	-
7141	350th Celebration	1,470	665	1,470	1,470	1,470	-	0.00%	0.10	-
	Commemorations & Celebrations	1,800	995	1,800	1,800	1,800	-	0.00%	0.12	-
	Water Safety									
7160	Wages	23,448	15,772	27,572	28,288	28,288	716	2.60%	1.89	0.05
7161	Expenses & Minor Capital	2,000	1,229	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%	0.13	-
	Water Safety	25,448	17,001	29,572	30,288	30,288	716	2.42%	2.02	0.05
	Weed Harvester/Great Lakes									
7180	Wages	1,300	0	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
7181	Expenses: Weed Harvester	5,000	4,741	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	0.00%	0.23	-
7182	Expenses/Minor Cap/GrLks			-	5,646	5,646	5,646	N/A	0.38	0.38
	Weed Harvester/Great Lakes	6,300	4,741	3,500	9,146	9,146	5,646	161.31%	0.61	0.38
LIBRARY, CITIZEN'S SERVICE		811,071	775,021	867,136	978,842	952,112	84,976	9.80%	63.53	5.67
DEBT SERVICE										

Line Item Expenses

Line	Department	FY2004 Voted Budget	FY2004 Final Spent	FY2005 Voted Budget	FY2006		Year to Year Change		Tax Impact on \$100,000 of Assessed Value	
					Dept Budget	FinCom Budget	\$	%	FY2006	Change
	Bond Principle - Long Term Debt									
8000	Principal, Town	829,295	829,295	1,104,430	1,109,137	1,109,137	4,707	0.43%	74.00	0.31
8001	Principal, Sewer Construction	120,785	120,785	139,809	104,709	104,709	(35,100)	-25.11%	6.99	(2.34)
8002	Principal, Country Club	113,750	113,750	113,750	113,750	113,750	-	0.00%	7.59	-
	Bond Principle - Long Term Debt	1,063,830	1,063,830	1,357,989	1,327,596	1,327,596	(30,393)	-2.24%	88.58	(2.03)
	Bond Interest - Long Term Debt									
8020	Interest, Town	511,136	506,284	525,619	490,136	490,136	(35,483)	-6.75%	32.70	(2.37)
8021	Interest, Sewer	35,787	35,787	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
8022	Interest, Country Club	35,046	35,046	30,155	25,065	25,065	(5,090)	-16.88%	1.67	(0.34)
	Bond Interest - Long Term Debt	581,969	577,117	555,774	515,201	515,201	(40,573)	-7.30%	34.38	(2.71)
8040	Principle - Short Term Debt									
	Interest, Town			-			-	0.00%	-	-
	Principle - Short Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
8060	Interest - Short Term Debt									
	Interest, Town	66,775	62,577	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	N/A	0.17	0.17
	Interest - Short Term Debt	66,775	62,577	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	N/A	0.17	0.17
DEBT SERVICE		1,712,574	1,703,524	1,913,763	1,845,297	1,845,297	(68,466)	-3.58%	123.12	(4.57)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS										
	General Benefits									
9000	County Retirement	544,691	544,691	778,861	833,966	833,966	55,105	7.08%	55.64	3.68
9001	State Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-
9002	Unemployment Compensation	-	-	19,445	20,440	20,440	995	5.12%	1.36	0.07
	General Benefits	544,691	544,691	798,306	854,406	854,406	56,100	7.03%	57.01	3.74
	Insurance									
9020	Health Insurance	823,500	823,174	946,823	1,016,434	1,016,434	69,611	7.35%	67.82	4.64
9021	Life Insurance	4,000	3,460	3,677	3,858	3,858	181	4.92%	0.26	0.01
9022	Medicare / Social Security	60,000	59,459	54,216	76,396	76,396	22,180	40.91%	5.10	1.48
	Insurance	887,500	886,093	1,004,716	1,096,688	1,096,688	91,972	9.15%	73.17	6.14
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,432,191	1,430,784	1,803,022	1,951,094	1,951,094	148,072	8.21%	130.18	9.88
Grand Total		22,548,598	22,258,812	23,972,093	25,788,967	25,130,913	1,158,821	4.83%	1,676.79	77.32

**FY2006 Enterprise Fund and Utilities Budget
Line Item Expenses**

Line	Department Line Item	FY2005 Final	FY2006		Year to Year Change	
			Dept Requests	FinCom Budget	\$	%
	Water Department					
	WD Salaries	148,488	149,821	149,821	1,333	0.89%
	WD Wages	136,539	123,502	123,502	(13,037)	-10.56%
	WD Expenses	502,245	502,245	502,245	-	0.00%
	WD Debt Service	210,849	452,362	452,362	241,513	53.39%
100	Total Water Dept.	998,121	1,227,930	1,227,930	229,809	18.72%
	Sewer Department					
	Sewer Wages	17,744	16,775	16,775	(969)	-5.78%
	Sewer Expense	439,172	434,403	434,403	(4,769)	-1.10%
	Boston Road Expansion		40,000			
	Sewer Debt Service	172,344	167,875	167,875	(4,469)	-2.66%
	Pepperell SRF Reserve Account	3,666	59,789	59,789	56,123	93.87%
200	Total Sewer	632,926	718,842	718,842	85,916	11.95%
	Electric Light Dept					
	Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
300	Total Electric Light Dept	0	0	0	0	0
Total Enterprise Funds		1,631,047	1,946,772	1,946,772	315,725	16.22%
FY2006 Enterprise Fund and Utilities Budget						
Revenue Estimates						
		FY2005 FinCom Budget	FY2006 Dept Requests	FY2006 FinCom Budget	Year to Year Change	
					\$	%
Water Department						
	Revenue	998,121	1,227,930	1,227,930	229,809	18.72%
Sewer Department						
	Revenue	632,926	718,842	718,842	85,916	11.95%
Electric Light Department						
	Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total Enterprise Funds		1,631,047	1,946,772	1,946,772	315,725	16.22%

FY2006 TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service TOWN BONDS	Amount Borrowed	Amount Outstanding	D E	BAN/TAN Interest	Bond Principal	Bond Interest	2006 Total	Excluded Amount	Tax Impact
W Well Land	300,000	30,000	Y		15,000	1,800	16,800	16,800	1.12
Issued 5/89									
Gratuity Rd (R)	475,000	111,800	Y		28,600	4,711	33,311	33,311	2.22
Issued 6/90									
Pleasant St.(R)	100,000	11,730	N		7,000	379	7,379	-	0.49
Cronin Land (R)	815,000	142,731	Y		48,000	5,665	53,665	53,665	3.58
HG Const(1) (R)	608,000	105,125	Y		35,375	4,172	39,547	39,547	2.64
Issued 6/91									
HG Const(2) (R)	184,250	29,400	Y		13,000	1,081	14,081	14,081	0.94
LF Closing(2) (R)	240,000	-	Y		-	-	-	-	-
TS Const (R)	747,000	161,600	Y		52,000	6,523	58,523	58,523	3.90
Issued 12/91									
PS Bldg(1,2,3) (R)	263,000	43,025	Y		18,000	1,598	19,598	19,598	1.31
Lyman Land (R)	275,000	45,725	Y		18,250	1,725	19,975	19,975	1.33
Issued 7/92									
PS Bldg(4) (R,R2)	1,848,000	624,073	Y		115,220	14,325	129,545	129,545	8.64
Issued 7/99									
Senior Center	160,000	106,660	Y		8,890	4,977	13,867	13,867	0.93
ADA Town Bldgs	70,000	46,660	N		3,890	2,177	6,067	-	0.40
Library	1,831,464	1,318,214	Y		102,250	62,042	164,292	164,292	10.96
Library	364,000	261,375	Y		20,325	12,306	32,631	32,631	2.18
Town Hall	2,500,000	1,797,925	Y		139,515	84,619	224,134	224,134	14.95
Assessor Reval	160,000	70,000	N		17,500	2,809	20,309	-	1.36
Issued 7/01									
Shattuck Property	500,000	416,000	N		28,000	17,807	45,807	-	3.06
Bernier/Bissell Prop	850,000	707,500	Y		47,500	30,291	77,791	77,791	5.19
Bissell Property	1,075,000	894,250	Y		60,250	38,271	98,521	98,521	6.57
Norris Property	750,000	624,750	Y		41,750	26,763	68,513	68,513	4.57
Issued 11/03									
Sewer PER Town Share	225,628	216,867	N		8,822	6,245	15,067	-	-
Gibbet Hill	3,000,000	2,840,000	Y		160,000	98,650	258,650	258,650	17.26
Lost Lake Fire Station	1,450,000	1,370,000	Y		80,000	47,450	127,450	127,450	8.50
Fire Truck	485,000	445,000	N		40,000	13,750	53,750	-	3.59
Total	10,940,714	4,906,043		-	1,109,137	490,136	1,599,273	1,450,894	105.70
GROTON COUNTRY CLUB Issued 12/91									
Country Club (R)	2,050,000	571,250	N		113,750	25,065	138,815	-	9.26
Total	12,990,714	5,477,293		-	1,222,887	515,201	1,738,088	1,450,894	114.96

(R)=Refinanced Bond

**FY2006 BUDGET
ENTERPRISE DEBT SERVICE**

Water Department

	Amount Borrowed	Amount Outstanding	D E	BAN/TAN Interest	Bond Principal	Bond Interest	FY2006 Total	Excluded Amount
BONDS								
Issued 4/87								
Whitney Well	350,000	30,000	N		15,000	1,800	16,800	0
Laying Mains	90,000	0	N		0	0	0	0
Issued 5/89								
Lost Lake Mains (R)	450,000	103,200	N		26,400	4,348	30,748	0
Issued 6/90								
Laying Mains (R)	60,000	13,850	N		3,000	600	3,600	0
Issued 6/91								
Water Mains Rt. 40 (200,000	34,150	N		15,000	1,264	16,264	0
Issued 7/92								
Reservoir Roof (R)	24,000	8,066	N		1,501	185	1,686	0
Issued 1/93								
Reservoir Roof (R)	306,000	185,000	N		30,000	4,358	34,358	0
Issued 11/03								
SRF Improvements	6,000,000	6,000,000	N		163,020	129,412	292,432	0
Land Purchase	250,000	250,000	N		50,000	6,475	56,475	0
Subtotal, Bonds	\$7,730,000	\$6,624,266		\$0	\$303,921	\$148,442	\$452,363	\$0
NOTES								
Subtotal, Notes	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$7,730,000	\$6,624,266		\$0	\$303,921	\$148,442	\$452,363	\$0
See debt lines for the Enterprise Funds Budget							\$452,363	

DE = Debt Exclusion (Y= Yes, N= No), BAN = Bond Anticipation Note, SGAN =State Grant Anticipation Note (R)=Refinance Bond

Sewer Department

	Amount Borrowed	Amount Outstanding	D E	BAN/SGAN Interest	Bond Principal	Bond Interest	FY2006 Total	Excluded Amount
Const (6/90)*	1,647,000	436,564	Y	0	86,625	19,254	105,879	105,879
Const (6/91)*	1,626,000	524,850	Y	0	100,000	23,203	123,203	123,203
Const. 7/92 (R)*	353,000	107,861	Y	0	23,279	2,348	25,627	25,627
Hollis St. Better.**	137,316	99,166	N	0	7,630	4,672	12,302	0
Subtotal, Bonds	\$3,763,316	\$1,168,441		\$0	\$217,534	\$49,477	267,011	\$254,709
NOTES								
Sewer Share (PER)	83,452	80,211	N		3,263	2,310	5,573	0
Subtotal, Notes	\$83,452	\$80,211		\$0	\$3,263	\$2,310	\$5,573	\$0
Total	\$3,846,768	\$1,248,652		\$0	\$220,797	\$51,787	\$272,584	\$254,709
*Town Share							\$104,709	\$104,709
Rate Payers Share							\$167,875	\$150,000

(R)=Refinance Bond

* = Town pays share of Debt

**Betterments to be paid by affected sewer ratepayers through special assessments with no affect on tax rate.

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