

Town of Groton



2017 Spring Town Meeting Packet

April 24, 2017

**SPRING TOWN MEETING
MOTIONS
APRIL 24, 2017**

ARTICLE 1: HEAR REPORTS

Mover: John Petropoulos

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to hear and receive the report of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers and Committees.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

Scheduled to Give Reports: Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee

ARTICLE 2: ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to allow the following compensation for the following elected officials:

Town Clerk	\$80,689
Town Moderator	\$ 65

for the ensuing year.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 3: WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

Mover: Joshua Degen

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend and adopt for Fiscal Year 2018 the Town of Groton Wage and Classification schedule as shown in Appendix B of the Warrant for the 2017 Spring Town Meeting.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 4: FISCAL YEAR 2018 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION 1: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mover: Bud Robertson

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,946,980 for General Government as represented by lines 1000 through 1182 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 2: LAND USE DEPARTMENTS

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$434,948 for Land Use Departments as represented by lines 1200 through 1281 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 3: PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Mover: Art Prest

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Emergency Medical Services Receipts Reserved the sum of \$225,000 to Fire & Emergency Medical Services and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,547,214 for a total of \$3,772,214 for Protection of Persons and Property as represented by lines 1300 through 1372 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 4: SCHOOLS

Mover: Robert Hargraves

a.) Nashoba Valley Regional Technical High School

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$607,520 for the Nashoba Valley Regional Technical High School as represented by line 1400 in the Budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

b.) Groton Dunstable Regional School District

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,175,864 for the Groton Dunstable Regional School District for the purposes of Lines 1410 through 1413 in the budget, and as further outlined in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget portion of the Information Packet distributed to voters for this Town Meeting.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 5: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mover: David Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,136,809 for the Department of Public Works as represented by lines 1500 through 1561 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 6: LIBRARY AND CITIZEN'S SERVICES

Mover: Lorraine Leonard

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,595,272 for Library and Citizen's Services as represented by lines 1600 through 1703 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 7: DEBT SERVICE

Mover: Lorraine Leonard

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash) the sum of \$132,300 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,332,019 for a total of \$1,464,319 for Debt Service as represented by lines 2000 through 2007 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 8: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Mover: Lorraine Leonard

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,842,510 for Employee Benefits as represented by lines 3000 through 3012 in the Budget; each line item to be considered as a separate appropriation for the purposes voted.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 9: WATER ENTERPRISE

Mover: Art Prest

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Water Rates and Fees the sum of \$972,365 to the Water Enterprise Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,571 in the General Fund Operating Budget to be allocated to the Water Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2018, for a total Water Enterprise budget of \$1,131,936 to defray all operating expenses, interest charges, and principal payments on bonds outstanding as they accrue and any reimbursement to the Town.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 10: SEWER ENTERPRISE

Mover: Art Prest

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Sewer Enterprise Excess and Deficiency the sum of \$50,903, appropriate from Sewer Rates and Fees the sum of \$620,948 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,989 in the General Fund Operating Budget to be allocated to the Sewer Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2018, for a total Sewer Enterprise budget of \$699,840 to defray all operating expenses, interest charges, and principal payments on bonds outstanding as they accrue and any reimbursement to the Town.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 11: LOCAL ACCESS CABLE ENTERPRISE

Mover: Jon Sjoberg

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Local Access Cable Fees the sum of \$153,065 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,389 in the General Fund Operating Budget to be allocated to the Local Access Cable Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2018 for a total budget of \$206,454 to defray all operating expenses and any reimbursement to the Town.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 12: ELECTRIC LIGHT

Mover: Jon Sjoberg

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the income from the sale of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or from municipal power and from the sale of jobbing during Fiscal Year 2018 for the Groton Electric Light Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager of that department under the direction and control of the Board of Electric Light Commissioners for the expenses of the ensuing fiscal year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The total fund to be appropriated is -0-.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 5: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR OPEB TRUST

Mover: Barry Pease

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash) the sum of \$100,000 and to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Line Item 3010 "Health Insurance/Employee Expenses" of the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Operating Budget adopted under Article 4 of the 2017 Spring Town Meeting, for a total of \$300,000, to be expended by the Town Manager, to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 20.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 6: PILOT PROGRAM FOR CALL EMT

Mover: Bud Robertson

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,000, to be added to Line Item 1311 *“Fire Department Wages”* of the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the purpose of establishing a Pilot Program providing additional compensation as an incentive to sign up for call shifts, and all costs associated and related thereto.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 7: FISCAL YEAR 2018 CAPITAL BUDGET

Mover: Joshua Degen

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$415,692 from the Capital Stabilization Fund; transfer the sum of \$41,000 from Emergency Medical Services Receipts Reserved; and transfer the sum of \$60,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash); for a total of \$516,692, to be expended by the Town Manager, for the following capital items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>
SCBA Compressor	\$ 41,000	Fire/EMS
Intermediate Truck	\$ 70,000	Highway
IT Infrastructure	\$ 40,000	Town Facilities
Dispatch Center Upgrade	\$ 60,000	Town Facilities
Municipal Building Repairs	\$ 25,000	Town Facilities
Police Station Parking Lot	\$ 40,000	Town Facilities
Trash Trailers	\$ 90,000	Transfer Station
Exterior/Parking Lot Lights	\$ 30,000	Library
Police Cruisers	\$ 91,092	Police Department
All Terrain Vehicles	\$ 18,000	Police Department
Boom Sprayer Unit	\$ 6,500	Groton Country Club
Triplex – Greens Mower	\$ 5,100	Groton Country Club
Total	\$516,692	

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3’s Majority

ARTICLE 8: PURCHASE NEW LADDER TRUCK

Mover: Peter Cunningham

MOTION: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$995,000, to be expended by the Town Manager, to purchase and equip a new Ladder Truck for the Groton Fire Department, and all costs associated and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$995,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Town Manager be authorized to contract for the accomplishment of the foregoing purpose, including the expenditure of all appropriated funds and any funds received from any source for such purchase, and, further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 9: ACQUIRE LAND ON FARMERS ROW

Mover: Peter Cunningham

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from the Lawrence Homestead Trust by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including, without limitation, for use as a new Senior Center, all or a portion of the parcels of land located on Farmer's Row and shown on Assessors' Map 108 as Parcel 1, Assessors' Map 108 as Parcel 1.2, and Assessors' Map 108 as Parcel 1.3, described in deeds recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 25424, Page 109, said parcels containing 8.4 acres, more or less, in the aggregate, and to appropriate the sum of \$790,000, to be expended by the Town Manager in Fiscal Year 2017, for such acquisition and costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$790,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article, provided, however, that no funds may be expended hereunder for this purpose unless and until the Town approves a Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, Clause (k).

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 10: SENIOR CENTER LOCATION AND DESIGN Mover: Peter Cunningham

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to approve the location of a new Senior Center as recommended by the Town Meeting Senior Center Committee and the Council on Aging's Feasibility Oversight Committee, and to appropriate the sum of \$400,000, to be expended by the Town Manager in Fiscal Year 2017, for the purpose of hiring an architect and/or engineer, pursuant to the Designer Selection Guidelines adopted by the Board of Selectmen in December, 2010, for the design, or design and construction bidding, of a new Senior Center, and all costs associated and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$175,000 be transferred from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$225,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(7) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; provided, however, that no funds may be expended hereunder for this purpose unless and until the Town approves a Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, Clause (k).

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 11: CURRENT YEAR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS Mover: Barry Pease

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2017 Town Operating Budget, being the sums of money identified in the "**Transfer funds from**" line items designated in the Information Packet distributed to voters for this Town Meeting, said sums to be transferred to the various line items in the "**Transfer funds to**" categories designated within the Information Packet, the total amount to be transferred being \$158,749.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

Transfer funds from:			Amount
Line Item	Account	To Be Transferred	
1023	Board of Selectmen - Engineering/Consultant	\$	1,700
1032	Town Manager - Expenses	\$	13,800
1060	Board of Assessors - Salaries	\$	450
1182	Postage/Town Hall - Expenses	\$	6,500
1250	Mechanical Inspectors - Salaries	\$	6,000
1311	Fire Department - Wages	\$	31,294
1312	Fire Department - Expenses	\$	19,200
1502	Highway Department - Expenses	\$	10,000
1542	Municipal Buildings - Minor Capital	\$	25,000
1681	Water Safety - Expenses and Minor Capital	\$	7,805
1702	Country Club - Expenses	\$	22,000
1703	Country Club - Minor Capital	\$	15,000
	TOTAL	\$	158,749

Transfer funds to:			Amount
Line Item	Account	Transferred To	
1062	Board of Assessor - Expenses	\$	450
1080	Town Counsel - Expenses	\$	15,000
1120	GIS Committee - Expenses	\$	5,000
1162	Insurance Expense - 111F Deductible	\$	5,000
1181	Postage Town Hall - Telephone Expense	\$	6,500
1370	Police/Fire Communications - Wages	\$	94,799
1501	Highway - Wages	\$	10,000
1701	Country Club - Wages	\$	22,000
	TOTAL	\$	158,749

ARTICLE 12: MONEY - OFFSET SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Overlay Surplus, to be expended by the Town Manager, to reduce the deficit in the Fiscal Year 2017 Snow and Ice Budget, as approved under Article 4 of the 2016 Spring Town Meeting.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 13: TRANSFER - WATER ENTERPRISE FUND Mover: Thomas Orcutt

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Groton Water Department to transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Surplus to the Fiscal Year 2017 Water Enterprise Department Budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 14: TRANSFER - SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND **Mover: James Gmeiner**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Surplus to the Fiscal Year 2017 Sewer Enterprise Department budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 15: TRANSFER - CABLE ENTERPRISE FUND **Mover: Janet Sheffield**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Cable Enterprise Fund Surplus to the Fiscal Year 2017 Cable Enterprise Department budget.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 16: PRIOR YEAR BILLS **Mover: Anna Eliot**

MOTION A: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$0 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund (Free Cash) to pay for the payment of unpaid bills from prior fiscal years.

MOTION B: I move that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 17: ALL ARE WELCOME MARKERS **Mover: John Petropoulos**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1, to be expended by the Town Manager, for the installation of "All Are Welcome" markers at the various major road entrances to the Town of Groton, and all cost related and associated thereto; and to authorize the Town Manager to designate or approve the marker locations.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 18: CPA FUNDING ACCOUNTS **Mover: Bruce Easom**

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and allocate the following sums from the Community Preservation Fund to the following sub accounts:

CPC Operating Expenses:	\$ 10,000
Open Space Reserve:	\$ 65,000
Historic Resource Reserve:	\$ 65,000
Community Housing Reserve:	\$ 65,000
Unallocated Reserve:	\$445,000

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 19: CPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION 1: Affordable Housing Coordinator

Mover: Dan Emerson

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$43,506 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-01 "Affordable Housing Coordinator".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 2: Baddacook Pond Restoration

Mover: Richard Hewitt

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-02 "Baddacook Pond Restoration".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 3: Library Entrance

Mover: Carolyn Perkins

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resource Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-04 "Library Entrance".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 4: Library Building

Mover: Carolyn Perkins

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resource Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-05 "Library Building".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 5: National Register – First Parish Church

Mover: Michael Roberts

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$7,800 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resource Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-07 "National Register – First Parish Church".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 6: Conservation Fund

Mover: Bruce Easom

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve for a total of \$25,000 to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-08 "Conservation Fund".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

MOTION 7: Prescott School Restoration

Mover: Robert DeGroot

I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$15,350 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve to fund Community Preservation Application 2018-09 "Prescott School Restoration".

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 20: AMENDMENTS TO THE GROTON CHARTER

Mover: Michael Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to endorse the revised Charter that is set forth in Appendix C of the Warrant for the 2017 Spring Town Meeting, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a special act approving the revised Charter as the Town's Charter and to take such further action as may be necessary for the adoption of the revised Charter; and further provided, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial revisions of form to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Charter Review Committee, approves such revisions to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, with the advice and consent of the Charter Review Committee, to approve such revisions which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 21: ACCEPT REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Mover: Alison Manugian

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to approve the amended Agreement of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District as approved by the Groton Dunstable Regional School Committee and as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 22: AMEND CHAPTER 218 – ZONING CODE

Mover: Scott Wilson

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 218 Zoning as follows: Add definitions to Section 218-4; Revise Section 218-13, Schedule of Use Regulations; and add Section 218-16.1 “Registered Medical Marijuana Dispensaries” as set forth in the Warrant.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3’s Majority

ARTICLE 23: AMEND CHAPTER 218 – ZONING

Mover: Russ Burke

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 218 Zoning as follows: Revise Section 218-25, Site Plan Review, Subsection C, as set forth in the Warrant.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3’s Majority

ARTICLE 24: AMEND ZONING CHAPTER – CONCEPT PLAN

Mover: Russ Burke

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 218 Zoning as follows: Revise Section 218-4, Definitions and Section 218-18, Special Use considerations in R-B, VCB, NB, GB and I Districts, as set forth in the Warrant.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3’s Majority

ARTICLE 25: MORATORIUM ON REC MARIJUANA

Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town’s Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 218-16.2, entitled: “Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments,” and adding a reference to that section in the Bylaw’s Table of Contents, as set forth in the Warrant.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3’s Majority

ARTICLE 26: AMEND CHAPTER 175

Mover: Barry Pease

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Groton by deleting Chapter 175, “Retail Sales, Hours Of” in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 175, “Retail Sales, Hours Of”, as set forth in the Warrant.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 27: ADOPT M.G.L. CHAPTER 41, §41B

Mover Barry Pease

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of section 41B of chapter 41 of the General Laws to authorize the payment of salaries, wages, or other compensation by direct deposit to a bank or other financial institution account.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 28: BOAT EXCISE TAX PAYMENTS

Mover: Alex Woodle

MOTION: I move that the Town vote, pursuant to section 5G of chapter 40 of the General Laws, to establish a municipal waterways improvement and maintenance fund for the receipt of fifty percent of boat excise tax payments made under G.L. c. 60B, §2, and payments from the state or federal government, and the expenditure thereof for waterways maintenance and improvements, and law enforcement and fire prevention as authorized by section 5G.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 29: HANDICAP PARKING FINES

Mover: Michelle Collette

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22G, to allocate all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking to the Commission on Accessibility, with all funds so received to be deposited by the Town Treasurer in a separate account used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 30: INCREASE DEMAND FEE

Mover: John Petropoulos

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to charge, for each written demand issued by the Collector, a fee of \$10.00, to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of July 1, 2017.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 31: ACCEPT CRYSTAL SPRING LANE

Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Crystal Spring Lane, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan, Crystal Spring Estates, Groton, Mass, prepared for High Oaks Realty Trust" dated December 23, 2014, Revised February 2, 2016, prepared by Ducharme & Dillis, Bolton, MA, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, the fee to or lesser interests in said roadway and all related easements.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 32: ACCEPT ROBIN HILL ROAD

Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept as a public way a portion of the roadway known as Robin Hill Road, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on three plans as follows:

Plan #1 - A plan entitled "Roadway As-Built for Robin Hill Road STA 0+00-9+00 In Groton, Mass. Owner: Fox Meadow Realty Corp.", dated December 15, 2014, prepared by R. Wilson Associates, Acton, MA;

Plan #2 - A plan entitled "Roadway As-Built for Robin Hill Road STA 9+00-18+00 In Groton, Mass. Owner: Fox Meadow Realty Corp.", dated December 15, 2014, prepared by R. Wilson Associates, Acton, MA;

Plan #3 - A plan entitled "Roadway As-Built for Robin Hill Road STA 18+00-24+00 and 24+00 to End In Groton, Mass. Owner: Fox Meadow Realty Corp.", dated December 21, 2015, prepared by R. Wilson Associates, Acton, MA;

copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, the fee to or lesser interests in said roadway and all related easements.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 33: ACCEPT CARDINAL LANE

Mover: Anna Eliot

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Cardinal Lane, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan entitled "Roadway As-Built for Cardinal Lane in Groton, Mass. Owner: Fox Meadow Realty Group", dated December 15, 2014, prepared by R. Wilson Associates, Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, Acton, MA, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, the fee to or lesser interests in said roadway and all related easements.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

ARTICLE 34: CONVEY LAND

Mover: Donald Black

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer to the custody and control of the Board of Selectmen a certain parcel of land shown on Assessors' Map 128 as Parcel 12 Lot 0 for the purpose of sale or conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such land for consideration of \$1.00 to Ms. Linda Grey, and to take all actions and execute all documents required in connection therewith.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: 2/3's Majority

ARTICLE 35: CITIZENS' PETITION

Mover: Greg Fishbone

MOTION: I move that the vote to require the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five (5) member Town Seal Committee charged with soliciting public input into the design for a new Town Seal; selecting from among the submissions received, the design that best embodies Groton's character, history and aspirational values; and presenting that design to a future Town Meeting for approval.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority

CONSENT AGENDA: ARTICLES 36 through 41

Mover: John Petropoulos

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to combine for consideration Articles 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting and that the Town take affirmative action on said articles without debate and in accordance with the action proposed under each, and that, with respect to Article 37, the Town appropriate, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 5, the sum of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and the sum of \$396,722 from the Community Preservation Fund Unallocated Reserve for a total of \$476,722 to fund the Surrenden Farm debt service for Fiscal Year 2018; provided, however, that if any voter, prior to the taking of the vote, requests the right to debate a specific article, then said article shall be removed from this motion and acted upon in the ordinary course of business.

Quantum of Town Meeting Vote: Majority
