

Town of Groton New Hampshire



2025 Town Report

The cover photo is a recent picture of the New Public Works Building / Highway Garage. Feel free to stop by and check it out in person. A big thank you to Kuplin Land Services for heading up this project and for all their hard work. Also, thank you to all of the contractors that worked with Casey to get this project completed!

Dedication of the Town Report

Like the last few years, instead of choosing one person to dedicate the report to this year, the Select Board has chosen to dedicate the 2025 Annual Town Report to all of the residents that we have lost this past year.

Please note that there may have been other residents that we have lost in 2025 that are not listed. That is due to the families choosing not to include their information in the Town Report.

Please take a moment to honor all residents, those listed below and those not listed here, that we have lost.

- ❖ Helen Santoro who passed away on January 25, 2025
- ❖ Ty Anderson Clark who passed away on March 18, 2025
- ❖ Ralph Santoro who passed away on March 23, 2025
- ❖ Ralph Mitchell Woodward who passed away on April 11, 2025
- ❖ John Faucher who passed away on June 9, 2025
- ❖ Robert Bowen who passed away on October 23, 2025

They may be gone, but will never be forgotten!



Moderator's Rules of Procedure

The 2026 Town Meeting will use the following rules of procedure, as established by the Moderator. A request to change these rules may be made at the start of the meeting; such changes require a majority vote. Rules tied to an RSA may not be modified beyond what the law allows.

1. Rules of Participation

- a. To vote in this meeting, you must be registered with the Supervisors of the Checklist (RSA 39:3).
- b. Registered voters of the town must check-in with the Supervisors of the Checklist to get a voter card; without this card you may not speak or vote on the articles.
- c. To speak to an article, you should:
 - i. Raise your hand or stand at your seat, and
 - ii. Show your voter card, and
 - iii. Wait to be recognized by the Moderator
- d. Once recognized by the Moderator, the speaker must state their full name (RSA 91-A:2).
- e. All speakers must use the microphone at the front of the room. If a voter is unable to reach the microphone, they will be given a microphone to use from their seat.
- f. All speech should be civil, germane, and directed to the Moderator.
- g. All voters will have an opportunity to speak to each article at least once.
- h. Non-residents may speak only with the approval of a majority of voters present.
- i. And, of course, RSA 40:7 requires everyone "be silent at the desire of the moderator, on pain of forfeiting \$1 for each offense, for the use of the town."

2. Debate and Voting

- a. Articles will be considered in the order presented in the warrant and the text will be presented in full.
- b. For each article presented:
 - i. The Moderator will recognize a member of the Selectboard to move the adoption of the article.
 - ii. Once seconded, the Selectboard (or their designee) will be called upon to briefly explain the article. In the case of a petitioned warrant article, the petitioner (or their designee) will be called upon to explain the article.
 - iii. The voters will debate and then vote on the article.
- c. If a voter has the floor, they may:
 - i. Share comments/questions related to the pending motion for up to (3) minutes, or
 - ii. Motion to amend the pending motion, or
 - iii. Motion to "call the question"

- d. The moderator will not accept motions to “call the question” until, in her judgment, all have had a fair opportunity to express their views.

3. Amendments and Secret Ballots

- a. Once an article has been moved and seconded, it may be amended. This must be done in writing and must not change the subject matter of the article.
- b. The Moderator will allow consideration of no more than one amendment at a time.
- c. Any five (5) voters may request a vote on any article be by secret ballot. To do so, all five (5) voters must be present and identified, and the request must be presented in writing to the Moderator before the end of debate on the article (RSA 40:4-a).
- d. The moderator shall take a secret yes/no ballot vote when seven (7) or more voters question any non secret vote immediately after the moderator declares the result and before any other business begins (RSA 40:4-b).

I would like to give a big “thanks!” to all the Moderators that served before me. I have big shoes to fill and I hope to do the town proud.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Hale Parker
Town Moderator
Groton, NH

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Annual Report

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(Incorporated December 7, 1796)

New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2025

Appointed Officials/Employees as of December 31, 2025

Town Administrator	Health Officer
Sara Smith	Sarah Hegener
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Deputy Treasurer
Hilary Coles	Debra Lindsey
Police Chief	Fire Warden
Michael Bagan	Jeremy Haney
Police Officers	Deputy Wardens
TBH	Tony Albert Bill Oakley Norm Willey
Emergency Management Director	Deputy Emergency Management Director
Bill Oakley	Patti Oakley
Transfer Station Superintendent	Transfer Station Attendants
Norm Willey	George Evirs Ron Madan
Public Works Director	Equipment Operators
Robert Ellis	Robert Ellis Wayne Reissfelder Norm Willey Jeremy Haney
Custodial	Ballot Clerks
Gina Rescigno	Hilary Coles

Elected Town Officials as of December 31, 2025

Select Board John Rescigno 2027 Amy Beliveau 2026 Tony Albert 2026	Moderator Virginia Parker 2026
Treasurer Pamela Hamel 2026	Trustees of the Trust Fund Michele Lacroix 2026 Gina Rescigno 2027
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ruth Millett 2027	Library Trustees Gina Rescigno 2026 Hilary Coles 2028 TBH 2026
Planning Board Deb Johnson 2026 Russell Carruth 2026 Peter Dodenhoff 2026 Forest Blake 2027 Dave Madden 2028 John Beliveau 2028 Eric Jones (Alternate) John Rescigno (Select Board Liaison)	Zoning Board Jonathan Beliveau 2026 Casey Kuplin 2026 Jeremy Haney 2026
Cemetery Trustees Jonathan Beliveau 2026 Richard Ross 2026 Slim Spafford 2027	Supervisors of the Checklist Pamela Hamel 2030 Gina Rescigno 2026 Sara Smith 2026
Local Auditor Ann Joyce 2026	

Letter from the Groton Select Board

First of all, Town residents are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. If you cannot attend the meeting minutes are posted online. This is where you have an opportunity to voice your opinion, but more importantly hear the truth.

We would like to provide you with clarification on the current tax rate. The town tax rate went from \$1.43 in 2024 to \$1.31, which went down \$0.11. The County went from \$2.01 to \$2.56, an increase of \$0.55. The state education went from \$1.40 to \$1.30, a decrease of \$0.10. The real increase came from the local school rate which went from \$4.85 in 2024 to \$10.06 in 2025 was is an increase of \$5.21. When the new school was formed, we informed the town residents that there will be an increase in taxes due to additional spending on creating the new SAU and due to us not being eligible for grants on things such as bussing and food services in the first year. In early July we caught a glimpse of how high those taxes may be. Hebron and Bridgewater decided to delay their tax bill to capture the total tax rate for the school. We opted to move forward with an estimated school tax rate. If we took the route that Hebron and Bridgewater did, you would have received two tax bills just a few months apart. We also sent a letter to every taxpayer in July informing them of the expected significant tax increase in December. Now to go back to the increase and what caused it. The first reason was due to the lack of grant money in the first year. The next reason that caused the increase was by Hebron and Bridgewater creating legislation to allow them to delay their first tax bill and to tax solely on the SAU 108 Pasquaney school rate, which was at a higher rate the SAU 4 Newfound School District rate. If this legislation did not change and they did not delay their first tax bill, we would have been taxed on the six months we paid to SAU4 and the six months we paid to the new SAU108. The biggest reason that our local school tax rate went up is because we are a smaller town with the smallest tax base. Groton's valuation is 110,226,069; Hebron's valuation is 413,357,466; Bridgewater's valuation is 805,131,500. Therefore, our tax rate per property has to be more to reach our costs of the school where both Hebron and especially Bridgewater have significantly larger tax bases, with Hebron being about 4x larger than Groton and Bridgewater being about 8x larger tax base, so the cost per property for them is less. Their total costs for the school are more than Groton but with the larger tax base they can raise their costs with

a lower tax rate. Below are the numbers from the most recent payment schedule/apportionment which showed the following totals for each town:

- Bridgewater \$2,919,208 and after SWEPT/deductions \$2,005,793
- Hebron \$1,806,662 and after SWEPT/deductions \$1,117,881
- Groton \$1,241,027 and after SWEPT/deductions \$1,112,076

As a Town, we have done a good job at maintaining the Town's proportion of the tax rate.

The new Public Works Building/Town Garage has been completed. There were a few delays in the end that pushed the time frame behind. Overall, the project progressed without any issues.

We obtained a grant through Northern Borders Regional Commission for the salt and sand shed. This is a 50/50 grant. There will be a 2026 warrant article for you all to vote on this year for this. We have already been awarded the grant; we just need the towns vote in raising and appropriating our 50% share.

The North Groton Road Culvert replacement will take place this year. This was a 90/10 grant that was passed at the 2025 Town Meeting. An engineer has been hired for this project and in 2025 they have been working hard on the permitting and necessary paperwork that needs to be filed with the State of NH.

There were a few changes to our staff this year that we would like to mention:

- Fred Brooks retired from the Highway Department. Fred had worked with our Highway Department since 2018 and was Bubba's right-hand man. His hard work and dedication to the Town has been greatly appreciated and will be missed. Thank you so much Fred!!
- Wayne Reissfelder was hired to fill the open position as a Highway Assistant. He has been training with Bubba since July 2025. He has been doing a great job and we look forward to working with him. Welcome to the team Wayne!
- Ron Madan resigned as a Selectman after being a Selectman since 2018. Ron stepped up when another Selectman resigned and stayed until July of 2025. Ron has also been a Selectman in the past and currently is a Transfer Station attendant. There is no doubt that Ron is dedicated to the Town and always does whatever he can to help out and whatever is in the best interest of the Town. Thank you so much Ron. We will miss

you as a Selectman but are happy that we still get to work with you and see you at the Transfer Station!

- Amy Beliveau stepped up to fill the vacancy on the Select Board after Ron resigned. Amy started as a Selectwoman on August 1, 2025 and will fill the position until March of 2026. At that time, there will be an open position that the Townspeople can vote on to fill the remaining term. If she would like to, Amy can add her name to the ballot for the Townspeople to vote on. Amy has brought a lot of new ideas and has been very involved since she started. She has been a great fit and we thank her for being willing to step into this role.

The Selectboard would like to thank all Town employees, Board members and Committee members for all of their hard work.

Thank you,

The Groton Select Board
(John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Amy Beliveau)

Town of Groton Warrant 2026 Annual Meeting

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARRANT FOR 2026 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the county of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant on the 14th day of March at nine o'clock in the morning at the Groton Town House.

BALLOT ARTICLES MARCH 10, 2026

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION MARCH 14, 2026

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million, one hundred forty-one thousand, nine hundred seventy-six dollars (\$1,141,976)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** for the purpose of building the salt/sand shed at the new Public Works location, with the amount of **one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000)** (50%) being offset by a Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant which has been awarded to the Town contingent on the passage of this warrant article, and the remaining town's share of **one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000)** (50%) to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$98,000)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required)

Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$51,597.10): \$10,000
Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$227,170.91): \$25,000
Truck/Sander CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$54,728.56): \$20,000
Heavy Equipment CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$33,380.53): \$10,000
Police Cruiser CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$50,127.94): \$10,000
Town House CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$35,276.68): \$10,000
Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$36,082.94): \$8,000
Electronic Equipment & Software CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2025 balance: \$2,976.46): \$5,000
Total Capital Reserve Funds \$98,000

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** for chip sealing. (submitted by the Highway Department)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500)** to use toward painting the Groton Historical Society Museum. (submitted by the Groton Historical Society)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred ninety-four dollars (\$294)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund, with said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the Timber Tax revenue received in 2025. (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 8: Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$2,000 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property? (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town is in favor of discussing with neighboring towns the creation of an ambulance/EMS village district under RSA 52:1, I(n). This is a nonbinding article to give the Select Board direction.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 10th day of February 2026.

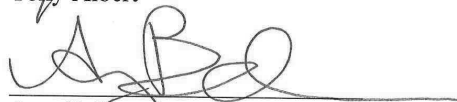
GROTON SELECT BOARD



John Rescigno, Chairman



Tony Albert



Amy Beliveau

TOWN OF GROTON - 2026 Proposed Budget & 2025 Expenditures									
						Proposed 2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Approved 2025 Budget	
II - EXPENDITURES (TOTAL)									
OPERATING BUDGET						1,426,770	1,279,002.32	1,374,685	
SPECIAL & INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES						1,141,976	997,191.12	1,052,656	
						284,794.00	281,811.20	322,029.00	
						\$ 493,971	358,357.53	\$ 374,921	
4130	1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT					89,209	86,133.81	89,294	
	4130.1	Administrator/ Assistant Wages				69,097	67,084.06	67,084	
	4130.2	Selectmen Stipend				13,200	13,200.00	13,200	
	4130.3	Moderator/Assistant Salary				800	337.50	800	
	4130.4	Other Town Meeting Expense				50	50.00	50	
	4130.5	Contracted Services(Web hosting)				1	179.40	150	
	4130.6	Workshops & Seminars				500	55.00	500	
	4130.7	Telephone/Internet				1,560	1,422.07	1,560	
	4130.8	Mileage				500	406.49	500	
	4130.9	Supplies				1,000	779.18	1,000	
	4130.10	Postage				450	810.62	900	
	4130.11	Furniture / Fixtures				50	0.00	50	
	4130.12	Office Equipment Maintenance				600	550.00	600	
	4130.13	Hiring Expenses				400	210.00	400	
	4130.14	Other Expenses (CU recordings, etc.)				200	0.00	200	
	4130.15	Computer/maintenance/software				1	1,049.49	1,500	
	4130.16	Minute Taker				800	0.00	800	
4140	ELECTION/REGIST/VITAL STATS					77,686	71,487.10	74,730	
	4140.1	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary				40,800	39,699.92	39,700	
	4140.2	Deputy Wages				16,480	14,846.19	16,000	
	4140.3	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Dues				80	60.00	80	
	4140.4	Town Clerk Expenses				900	511.91	900	
	4140.5	Tax Collector Expenses				3,800	3,320.91	3,700	
	4140.6	Workshops & Seminars				2,500	2,434.93	2,500	
	4140.7	Telephone/Internet				2,100	1,530.00	2,100	
	4140.8	Computer Maintenance/ Software				1	1,114.99	1,000	
	4140.9	Advertising				150	140.00	25	
	4140.10	Supplies/Advertising Election				1,450	625.17	800	
	4140.11	Supplies-General				1,000	2,091.25	1,000	
	4140.12	Postage				2,100	1,865.78	2,000	
	4140.15	Ballot Clerks				1,100	300.00	1,100	
	4140.16	Checklist Supervisors				3,225	1,133.75	1,825	
	4140.17	Mileage				2,000	1,812.30	2,000	
4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION					25,125	22,198.04	25,125	
	4150.1	Financial Reporting (Town Report)				1,300	1,184.54	1,300	
	4150.2	Auditing				5,000	4,675.00	5,000	

	4150.3	Assessing					15,000	12,563.50	15,000	
	4150.4	Treasurer Salary					3,600	3,600.00	3,600	
	4150.5	Deputy Treasurer Salary					50	0.00	50	
	4150.6	Mileage					150	175.00	150	
	4150.7	Supplies					25	0.00	25	
4153		LEGAL EXPENSES					27,000	5,849.66	13,000	
	4153.1	Claims, Judgments and/or Settlements					1,000	0.00	1,000	
	4153.2	Attorney Fees					23,000	2,168.26	9,000	
	4153.4	Junkyard Compliance					3,000	3,681.40	3,000	
4155		PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION					128,500	108,640.30	99,000	
	4155.1	NH Retirement System					22,400	18,842.49	16,200	
	4155.2	Life & Disability Insurance					1,100	887.30	800	
	4155.3	Health Insurance					85,000	74,854.36	64,500	
	4155.4	FICA/Medicare					20,000	14,056.15	17,500	
4191		PLANNING AND ZONING					69,221	8,210.75	8,448	
	4191.1	Planning Board Postage					200	39.03	200	offset by revenues
	4191.2	Planning Board Advertisement					300	0.00	300	offset by revenues
	4191.3	Planning Board Mileage					50	0.00	25	
	4191.4	Recording Fees					250	132.73	350	offset by revenues
	4192.41	Application Fees					100	0.00	100	offset by revenues
	4191.5	Planning Board Dues					1	0.00	1	
	4191.6	Planning Board Supplies					50	38.99	50	
	4191.7	Planning Board Seminars/Training					350	0.00	1	
	4191.8	Planning Board Legal					65,000	8,000.00	6,000	
	4191.81	Planning Board Master Plan & Zoning					1,500	0.00	1	
	4191.9	Zoning Board Legal					1,000	0.00	1,000	
	4191.11	Zoning Board Seminars					200	0.00	200	
	4191.11	Zoning Postage					100	0.00	100	offset by revenues
	4191.12	Zoning Mileage					10	0.00	10	
	4191.13	Advertising/notices					100	0.00	100	offset by revenues
	4191.14	Zoning Supplies					10	0.00	10	

4194		GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS							
	4194.1	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance:							
	4194.2	Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance: Wages				3,000	21,577.21	36,750	24,600
									3,000
	4194.3	Town Garage Repairs & Maintenance				1,800	2,070.00	1,800	1,800
	4194.4	Transfer Station Repairs & Maintenance				4,250	3,221.52	4,250	4,250
						1,500	2,014.58	1,500	1,500
	4194.5	Cleaning Supplies				200	138.53	200	200
	4194.6	General Supplies				500	400.00	500	500
	4194.7	Contracted Services/Security/Elevator/Computer Maint				15,000	3,829.72	2,850	2,850
	4194.8	Town House Electric				3,250	2,465.92	3,250	3,250
	4194.9	Town House Heat				7,250	4,373.84	7,250	7,250
4195		CEMETERIES				4,683	2,940.00	6,182	
	4195.1	Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance				2,500	880.00	2,500	2,500
	4195.2	Salaries/Lawn Care				2,000	2,060.00	2,000	2,000
	4195.3	Supplies				100	0.00	100	100
	4195.4	Mileage				1	0.00	1	1
	4195.5	Fuel				1	0.00	1	1
	4195.6	Licensing				80	0.00	80	80
	4195.7	Site Work-River Road Cemetery				1	0.00	1,500	1,500
4196		GENERAL INSURANCE				23,805	22,750.00	22,750	
	4196.1	Property & Liability Insurance				18,062	17,783.00	17,783	
	4196.2	Workers' Compensation				5,243	4,467.00	4,467	
	4196.3	Unemployment Compensation				500	500.00	500	
4197		ADVERTISING & REGIONAL				4,800	4,480.00	4,600	
	4197.1	Advertising				600	585.00	600	
	4197.2	Dues				2,000	1,895.00	2,000	
	4197.3	GHS				1,200	1,000.00	1,000	
	4197.4	NLRA				1,000	1,000.00	1,000	
4199		OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT				7,192	4,090.66	7,192	
	4199.1	Exigent/Hazardous Circumstances				1	0.00	1	
	4199.2	Forestry				400	210.00	400	
	4199.3	Tax Mapping				1,791	349.50	1,791	
	4199.4 *	Grants/Engineering				5,000	3,531.16	5,000	off set by revenues

		2 - PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210		POLICE					250,854	271,976.16	299,047
	4210.1	Police Chief Wages					80,704	64,723.50	79,019
	4210.2	Police Officer Wages (FT)					51,949	44,986.45	50,435
	4210.3	Police Officer Wages (PT)					1	0.00	1
	4210.4	Telephone/Communications					1	0.00	1
	4210.5	Dues & Subscriptions					3,000	3,307.42	3,000
	4210.6	Other-Equipment Repairs/Maint					700	700.00	700
	4210.7	Office Supplies					1,500	1,020.00	1,500
	4210.8	NH Special Ops Unit					1,000	455.05	1,000
	4210.9	Dispatch Service					1	0.00	1
	4210.10	Prosecutor					4,000	3,787.21	3,800
	4210.11	Vehicle Maintenance					5,500	5,280.00	5,280
	4210.12	Cruiser Equipment					2,500	1,543.46	2,500
	4210.13	Uniforms					1,500	227.32	1,500
	4210.14	Books/Periodicals					1,000	620.96	1,000
	4210.15	Equipment (guns/ammo/taser etc.)					100	80.40	100
	4210.16	Mileage					1,000	500.00	1,000
	4210.17	Postage					400	0.00	400
	4210.18	Gasoline for Cruiser					50	14.60	50
	4210.19	Advertising					3,000	1,950.63	3,000
	4210.20	Training					1	0.00	250
	4210.21	Animal Control					2,000	250.00	2,000
	4210.22	Special Detail					500	0.00	500
	4210.23	SOU Stipend					1,000	0.00	1,000
4220		FIRE/AMBULANCE					1	0.00	1
	4220.1	Stipend					167,245	206,286.68	218,750
	4220.2	Communications/Training					1	0.00	1
	4220.3	Equipment					1	0.00	1
	4220.4	Contracted Services - Hebron					1500	0.00	1500
	4220.5	Contracted Services - Rumney					125,000	113,875.00	125,000
	4220.6	Lakes Region Mutual Aid					19,000	72,901.39	72,735
	4220.7	Dues					21,741	19,510.29	19,511
	4220.8	Mileage					1	0.00	1
4290		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					1	0.00	1
	4290.1	Supplies					2,905	965.98	1,278
	4290.2	Workshops/training					200	90.98	200
	4290.3	Equipment					200	0.00	1
	4290.4	Equipment Maintenance					1,255	0.00	1
	4290.5	Mileage					250	0.00	200
	4290.6	Wages/Stipend					100	0.00	1
							900	875.00	875

		3 - HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			224,446	223,896.02	224,011	offset by Highway Block Grant
4311		ADMINISTRATION			113,605	95,558.13	93,170	
	4311.1	Road Agent Wages			56,135	59,802.91	54,500	
	4311.2	Assistants Wages			45,000	26,127.81	30,000	
	4311.3	Telephone/Internet			2,000	1,594.23	2,000	
	4311.4	Training & CDL Testing			700	625.00	500	
	4311.5	Electricity			1,540	1,537.92	1,540	
	4311.6	Heating Fuel			7,200	4,781.20	3,600	
	4311.7	Mileage			500	530.28	500	
	4311.8	Membership/Dues			30	0.00	30	
	4311.9	Supplies			500	558.78	500	
4312		HIGHWAYS & STREETS			129,301	126,894.40	129,301	
	4312.2	Vehicles-Equipment Maintenance & Repairs			20,000	27,557.33	17,500	
	4312.3	Contracted Services/Equipment Rentals			16,000	11,700.00	16,000	
	4312.4	Material			7,500	10,000.88	7,500	
	4312.5	Signs			500	273.78	500	
	4312.6	Uniforms			500	366.80	500	
	4312.7	Tools & Equipment Purchases			2,000	2,229.07	2,000	
	4312.8	Gas			2,500	1,887.98	4,000	
	4312.9	Diesel			5,500	4,941.67	6,500	
	4312.10	Salt, Sand, Deicer			32,500	37,017.64	32,500	
	4312.11	Hydrants			1	0.00	1	
	4312.12	Culverts			2,000	1,246.27	2,000	
	4312.13	Safety			800	172.98	800	
	4312.14	Tree Maintenance			4,500	0.00	4,500	
	4312.15	Groton Roads Repair and Maintenance			35,000	29,500.00	35,000	
4316		STREET LIGHTING			1,540	1,443.49	1,540	
	4316.1	Utility Charges			1,540	1,443.49	1,540	



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For the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

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GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
John Rescigno	Select Board Chair	
Tony Albert	Selectman	
Amy Beliveau	Selectwoman	

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Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2026	
			12/31/2025	12/31/2025	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	02	\$86,134	\$89,294	\$89,209	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$71,487	\$74,730	\$77,686	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$22,198	\$25,125	\$25,125	\$0
4152	Property Assessment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$5,850	\$13,000	\$27,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$108,640	\$99,000	\$128,500	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$8,211	\$8,448	\$69,221	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$21,577	\$24,600	\$36,750	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$2,940	\$6,182	\$4,683	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$22,750	\$22,750	\$23,805	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	02	\$4,480	\$4,600	\$4,800	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	02	\$4,091	\$7,192	\$7,192	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$358,358	\$374,921	\$493,971	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	02	\$64,724	\$79,019	\$80,704	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	02	\$206,269	\$218,750	\$167,245	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	02	\$966	\$1,278	\$2,905	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$271,959	\$299,047	\$250,854	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration	02	\$95,558	\$93,170	\$113,605	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$126,894	\$129,301	\$129,301	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$1,443	\$1,540	\$1,540	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$223,895	\$224,011	\$244,446	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration	02	\$13,490	\$14,190	\$10,500	\$0



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4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$106,550	\$112,850	\$113,850	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$120,040	\$127,040	\$124,350	\$0

Water Distribution and Treatment

4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Electric

4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Health Administration	02	\$1,295	\$2,803	\$2,803	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	02	\$6,996	\$6,996	\$7,460	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$8,291	\$9,799	\$10,263	\$0

Welfare

4441	Welfare Administration	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	02	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	02	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$2,950	\$4,951	\$4,951	\$0

Culture and Recreation

4520	Parks and Recreation	02	\$10,068	\$10,690	\$10,908	\$0
4550	Library	02	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$106	\$100	\$100	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Culture and Recreation Subtotal	\$10,174	\$10,792	\$11,010	\$0
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Conservation and Development

4611	Conservation Administration	02	\$1,507	\$2,095	\$2,131	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$529	\$529	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$2,036	\$2,624	\$2,131	\$0

Debt Service

4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Capital Outlay

4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$149,311	\$639,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$149,311	\$639,000	\$0	\$0

Operating Transfers Out

4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Operating Budget Appropriations

\$1,141,976

\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4619	Other Conservation	07	\$294	\$0
<i>Purpose: Conservation Fund- Timber Tax 3%</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04	\$98,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Add to previously established CRFs</i>				
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$98,294	\$0



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Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4903	Buildings	06	\$1,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Groton Historical Society Museum painting</i>		
4903	Buildings	03	\$250,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: NBRC Grant Match</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05	\$60,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Chip Sealing</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$311,500	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	\$0	\$688,486	\$705,674
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$0	\$723,486	\$740,674
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	02	\$0	\$140	\$140
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$0	\$175,000	\$200,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$0	\$700	\$1,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$0	\$4,000	\$5,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$0	\$179,840	\$206,640
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	03	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$125,000
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$0	\$54,888	\$59,478
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$0	\$26,500	\$27,136
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$0	\$200	\$200
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$81,588	\$86,814



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Charges for Services

3401	Income from Departments	\$0	\$0	\$0
3402	Water Supply System Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0

Miscellaneous Revenues

3500	Special Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0
3503	Rents of Property	\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits	\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0

Interfund Operating Transfers In

3911	From Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources

3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources	\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	07	\$0	\$294
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$294

Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$0	\$984,914	\$1,159,422
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Item	Period ending 12/31/2026
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,141,976
Special Warrant Articles	\$98,294
Individual Warrant Articles	\$311,500
Total Appropriations	\$1,551,770
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,159,422
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$392,348

Notes



Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year)** or **September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name
Street No. Street Name Phone Number
Email (optional)



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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022+
Property Taxes	3110		\$485,098.52		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,599.38		
Excavation Tax	3187		\$101.36		
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$399.27)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2024	
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,648,089.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$10,500.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$8,170.42		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$104.44		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2024	2023	2022+
Property Taxes	3110	\$768.78			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$671.19	\$4,952.40		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$1,667,904.56	\$491,751.66	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2024	2023	2022+
Property Taxes	\$823,547.18	\$452,251.72		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$10,500.00			
Yield Taxes	\$8,170.42	\$1,599.38		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$636.09	\$3,332.85		
Penalties	\$35.10	\$1,619.55		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$32,194.18		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2024	2023	2022+
Property Taxes		\$753.93		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2024	2023	2022+
Property Taxes	\$824,998.33			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax	\$104.44			
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$87.00)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$1,667,904.56	\$491,751.61	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$825,015.77
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$39,647.90



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2024	Year: 2023	Year: 2022+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$23,491.08	\$12,152.81
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$34,557.08		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$420.82	\$2,964.56	\$3,621.40
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$34,977.90	\$26,455.64	\$15,774.21

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2024	2023	2022+
Redemptions		\$8,230.73	\$10,125.43	\$12,152.81
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$420.82	\$2,964.56	\$3,621.40
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$44.10	
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$26,326.35	\$13,321.55	
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$34,977.90	\$26,455.64	\$15,774.21

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$825,015.77
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$39,647.90



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GROTON (193)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

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Jan 7, 2026

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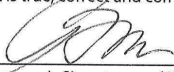
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PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

 TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR

Preparer's Signature and Title

Town Clerk Report

JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

Account	Amount
Motor Vehicle Fees	\$213,874.40
Title Fees	\$324.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$2961.50
Building Permit Fees (includes burner inspections)	\$1,066.06
Copy Fees	\$9.50
Dog Licenses Town & State	\$546.00
E-Reg. Fees	\$51.70
Junkyard Permits	\$130.00
Recycle Income	\$2,890.18
Transfer Station Fees (includes TFS stickers)	\$4,745.00
Vital Records Town & State	\$375.00
CU Recording Fees	\$88.00
NSF Check Reimbursement	\$379.70
<i>State Wash Account *</i>	<i>\$60,419.32</i>
Police Revenue	\$25.00
Total	\$287,885.36

*State Wash Account are monies collected for State portion of vehicle registrations that are daily transferred via ACH to the State of New Hampshire.

Submitted by:
Ruth Millett, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$	298,291.51
Total Deposits	\$	2,520,581.46
Total Orders Paid	\$	(2,733,549.76)
Total Bank Interest	\$	25.66
Deposits:		
Tax Collector	\$	1,336,845.19
Town Clerk	\$	287,885.36
Treasurer:		
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$	199.80
Groton Wind Pilot	\$	705,674.28
Highway Block Grants	\$	27,136.43
Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$	6,999.75
Grants	\$	75,981.65
Rooms and Meals Revenue	\$	59,478.00
Municipal Funding	\$	19,046.00
UCC Quarterly Allocation	\$	135.00
Voter Checklist	\$	200.00
OHD grant	\$	1,000.00
Total Treasurer Deposits	\$	895,850.91
Adjustments:		
Returned Checks	\$	(798.60)
Refunds	\$	767.68
CC Clerk #68 deposit MVSB 1/2/26	\$	(318.40)
ACH State Motor Vehicle Pmts	\$	(59,358.79)
Public Works CRF	\$	5,984.00
Electronic/software CRF	\$	2,718.96
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer per warrant	\$	(132,500.00)
Voided Checks	\$	538.22
PDIP Redemption	\$	250,000.00
TAN	\$	250,000.00
Re-issue of voided check	\$	(168.01)
Total Adjustments	\$	316,865.06
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025		
	\$	402,213.93
Outstanding Checks	\$	53,404.86
Ending Balance MVSB	\$	455,618.79

Public Deposit Investment Pool

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 315,243.31
Total Contributions	\$ 300,000.00
Total Withdrawals	\$ (550,000.00)
Interest Earned	\$ 13,411.29
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 78,654.60</u>

Groton Conservation Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$ 11,308.97
	3% 2024 Timber and LUCT Tax (\$874), Fishing Derby donation (\$48)
Total Deposits	\$ 922.00
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 1.21
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 12,232.18</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$ 2,988.99
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.30
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 2,989.29</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Police Department Revolving Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$ 1,821.30
Total Deposits	\$ 100.00
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.19
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 1,921.49</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Groton Yield Tax Account

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$ 170.97
Total Deposits	\$ -
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.17
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 171.14</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Old Home Day Fund

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$ 3,667.39
Total Deposits	\$ 381.00
Total Checks	\$ -
Total Bank Interest	\$ 0.37
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 4,048.76</u>
On Hand In Meredith Village Savings Bank	

Local Auditor's Report

The local auditor's report for the Town of Groton should be available by July 2026.

2025 MS-5

The 2025 MS-5 will be compiled by April 1, 2026. The Final Report should be ready for the public in April or May 2026. The completed document will be posted on the Town's website, www.grotonnh.org and at the Town office.



For reporting year Jan 1, 2025 through Dec 31, 2025.

Trustees		
Name	Position	Term Expires
Gina Rescigno	Trustee	3/31/2027
Michele Lacroix	Trustee	3/31/2026

Ledger Summary	
Number of Fund Records	15
Ledger End of Year Balance	\$548,006.57

This ledger was reviewed for accuracy and submitted electronically under penalty of perjury on January 26, 2026 by Michele Lacroix on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Groton.



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2026
MS-9

Taxpayer Funds: Capital Reserve (RSA 34 / RSA 35) Funds

Name		Purpose					Creation Date			BOY Balance		Change	EOY Balance
ASSESSMENT/REVALUATION		Capital Reserve (Other)					2012			27,603.92		8,845.37	36,449.29
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	24,300.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	31,800.00		3,303.92	1,345.37	4,649.29		36,449.29	(36,449.29)	0.00
CONSERVATION		Capital Reserve (Other)					2007			124.58		5.32	129.90
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		24.58	5.32	29.90		129.90	(129.90)	0.00
DISASTER RELIEF		Capital Reserve (Other)					2004			195,490.26		33,987.15	229,477.41
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	174,389.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	199,389.00		21,101.26	8,987.15	30,088.41		229,477.41	(229,477.41)	0.00
DUMP SITE		Capital Reserve (Other)					1989			7,312.89		318.18	7,631.07
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	1,382.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,382.00		5,930.89	318.18	6,249.07		7,631.07	(7,631.07)	0.00
ELECTRONIC EQUIP/SOFTWARE		Capital Reserve (Other)					2018			3,283.56		(2,603.48)	680.08
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	2,143.90	0.00	0.00	1,579.30	564.60		1,139.66	(1,024.18)	115.48		680.08	(680.08)	0.00
HEAVY EQUIPMENT		Capital Reserve (Other)					2006			22,546.07		11,173.38	33,719.45
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	20,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00		2,546.07	1,173.38	3,719.45		33,719.45	(33,719.45)	0.00
POLICE CRUISER		Police/Fire					1991			38,758.10		11,878.75	50,636.85
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	35,655.30	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	45,655.30		3,102.80	1,878.75	4,981.55		50,636.85	(50,636.85)	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS		Capital Reserve (Other)					2014			1,110.97		44,980.51	46,091.48
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	(16,749.02)	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	33,250.98		17,859.99	(5,019.49)	12,840.50		46,091.48	(46,091.48)	0.00
ROAD REPAIR AND ROAD PAVING		Maintenance and Repair					7/10/2023			16,149.28		702.66	16,851.94
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00		1,149.28	702.66	1,851.94		16,851.94	(16,851.94)	0.00
TOWN BRIDGES		Capital Reserve (Other)					7/2/2024			29,120.85		1,267.13	30,387.98
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	28,509.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,509.47		611.38	1,267.13	1,878.51		30,387.98	(30,387.98)	0.00
TOWN HOUSE FUND		Capital Reserve (Other)					1995			24,381.60		11,253.25	35,634.85
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	20,094.85	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,094.85		4,286.75	1,253.25	5,540.00		35,634.85	(35,634.85)	0.00
TRUCK SANDER FUND		Capital Reserve (Other)					1989			33,444.31		21,839.90	55,284.21
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	30,928.82	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,928.82		2,515.49	1,839.90	4,355.39		55,284.21	(55,284.21)	0.00
Taxpayer Funds: Capital Reserve (RSA 34 / RSA 35) Funds Total End of Year Balance:													\$542,974.51

Taxpayer Funds: Trust (RSA 31:19-a) Funds

Name		Purpose					Creation Date			BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	
GROTON RECREATION FUND		Parks/Recreation					1995			947.22	41.19	988.41	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	790.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	790.00		157.22	41.19	198.41		988.41	(988.41)	0.00
Taxpayer Funds: Trust (RSA 31:19-a) Funds Total End of Year Balance:													\$988.41

Cemetery Funds

Name		Purpose					Creation Date			BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	
CEMETERY GENERAL MAINTENANCE		Cemetery Trust (Other)					2011			898.81	39.14	937.95	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00		148.81	39.14	187.95		937.95	(937.95)	0.00
COMMON FUND		Cemetery Perpetual Care					1963			2,976.23	129.47	3,105.70	
Principal	BOY Balance	Additions	Gains/Losses	Withdrawals	EOY Balance	Income	BOY Balance	Change	EOY Balance	Market	Cost Basis	Unrealized	EOY Value
	767.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	767.00		2,209.23	129.47	2,338.70		3,105.70	(3,105.70)	0.00
Cemetery Funds Total End of Year Balance:											\$4,043.65		

Groton
Tax Totals

Tax Warrant:	2025P01 of 2	
Number of Parcels:	787	
Valuations		
Non-Utility Land Value:	51,988,000	
Current Use Credits:	(17,792,033)	
Non-Utility Improvements Value:	69,259,000	
Utility Value:	12,719,760	
Exempt Property Value:	(2,824,000)	
Valuation Before Exemptions:	113,350,727	*
Exemptions Applied:	(1,193,000)	*
Net Valuation:	112,157,727	
Net Non-Utility Valuation:	99,437,967	
Net Utility Valuation:	12,719,760	

* These values include one or more Religious, Charitable, and/or Educational Exemption(s). When comparing these values to the corresponding values on the MS-1 Report, note that on the MS-1 Report Religious, Charitable, and Educational Exemptions are deducted from the Total of Taxable Buildings and thus the Total Valuation Before Exemptions rather than included as a portion of the Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions.

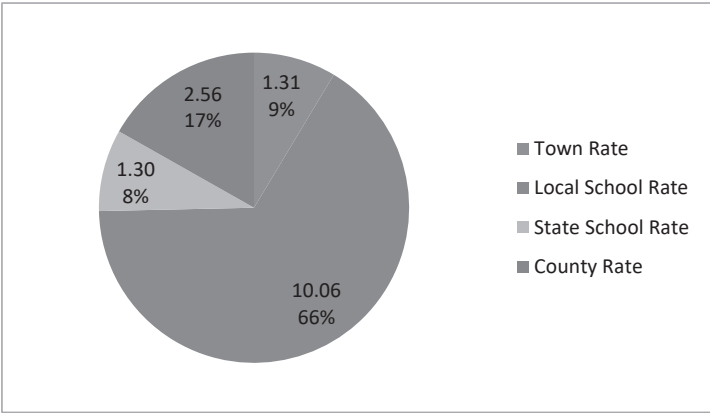
Tax Rates				
Total: 4.85	Municipal:	0.72	State Education Tax:	0.70
	School:	2.43	County:	1.00

Taxes	
Property Tax:	535,054.00
Veterans Credits Applied:	(12,144.00)
Commitment Amount:	522,910.00
Penalties:	0.00

Total Tax Bills:	522,910.00
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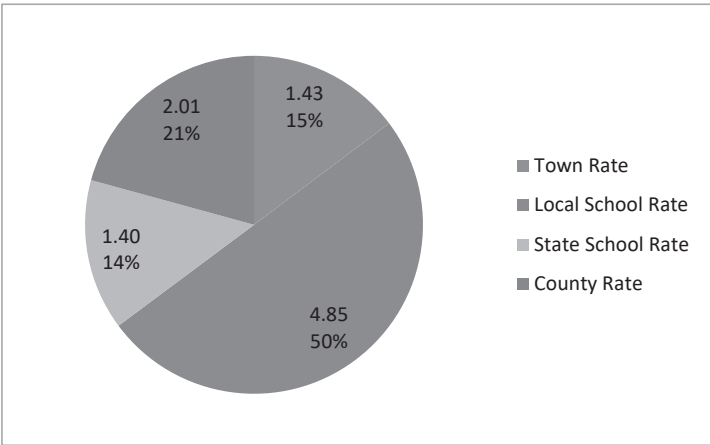
2025 Taxes

Town Rate	1.31
Local School Rate	10.06
State School Rate	1.30
County Rate	2.56
Total	15.23



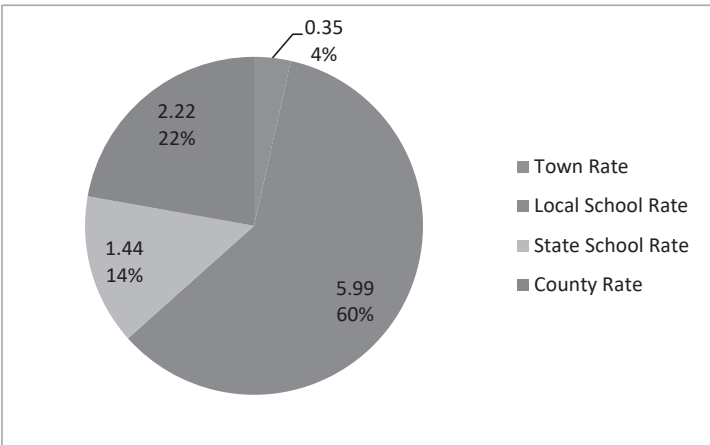
2024 Taxes

Town Rate	1.43
Local School Rate	4.85
State School Rate	1.40
County Rate	2.01
Total	9.69



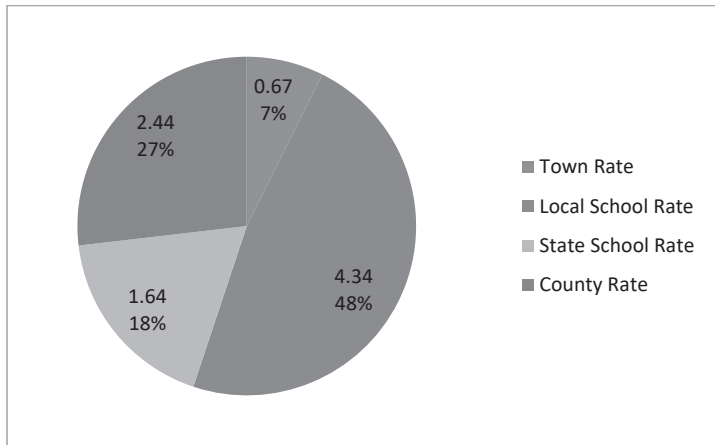
2023 Taxes

Town Rate	0.35
Local School Rate	5.99
State School Rate	1.44
County Rate	2.22
Total	10.00



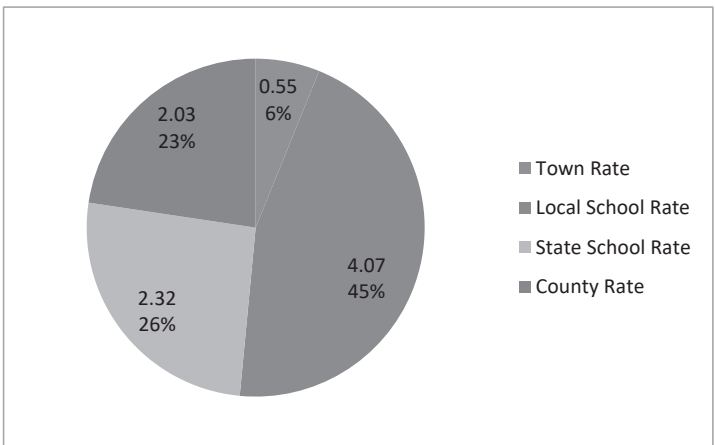
2022 Taxes

Town Rate	0.67
Local School Rate	4.34
State School Rate	1.64
County Rate	2.44
Total	9.09



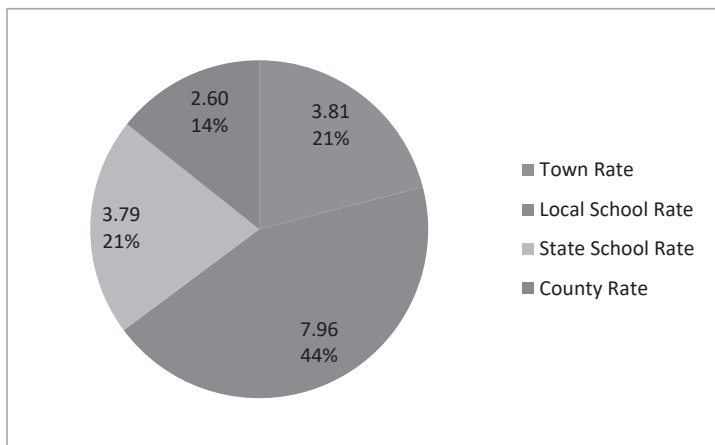
2021 Taxes

Town Rate	0.55
Local School Rate	4.07
State School Rate	2.32
County Rate	2.03
Total	8.97



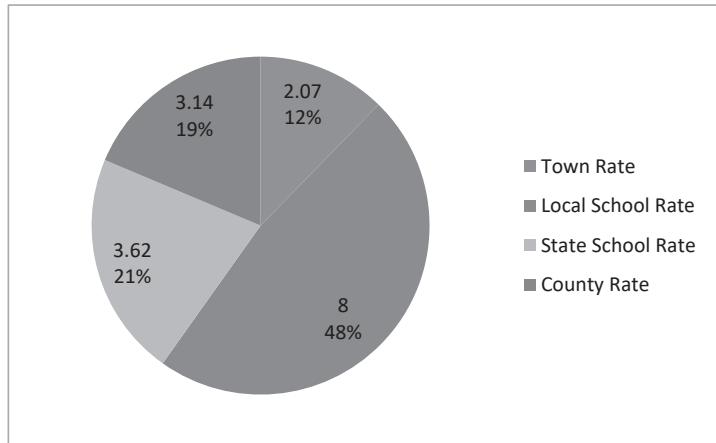
2020 Taxes

Town Rate	3.81
Local School Rate	7.96
State School Rate	3.79
County Rate	2.60
Total	18.16



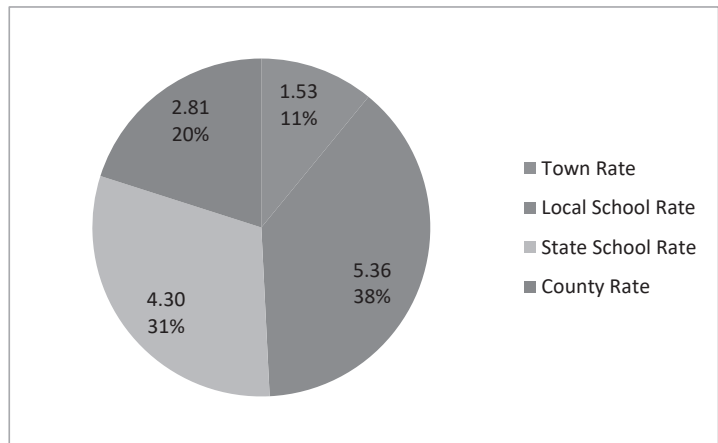
2019 Taxes

Town Rate	2.07
Local School Rate	8
State School Rate	3.62
County Rate	3.14
Total	16.83



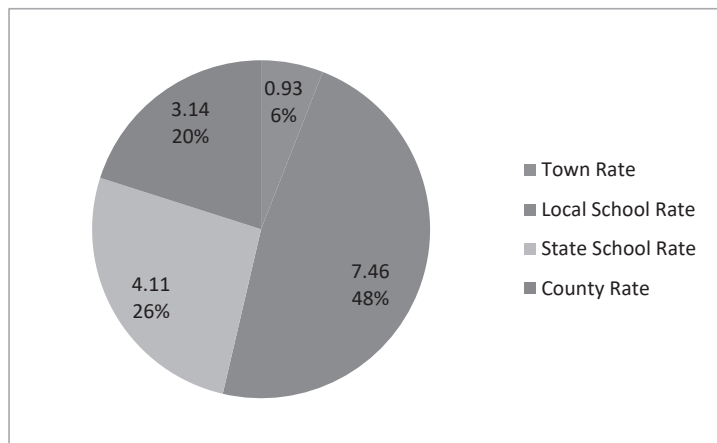
2018 Taxes

Town Rate	1.53
Local School Rate	5.36
State School Rate	4.30
County Rate	2.81
Total	14.00



2017 Taxes

Town Rate	0.93
Local School Rate	7.46
State School Rate	4.11
County Rate	3.14
Total	15.64



DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2025 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: GROTON

Gross Appropriations	1,824,685
Less: Revenue	1,484,128
Less: Fund Balance to reduce taxes	225,000
Less: Fund Balance voted surplus	529
Add: Overlay	5,225
War Service Credits	25,000

Net Town Appropriation	145,253
Special Adjustment	0
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	145,253

TOWN RATE
1.31

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	1,491,401
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(250,374)

State Education Taxes	(128,951)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,112,076

LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE
10.06

STATE EDUCATION TAX

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.390	
97,506,309	128,951
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
97,506,309	

STATE
SCHOOL RATE
1.30

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	283,036
Approved County Tax Effort	283,036

COUNTY RATE
2.56

TOTAL RATE
15.23

PROOF OF RATE

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	99,442,967	1.30	128,951
All Other Taxes	110,555,627	13.93	1,540,365
			1,669,316

Welfare Assistance Report

In 2025, the Town stayed very close to last year regarding general assistance to Groton residents and authorized \$2,950.00 in Welfare payments.

2025 Expenditures

Grafton County Senior Citizens		\$750.00
Tri-county Community Action		\$1,200.00
Electric Assistance		\$0.00
Rental Assistance		\$1,000.00
Fuel Assistance		\$0.00
Food		\$0.00
Gasoline		\$0.00
Other- Cremation		\$0.00
Total Expenditures		\$2,950.00

Organizations in local communities and local residents reached out to the Town of Groton to see if we had any families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Due to their donations, we were able to assist five families in Groton with gift cards and food for Thanksgiving. For Christmas, we assisted six families.

As always, the Town collected donations of food for our residents. Again, this year we put a table out and many residents continuously have dropped off donations. Please remember to only bring in non-perishable items. The

table always had food on it. Residents in need were able to help themselves to whatever they needed. This was a huge help to many families in Town.

Thank you to all who donated and took a part in helping out the families in need in Groton.

Requests for assistance must be made through the Town's Welfare Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Welfare Officer

Schedule of Town Properties						
Map/Lot	Land/ Building	Acres	Location	Valuation	Year Aquired	Notes
2-26	Land	8.5	Old Rumney Road	\$ 26,600	2011 tax deed	Townspeople voted not to sell at 2021 Town Meeting
5-61	Land	0.5	adjacent to Garage	\$ 30,800	1992	
6-61	Land	2.9	559 North Groton Road	\$ 50,700	2018 tax deed	
10-22	Land	50	Old Rumney Road	\$ 56,100	1985 tax deed	Townspeople voted not to sell at 2021 Town Meeting
10-40	Land	1	Halls Brook Road	\$ 2,600	2012 tax deed	
10-41	Land/old building	1	404 Halls Brook Road	\$ 35,000	2019 tax deed	
1-50-CEM	Bailey Hill Cemetery	0.1	Bailey Hill Road	\$ 13,000		
2-57-CEM	North Groton Cemetery	0.69	North Groton Road	\$ 41,400		
2-114-CEM	River Road Cemetery	0.232	River Road	\$ 20,100		
2-114-CEMA	Jenny Decoste Smith Annex	0.464	River Road	\$ 35,900	2012	
4-1-CEM	Kimball Hill Cemetery	0.1	Kimball Hill	\$ 10,800		
7-54-CEM	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	0.51	North Groton Road	\$ 38,600		
5-62	Town Garage & Former Offices	5	63 North Groton Road	\$ 119,700		
5-62-1	Conservation/ Pond Area	1.6	North Groton Road	\$ 9,500	Entrusted to Cons. Comm. 2008	
5-136	Park	6.67	Sculptured Rocks Road	\$ 67,300		
6-1-3	Land- Future Town Garage	6	North Groton Road	\$ 36,700	from Green Acre Woodlands	
6-55	Transfer Station	11.4	677 North Groton Road	\$ 85,500		
7-54	Town Hall	1	754 North Groton Road	\$ 239,500		

Groton Police Department Annual Report

As always, my greatest appreciation goes to the town of Groton residents for their continued support and respect for this department.

Your Police Department continues to try and provide the Town the best possible police service within the limitations of our budget and staffing, any input is welcome and encouraged. We continue the updating of our IT equipment while keeping expenditures at a minimum, I have put off some purchases with the possibility of some state funding coming available for cruiser equipment updates to facilitate systems integration.

As we look at the numbers this year call volume has increased 25.7% over last year...and reported criminal activity has actually decreased, a welcome course correction over last year.

This town is growing; many homes and lots have sold and there have been numerous building permits and new homes under construction. Whether these homes will be for seasonal use short term rentals or full-time residences the town is changing. With this change there will be an increase in traffic volume and use of emergency services. I will do the best I can to maintain a safe and peaceful community and with your help we can make this change for the better.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Chief of Police
Michael Bagan

Groton PD call list provided by Plymouth Police Dispatch

911 HANG-UP:3	DAILY LOG ITEM:15
ANIMAL COMPL:18	MOTORIST ASST:8
ALARM:5	MEDICAL EMERG:34
ANIMAL LOST/FOUND:2	MOTOR VEH ACC:7
CIVIL COMPL:3	MOTOR VEH COMPL:2
COMMUNITY PROG:1	MOTOR VEH INQ:6
CRIME AGAINST PERS:1	MOTOR VEH STOP:9
CRIM RECORD CHECK:11	NCIC/NHIW ENTRY:1
CRUISER MAINT:3	NOISE COMPL:3
CIVIL STAND-BY:10	ON CALL:143
DISTURBANCE:2	SERVE PAPER:4
DOM DISTURBANCE:4	PARKING COMPL:2
FD ASSIST:13	FOUND/LOST PROP:4
FLOODING:1	POLICE SERVICE:28
FOLLOW-UP:32	SEX OFFENDER REG:2
FRAUD/FORGERY:1	SERVE TRESP NOT:4
HARASSMENT:2	SUSP ACTIVITY:11
HWY/MUNIC SERVICES:5	THEFT RPT:2
POLICE INFO:2	UNTIMELY DEATH:2
JUVENILE INCIDENT:1	VACANT HOUSE RPT:2

Note: this does not include calls received at the Police Department.

Groton Fire Information

This is your yearly reminder to make sure you check and test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. You should have carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your residence. Good chimney maintenance is important when it comes to heating appliance devices, whether it is LP gas, oil or wood heat. If you have auxiliary emergency power, the exhaust should be 10' away from doors and windows and should never be operated inside any residence or garage. Safety is very important so please call if you have any questions. In 2025, the Select Board hired Sarah Hegener to assist with the LP gas and oil inspections.

Remember **fire permits** are required by law for any open outside burning when the ground is **NOT** completely covered by snow. Permits are issued for the burning of clean materials **ONLY**. If you have questions related to what can and cannot be burned this information is located on the back of your fire permit.

Jeremy Haney is the current Fire Warden. Thank you, Jeremy!

Don't forget that there are links on the burn permit page of our Town website if you are interested in obtaining a permit online. There is a cost to do so. Permits can also be obtained from the following people:

Jeremy Haney	Warden	254-6037	28 Smith Road
Tony Albert	Deputy Warden	481-0172	15 Belgian Lane
Norm Willey	Deputy Warden	744-5928	777 N. Groton Rd
Bill Oakley	Deputy Warden	236-2269	22 Crosby Lane
Patti Oakley	Agent	998-7757	22 Crosby Lane

Stay safe everyone!



HEBRON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report for Groton 2025

In 2025 the Hebron Fire Department responded to 253 calls. Of the 253 calls for 2025, 166 were in Hebron, 59 were in Groton, and 28 were mutual aid calls to other neighboring towns.

Out of all 253 calls 166 were medical emergencies. That is consistent with fire-based ambulances services. Anywhere from 50 to 70 percent are EMS calls.

So much for statistics. The Department came through 2025 in good shape. All of the calls were handled in a professional manner and many people expressed their appreciation for our service.

The bulk of the calls are handled by a small group of very dedicated members. The challenge is that we are getting older, and our days responding to calls will, in the not to distant future come to an end. So, what are we doing about it? Here is the good news. Many of our long-time members have renewed their certifications and are regularly making calls. This year we have also added one new EMT members, and another existing member took the EMT class to become an EMT.

However, we are always looking for new people. We continually need to build the Department as we plan for the future. We launched our per-diem program with some success and it is slowly starting to grow.

For response to fire calls, which involve more personnel, we also need to build up the roster with people who are available to respond especially during weekdays. This continues to be a challenge given the demographics of our towns and the fact that most people work away from town.

The Department's new ambulance arrived in 2024 and has increased our capability, safety and patient comfort. Stop by the station and get the tour. We added a new iPad to the ambulance to aid with the automation of patient care reports in the field, and will link this to our cardiac monitor as well to pull patient vital signs from the monitor.

Given the difficulties that all local departments are facing with staffing, and that we all pull those staff from the same small pool of available people, we are looking to form a medical-aid compact in our region. This compact should span six towns and will be discussed in detail at the next Town meeting.

The next big expense will be to replace all our firefighting breathing apparatus. The reason for this is that our current breathing apparatus has come to the end of its service life. The cost could be as much as \$150,000. We are seeking a grant to fund this project, and are working with a grant writer to ensure that the application is properly submitted.

If you have ever watched TV shows like *Chicago Fire*, *911*, *Night Shift*, and said to yourself, "I could do that" give us a call.

Let me conclude this report by expressing my deep thanks and appreciation for all those members who respond to and handle the variety of situations that modern Fire Departments are called to. It is their dedication that makes our service to the towns possible.

TONY J. ALBERT
Chief, HFD
Commanding

**Rumney Fire Department
Groton Coverage Report
2025**

2025 was another busy year for the Rumney Fire Department. We responded to 151 calls, which is up from last year. Mutual Aid continues to be an important resource for our communities.

This year we had 3 fire fighters pass their Fire Fighter 1 class and receive their Fire Fighter 1 certification, we also had two fire fighters complete and pass their EMT certification. We are grateful for their dedication to our communities and Department.

Our Chief continues to be busy with continuing education training, inspections, and keeping up with the many changes happening within the Fire and EMS Service.

For 2025, we responded to 5 calls to Groton. 1 EMS Assist, 1 Smoke in the building, 1 Fire Alarm Activation, 1 Smoke Investigation, and 1 Tree/Wires.

As a reminder, our involvement with medical calls at this time, is strictly to assist EMS with lifting a patient or help with a carry-out from the home to an awaiting ambulance. The Fire Department does not provide medical services.

As voted on last year at our Annual Town Meeting, as of this March, Rumney EMS will be joining Rumney Fire Department as one organization. At this time there are not expected to be any changes.

We look forward to serving both our communities this year and wish you all a safe, healthy year.

Respectfully,

Evan Hacker
Fire Chief
Rumney Fire Department

Highway Department

For 2025 the Highway Department stayed busy with road projects, smaller projects and maintenance work.

The projects completed in 2025:

- Grading of Blanchette Lane, Bailey Hill Road, Edgar Albert Road, Old Rumney Road and North Fletcher Road.
- Chip Sealing took place on North Groton Road from where it left off the previous year to the end of the Towns portion of the road.
- We replaced two large culverts on Edgar Albert Road which has improved the road greatly.
- We used the long reach mower and mowing was completed on all roads in Town.

For 2026, we will continue to maintain the roads (with hopefully chip sealing the River Road), will look for ways to save the Town money and we look forward to the new Town Garage building being completed. As always, we work hard to keep the roads safe while you are traveling during the winter and all year round.

In 2025, Fred Brooks retired from working with the Groton Highway Department. We would like to thank Fred for all of his hard work, loyalty and dedication to the Town. He is missed by all.

In 2025, we also welcomed Wayne Reissfelder to the Highway Department. He is working hard and continuing to learn all there is to know about the department needs and maintaining the roads.

I would also like to thank Jeremy Haney, Norm Willey, and Sara Smith for their hard work and continued service and loyalty to the Town. I would also like to thank the Select Board which is John Rescigno, Tony Albert and Amy Beliveau for their continued support of the Highway Department and our projects.

Once again, I would like to thank some of the companies that are always willing to assist the Town when needed, even if it is short notice. Thank you to Gordon Coursey & Son for always providing exceptional vehicle maintenance. Thank you

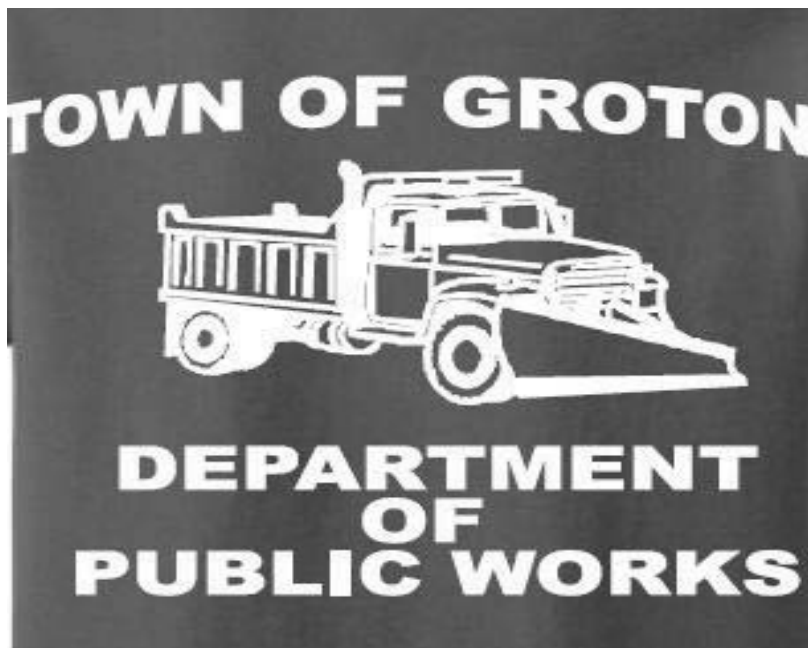
to Morrison Construction for your assistance with road work. Thank you to M.E. Latulippe for always supplying material when needed.

In closing, I appreciate the continued support of the townspeople. I will continue to provide the Town residents with Department updates at the Select Board meetings. I welcome any and all feedback that you may have.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert “Bubba” Ellis
Public Works Director

Assistants:
Wayne Reissfelder
Norm Willey
Jeremy Haney



Transfer Station

This has been another busy year at your Transfer Station Facility. Customer visits continue to increase with the influx of new construction and existing vacant properties being bought and renovated for year-round use. Customer records kept for the year show we average between 90 and 105 customer visits every day that the facility is open.

Our new compactor has proven to be a good investment as we have reduced vendor hauling fees by about 20%, saving your taxpayer dollars. This is because of the increased capacity of the new compactor.

Also completed last year was the paving of the facility which has greatly improved access and plowing with many favorable comments from residents.

Transfer Station windshield stickers are available at the Town Office and the Transfer Station, for the same fee of \$1.00. Please see the attendant if you need a sticker as there is a form to fill out prior to issuing. This is for Groton residents only and you will need to show proof of residency to get one. If you have a new or different vehicle, you will need a new sticker for that vehicle.

Please remember we are recycling aluminum cans, batteries, tires, electronics, waste oil, light bulbs, propane tanks and scrap metal. Revenues from aluminum cans and scrap metal continue to increase. Thank you for your efforts recycling all of these items. At this time, we do **NOT** accept **ANY** lithium batteries.

We would like to remind you all that fees charged to drop off items reflects the towns costs to have them hauled away. All funds go into the general fund to be used towards your tax rate.

Again, this year, with the weight limits on North Groton Road in the Spring, we will **NOT** be accepting construction debris, **ANY** furniture, mattresses included for the duration of the road bans. This will be posted in advance as soon as we are informed of the dates of the road bans and the postings about this will go up. Thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to serving you for another year!

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Willey, Transfer Station Supervisor
George Evirs, Transfer Station Attendant
Ron Madan, Transfer Station Attendant





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GROTON, NH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Reporting Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 (NH Recycles' fiscal year)

Congratulations – you are active recyclers! Recycling isn't just good for your wallet, it's great for the environment, saving energy and resources. NH Recycles, your nonprofit municipal recycling partner, helped your community move the recyclable materials below to market, where they were processed into raw materials and remanufactured into new products. **Learn more at www.NHrecycles.org.**

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is just one benefit of recycling each material instead of manufacturing new products from virgin resources.
ELECTRONICS	3,520 LBS.	 You saved enough energy to power 113 homes for one day!
TIRES	3,400 LBS.	 You saved 81 gallons of oil!

AVOIDED EMISSIONS



Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, which means fewer greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, your community helped avoided approximately **4,902 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions**. That's like removing **0 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year!

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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Jamin Levasseur, Vice-Chairman
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2025 Annual Report

In 2025, the 19-member Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton on Sunday, August 3rd, and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 20th. A total of 327 households participated, representing almost every community in the District. 5,985 lbs. of material were collected, with nearly 28% of it being flammable materials. Total expenses for 2025 HHW programming, which includes advertising, setup & disposal, totaled \$34,565.15, a 33% increase from 2024. To help cover these expenses, the District received a \$10,000 donation from Casella Waste Management and the NH Department of Environmental Services granted an additional \$5,405. Net expenditure for the program was \$17,602.15 which comes to \$0.60 per district resident. The District also coordinated one fluorescent light bulb collection in the fall, where all member towns were able to dispose of their bulbs and ballast. This year, fluorescent light bulb collections resulted in 10,736 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of and 147 PCBs containing light ballasts. Other materials collected were 40 U-Tubes and fluorescent. The total cost for this effort was \$1,193.09.

The next two events in 2025 have been scheduled for August, 2nd in Littleton at the Transfer Station and September 19th at the Plymouth Recycling Center. Both events will run from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the district's programs are welcome to attend the district meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regard to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email.

Respectively Submitted,

Erik Rasmussen, Chairman

Ashland - Campton - Danbury - Dorchester - Easton - Ellsworth - Franconia - Groton - Landaff - Lisbon - Littleton - Lyman
Plymouth - Rummey - Sugar Hill - Thornton - Warren - Waterville Valley - Wentworth

Planning Board Report

Serving as an elected planning board member is both a responsibility and a privilege. Our scope of authority is based on the state RSAs, local Masterplan, Ordinances, Zoning, the Boards operating procedures and interpretive judicial decisions, never on the personal views of individual board members! The opportunity to hold a planning board position is yours to provide by vote and each of us that serve appreciate the trust you've placed in us.

Below is a sampling of the Planning Boards (PB) work in 2025:

1. Map 4 Lot 11, Map 5 Lot 27, Map 6 Lots 112 and 113, owner Joe Bernitt – wants to establish a permaculture homestead with dwelling units for his family as well as create trail biking opportunities with access to rentals units. The PB has met with Mr. Bernitt in non-binding sessions several times but has not received an application yet.

The PB has reviewed the Zoning and continues to discuss with Mr., Bernitt issues relating to farming, forestry, and agri-tourism. We have explained that his property is in District B and he must meet the acreage and dimensional requirements, along with use restrictions.

2. Map 1 Lots 1 and 1-1, Kristina Salvail wants to build a new home with an ADU. She requested a preliminary conceptual consultation to discuss their proposed plan.

The PB reminds Kristina of the rules relating to ADU's.

3. Nicholas Wilson – returns to the PB with documents and a completed Application for Site Review in order to operate an animal slaughter business at his home at Map 2 Lot 75. He had

submitted an incomplete application in April 2023 at which time during Hearing the Chair moved not to accept that Application.

Because of the extended time and the PB declining to accept the first application, Mr. Wilson was required to submit a new Application. The Hearing was properly posted and all abutters notified. Zoning was reviewed. Following a review of the Application the PB accepted it, with unanimous vote the members to approve the Application.

4. Map 10 Lot 21, Timothy Foy submits a building permit for a house on the Private Section of Old Rumney Road.
5. Other conceptual consultations for building applications were also entertained.
6. PB pursued an alleged violation relating to Excavation under RSA 155: E. This is ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

Planning Board Members: Deborah Johnson, David Madden, Russ Carruth, Ray Blake, John Rescigno, Jon Beliveau, Peter Dodenhoff, Eric Jones

Conservation Commission Report

The mission of the Groton Conservation Commission is to promote the public awareness and protection of our natural resources. The Commission is continuing its service to the town with our annual fishing derby, semi-annual road cleanups, and funding of the Spectacle Pond water testing.

The results of the Spec Pond water testing are included on the following page and available on the town website. Thank you to the Selectboard for continuing to provide a portable toilet at the boat launch which helps keep e-coli levels low.

We have an opening on the commission! If you would like to join us, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Groton Conservation Commission

Stephen 'Slim' Spafford, Chair
Forrest 'Ray' Blake, Planning Board Liaison
Cynthia Carpenter
Gina Rescigno
Virginia Parker

Spectacle Pond Water Quality Summary – Revised 10/16/25

2025 is the 11th year SPA has participated in the VLAP program. This year water samples were taken on June 15, July 31, and September 7. All samples were analyzed by the NH Public Health Lab.

Phosphorus

Phosphorus is the most important water quality parameter measured in lakes and ponds. It is the nutrient that promotes algae's ability to grow and reproduce. Samples are taken at 3 depths at the deep spot of the pond – 11', 25' and 36'. Goal is less than 12 micrograms per liter for mesotrophic pond.

Phosphorous Averages – micrograms per liter (ug/l):

2015 = 15.3	2019 = 11.9	2023 = 13.6	6/15/25 = 11.7
2016 = 14.0	2020 = 10.8	2024 = 14.5	7/31/25 = 11.7
2017 = 13.0	2021 = 13.8		9/7/25 = 14.8
2018 = 13.7	2022 = 16.0		2025 Average = 12.7

The average level of phosphorus in NH lakes and ponds is 11-20 ug/l. According to the NHDES in the 2024 VLAP Individual Lake Report for Spectacle Pond “Management efforts should focus on reducing and managing stormwater runoff, preventing agricultural run-off, septic system maintenance and maintaining vegetative buffers along the shoreline and inlets”.

Chlorophyll-a

Elevated levels of chlorophyll-a indicate excessive algal growth typically caused by high concentrations of phosphorous and other nutrients. Samples are taken at a depth of 23' in the deep spot of the pond. Excessively high concentrations of algae are problematic for two reasons: 1) some forms of algae produce toxins that negatively impact the health and viability of marine life as well as other animals that swim in contaminated water; and 2) when extremely high concentrations of algae (referred to as a bloom) eventually die, their decomposition results in the depletion of oxygen from the pond water that can result in suffocation of fish that inhabit the pond. There has not been an algae bloom in Spectacle Pond since 2019. The goal for concentrated chlorophyll-a is less than 5 micrograms per liter. 5.1 – 15 ug/L is more than desirable and greater than 15ug/L are nuisance amounts.

Chlorophyll-a Averages (ug/l):

2015 = 5.4	2019 = 3.9	2023 = 4.2	6/15/25 = 2.8
2016 = 6.3	2020 = 5.4	2024 = 5.5	7/31/25 = 13.4 *
2017 = 8.4	2021 = 4.2		9/7/25 = 5.3
2018 = 12.9	2022 = 4.6		2025 Average = 7.2

- It is possible the sample taken on 7/31/25 was contaminated. It was raining and we had difficulty with the equipment when the sample was taken.

PH

Samples are taken at 3 depths at the deep spot of the pond – 11’, 25’ and 36’. PH is important to the survival and reproduction of fish and other aquatic life. PH below 5.5 severely limits the growth and reproduction of fish. Goal is 6.5 – 8

PH Averages:

2015 = 6.0	2019 = 6.2	2023 = 6.1	6/15/25 = 6.2
2016 = 6.5	2020 = 6.0	2024 = 6.1	7/31/25 = 6.2
2017 = 6.5	2021 = 5.9		9/7/25 = 6.2
2018 = 6.4	2022 = 6.2		2025 Average = 6.2

E. coli

Goal is less than 88 counts per 100 milliliters at a public beach and less than 406 counts per milliliter for surface waters.

Samples are taken in 2’ of water at the boat launch and at the mouth of the brook that flows through Circle Camp property.

In 2025 all samples taken in both areas were below goal established for public beaches. Members of SPA are very thankful to the Town of Groton and the Circle Program for their efforts to reduce the levels of E. coli in the pond.

Date	7/1/24	7/30/24	9/3/24	6/15/25	7/31/25	9/7/25
Boat Launch	6.3	307.6	63.1	1	1	1
Circle Camp	12.2	12.2	20.1	4.1	2	20.6

Plan

Continue to participate in VLAP program

Take corrective action if water samples indicate degradation of water quality

Maximize flushing rate of the pond

Encourage Groton to continue placing a portable toilet at boat launch.

Old Home Day Committee

I would like to thank all the participants in the parade; the turnout was great.

We were lucky again this year to have the band Horsepower return, they sound better than ever.

A huge thanks goes out to Hell's Gate for another amazing firework display.

Many thanks to Bubba, our Road Agent and Wayne from Public Works for their help in setting up and cleaning up after the event. A big thank you goes out to Sara and Janet for their help in handling the raffles tickets, auction and for donating food and gifts. Thank you, John, for manning the grill.

Hope everyone who was able to attend had a great time. We love doing it and hope to see you again this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Rescigno





Groton **Historical Society**

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The Groton Historical Society extends sincere appreciation to its members and supporters for their continued engagement and encouragement as we strive to "Preserve Groton's Past for Its Future."

At the 2025 Memorial Day Program, Marina Kirsch delivered the presentation "Flight of Remembrance: A World War II Family Odyssey." This program recounted her family's true journey of resilience and renewal, tracing their experiences from WWII Latvia to resettlement in America. The event was generously supported by a grant from NH Humanities.

As in previous years, significant time and dedication have been devoted to developing our 2026 calendar, which features topics such as the Hebron-Groton baseball team, preservation efforts for the Town House, the South Groton Post Office, and the Dimond family. Calendars are available for a \$5 donation from any member of the GHS board.

The GHS Schoolhouse opened on June 21, July 19, and August 16, and is available to the public by appointment. This year's exhibits included original Colburn family letters from ca. 1850-1870, transcribed by Deb Lindsey, and a new display on Betty (Allen) Leavitt with items donated by Roger Daniels.

GHS remains committed to supporting community members with research on former residents, deed records, and property histories. If you require assistance regarding Groton history, please contact a member of the board. Additionally, if you have information, stories, or artifacts related to Groton's history that you would like to share with GHS, we encourage you to reach out to any board member.

2026 projects:

- Paint GHS Museum exterior
- Install Town Pound signs
- Possible presentation on Groton mines

GHS Board Members

Roger Daniels (Vice President)
Sharon Nelson
Steve "Slim" Spafford

Debra Lindsey (Treasurer)
Kathy Sobetzer (President)
Pamela Hamel (Secretary)



South Groton's Post Office ca 1898



Halls Brook Road ca 1900

The Groton Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Groton Public Library

Anyone who would like reimbursement for a library card from another facility, please contact Gina Rescigno.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Rescigno
Hilary Coles
Groton Library Trustees





Annual Update 2025

North Country Council (NCC) is one of nine Regional Planning Commissions in New Hampshire, serving 50 municipalities and 25 unincorporated areas across the state's northern third. Established under RSA 36:46, NCC supports local governments through coordinated planning in land use, transportation, economic development, mapping, data analysis, grant support, and project management. In addition, NCC staff collaborated with peer RPCs through the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions, supported statewide professional conferences and news articles, responded to 4 developments of regional impacts, participated in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Management Plan update, and coordinated a bulk purchase of Planning and Land Use Regulation books for municipalities, saving an estimated \$115 per book.

Transportation

Council staff completed 145 traffic counts in coordination with NHDOT and responded to additional community-requested locations, providing tailored data to support local decision-making. NCC adopted a Regional Safety Action Plan, qualifying communities for federal transportation safety implementation funding and launched a Traffic Calming Supply Library using AARP Community Challenge Grant funds, enabling communities to pilot DOT-compliant traffic-calming strategies. The Council supported two Regional Coordinating Councils (Carroll County – 8 meetings; Grafton County – 7 meetings) and hosted 5 Transportation Advisory Committee meetings. It also participated in statewide transportation initiatives, including the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and NHDOT's Week Without Driving campaign. NCC staff supported Regional Project Development for the Ten-Year Plan, attending 5 GACIT Hearings.

Community & Economic Development

With funding support from NH Housing, NCC advanced regional housing and workforce initiatives, convening seven employer workshops and conducting 80+ hours of outreach. Staff developed a Housing Toolkit to help employers address workforce housing challenges. NCC continued to support communities awarded InvestNH Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants, assisting with housing needs assessments, public engagement, and regulatory updates. Council staff provided local planning services—including master plan updates, land use board support, and regulation amendments—available to all member communities, with expanded services offered on a contract basis.

The CEDS was updated to include an industry supplement, and the webpages were refreshed.

The Council continued to assist communities, the State of NH Bureau of Economic Affairs (BEA) & Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) by providing technical assistance and pre-application coaching to over 20 entities pursuing NBRC funding, with approximately 50% securing funding.

Mapping & Data Analysis

NCC developed and analyzed regional surveys, including the Regional Plan Survey and Regional Transportation Safety Survey, and provided updated community data snapshots covering demographics, housing, and affordability. Staff delivered GIS mapping and data services to support local planning and grant applications, and maintained two regional ArcGIS Online Hubs focused on funding opportunities and climate resiliency.

Membership in Action

Municipal dues directly support planning assistance, technical expertise, and data resources provided by NCC. Council staff worked alongside municipal boards, staff, and community partners across the region, helping communities address challenges, plan for the future, and leverage additional funding—delivering a clear return on member investment. As we move into 2026, NCC remains committed to serving as a reliable partner to North Country communities. Whether your municipality is updating a master plan, pursuing grants, planning transportation improvements, or addressing environmental or housing needs, Council staff are here to help. We encourage all member communities to connect with us in the coming year to explore how our services can support local goals.

Tapply-Thompson Community Center

2025 Report to the Towns

2025 was an exciting and transformative year for the Tapply-Thompson Community Center. After many months of planning and construction, our \$1,000,000 renovation project was completed, and the difference has been remarkable. The building is now more accessible with a new handicap entrance and lift from the main floor to the basement, four handicap-accessible bathrooms, a new sprinkler system, full security system, updated office space, and a beautiful new gym floor.

One of the most exciting additions came from the creativity of our grant writer, who secured funding to convert our former craft room into a fully equipped music room. This renovation allowed us to launch the Strum & Drum Jam Lab, where youth and adults alike are now discovering the joy of making music.

We also took a major step toward the future by purchasing an additional property that abuts Kelley Park. This space will be used to build a full-size gym and expand programming for all ages. This ambitious project has been made possible through major donors and grant funding, including a \$1.5 million award from Senator Jeanne Shaheen's Discretionary Funds in 2024. We are thrilled to share that TTCC will also be receiving an additional \$1 million grant to continue this work. Over the coming months, we will be gathering input from Newfound community members to help shape the design and use of this new facility.

Throughout the year, our dedicated staff and volunteers delivered more than 75 programs serving over 7,000 participants. We also awarded over \$40,000 in program scholarships so that no child is denied access to recreation due to financial hardship. The impact of these efforts is felt every day in our interactions with those that we serve.

Our Teen Council continues to be a shining example of youth leadership. This year, 26 high school students logged an incredible 985 volunteer hours assisting with TTCC events and programs. The 32nd Annual New Hampshire Marathon was another highlight, drawing a record 864 runners from 43 states and five countries. The event required more than 100 volunteers and countless hours of planning by the marathon committee, and the proceeds were once again shared between the Circle Program, the Mayhew Program, and TTCC.

Youth sports thrived in 2025 with 29 different offerings and 798 participants, supported by 250 dedicated volunteers. Adult programming also continued to grow, with popular options including Shape Up Newfound, volleyball, pickleball, basketball, line dancing, music lessons, bus trips, and our softball league. Pickleball alone had 222 registered adult participants.

Our summer youth program for grades one through eight remains one of our most sought-after offerings, with many weeks filling on the first day registration opens. Forty staff members supported four summer camp programs filled with swimming, field trips, and unforgettable experiences. This year's campers stayed overnight at the Lonesome Lake AMC Hut, slept aboard the USS Battleship Massachusetts, went tubing on the Saco River, and spent a night on Cliff Island. Registration for the 2026 camp season will open at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2.

None of this would be possible without the generosity, dedication, and community spirit of the Newfound area. Whether through donations, volunteer hours, or participation in our programs, you make our work meaningful. We are deeply grateful to be part of such a supportive and vibrant community and look forward to all that the future holds for the Tapply-Thompson Community Center.



Request for Groton Allocation in Fiscal Year 2026: \$1,050

Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) is the state-designated community mental health center (CMHC) serving 24 towns in Region 3 (Belknap and southern Grafton Counties). LRMHC's **mission** is to provide integrated mental and physical health care for people with mental illness while creating wellness and understanding in our communities. The organization's **vision** is to be the community leader providing quality, accessible, and integrated mental and physical health services, delivered with dedication and compassion.

Community Mental Health Centers are the mental health safety net system of care in New Hampshire. CMHCs serve the most vulnerable people who require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access essential services. The upcoming fiscal year is the most unpredictable and unprecedented one in LRMHC's 60-year history. Throughout the state legislative session, there were serious threats to the stability of the 10 CMHCs across New Hampshire. Thanks to the advocacy of thousands of supporters and the support of Governor Ayotte, cuts and reductions to critical programs and services were ultimately avoided.

However, New Hampshire's Mental Health system is not immune to what occurs at the federal level. Despite the efforts of medical experts, coalitions, and lobbyists that testified to urge Congress to reject cuts to an already fragile healthcare system, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) was signed into law on July 4. Cuts to Medicaid, federal support for higher education, federal food assistance, and the rollback of expanded Affordable Care Act subsidies will have catastrophic effects on our system.

On July 24, an Executive Order further reduced federal funding for substance use disorder and mental health services for people experiencing homelessness—evidence-based services that have helped New Hampshire make progress toward achieving

Mission Zero. Additional provisions within OBBBA will further strain an already challenged mental health workforce. With staffing and resources already stretched beyond the bare-bones levels, the community mental health system's ability to sustain essential services is increasingly at risk.

From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, Lakes Region Mental Health Center served **2,885 patients**, provided over **50,000 service hours**, and provided a total of **\$826,042 in charity (uncompensated) care** to residents of the 24 towns in the catchment area. Groton residents represent 1% of the LRMHC catchment area, and **4** Groton residents accessed services from LRMHC.

In Fiscal Year 2025, LRMHC began offering Open Access as part of its Access to Care program to meet the growing mental health care needs identified as top priorities in the community needs assessments conducted by the two areas that the LRMHC catchment overlaps: Open Access offers walk-in, same-day mental health intake appointments for adults in our communities, two mornings per week. These services offered through the Access to Care team are for everyone, regardless of whether they become a patient at LRMHC, and with no financial support from the state or insurance companies. Open Access benefits the entire central region of NH and the Town of Groton by reducing the burden on local emergency resources (police, fire, emergency department) and providing a vital service to residents that will improve mental health outcomes.

Mental Health Care, like police and fire services, is a municipal service and a safety net for **all** residents of your town, not just those who directly utilize it. Groton's appropriation helps ensure the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduces the burden on your town.

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MID-STATE HEALTH CENTER

Locations in Plymouth, Bristol, Lincoln, and Littleton, New Hampshire

August 27, 2025

Dear Groton Board of Selectman,

On behalf of our patients, our community-based Board of Directors, and our dedicated staff, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support of Mid-State Health Center. Your partnership helps ensure that residents of our region have access to exceptional, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare services.

As you consider the upcoming budget, Mid-State respectfully requests your support through a town contribution to help sustain the unreimbursed healthcare services we provide. While we receive federal funding as a community health center, that support remains uncertain, and changes in the healthcare landscape continue to increase the number of patients who cannot afford care. Your contribution helps ensure that every member of our community has access to the healthcare services they need.

In the past fiscal year, Mid-State cared for **more than 14,450 patients** across the region, **and provided over \$154,500 in unreimbursed charity care**. We respectfully request a contribution of **\$500** from Groton to help us continue this vital work. Your support makes it possible for us to continue caring for neighbors who might otherwise go without essential healthcare.

As the region's only independent, nonprofit, community-based health center, Mid-State is deeply committed to our mission of delivering whole-person care to every individual, regardless of their ability to pay. We understand the financial challenges that municipalities face and greatly appreciate the careful stewardship of local tax dollars. **That is why we see this request not simply as funding, but as a shared investment in the health, stability, and well-being of Groton residents—and in the strength of our community as a whole.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. With your partnership, Mid-State can continue to provide compassionate, high-quality healthcare for all who call our community home.

Sincerely,

Robert MacLeod, DHA
Chief Executive Officer
rmacleod@midstatehealth.org

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Where your care comes together.



Mid-State Health Center is dedicated to delivering high-quality, affordable healthcare for all, regardless of ability to pay. Last year, Mid-State cared for more than **14,500 patients** across our region. Local support plays a crucial role in helping us continue to serve everyone in the community, especially those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Expanding Access: 28 Main Street Facility

In 2024, we proudly opened our new **28 Main Street facility in Plymouth**, bringing two much-needed services closer to home:

- **Affordable Diagnostic Imaging** – including MRI, CT, X-ray, and ultrasound
- **Same-Day Care Services** – walk-in access for acute, non-emergency health needs

This investment allows patients to receive timely, cost-effective care locally, without needing to travel long distances.

Whole-Person Care

Mid-State's work extends beyond medical care. We recognize that health is shaped by many factors, and we are committed to supporting patients with services that address real-life challenges. Our wraparound programs include:

- Transportation support
- Food assistance through *Feed the Need*
- Health insurance enrollment assistance (Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid)
- Prescription Assistance
- Sliding Fee Scale discounts for eligible patients

Services We Offer Across Six Locations

- Primary Medical Care for all ages (pediatrics, family, and internal medicine)
- Behavioral Health counseling for individuals and families
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment, including Medication Assisted Treatment
- Dental & Oral Health Care
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Infusion Therapy
- Chiropractic Services
- Onsite Pharmacy
- Same-Day Access and Acute Care
- Lactation and Postpartum Support
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
- Childcare through Little Antlers Learning Center

Mid-State's Year in Review (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)	Town of Groton Data (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
• Medical Visits: 38,949 • Dental Visits: 6,920 • Behavioral Health Visits: 9,819 • Telehealth Visits: 4,615 • Enabling Service Visits: 859 • Total Patients: 14, 458 • Total Uninsured Patients: 1,154	• Patients Served: 386 • Uninsured Patients: 15 • Community Care Visits: 0 • Community Care Patients: 0

With your continued support, Mid-State Health Center can ensure that every resident of Groton, regardless of income or insurance—has access to the care and resources they need to live a healthier life.



**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
REPORT 2024/2025**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services that support the health and well-being of our communities' older citizens as well as adults with disabilities. GCSCC's programs enable community members to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

GCSCC operates eight senior centers (located in Bristol, Canaan, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lincoln, Littleton, Orford, and Plymouth) and sponsors the Grafton County Aging and Disability Resource Center and RSVP Volunteer Center (an AmeriCorps Seniors project). Through GCSCC's network, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home-delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

From October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, 18 older residents of Groton were served by one or more of GCSCC's programs offered through Newfound Area Senior Services and the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. The Grafton County Aging and Disability Resource Center provided services to one Groton resident.

- Older adults from Groton enjoyed 1,185 meals prepared by GCSCC.
- Groton residents received wellness calls, assistance with problems, crises, or issues of long-term care through 3 contacts with an Outreach Worker and 1 contact with an Aging and Disability Resource Center counselor.
- Groton residents participated in health, education, or social activities 459 times.

The cost for GCSCC to provide services for Groton residents in 2024/2025 was \$15,524.64.

Such services can be critical for older adults and adults with disabilities who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. Doing so saves tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. GCSCC's programs also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population ages, supportive services such as those offered by GCSCC are becoming even more critical.

GCSCC would very much appreciate Groton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older adults and adults with disabilities. GCSCC enables our community members to meet the challenges of aging, while remaining in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Kathleen Vasconcelos, Executive Director



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Pemi-Baker Hospice & Home Health (PBH&HH) is a non-profit organization offering vital home health and hospice services to residents of 32 towns in central and northern NH. In 2025, PBH&HH provided 53 home visits to 3 Groton residents, delivering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, hospice care, and social work to residents regardless of their ability to pay. We also provided over 70 hours of Ask-A-Nurse blood pressure clinics, 6 advance directive workshops, 1 flu vaccine clinic, monthly bereavement support group meetings, and caregiver support group meetings, all of which are free of charge to Groton residents.

In the 58 years since PBH&HH was established, we have continued to see a significant need for home health and hospice services. The demand for health care services in our local communities has risen steadily, and thanks to community support, we have been able to meet the ongoing needs of every resident, despite the uncertain financial and regulatory climate in which we operate. Rising health care costs and reductions in government funding have put much-needed healthcare out of reach for too many of our friends, neighbors, and family members. PBH&HH will continue to provide care, regardless of ability to pay. Town funds are used to provide services to residents with limited or no ability to pay and to augment the cost of services that are not covered by third-party payers. Our agency is dependent upon charitable donations, town funds, and grants to provide services.

Pemi-Baker Hospice and Home Health is passionate about the complete health of the communities we serve. Our primary services are:

Home Health – nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, licensed nursing assistants, and 24/7 on-call support in the home setting

Hospice – nursing, therapies, social work, spiritual care counseling, bereavement services, hospice medical doctors, licensed nursing assistants, hospice trained volunteers, 24/7 on-call support, and medications and durable medical supplies in the home setting

We are so thankful to be part of your community and touching the lives of those in need. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Aubrey Engle, RN
Executive Director



January 22, 2026

Town of Groton
ATTN: Board of Selectmen
754 North Groton Rd.
Groton, NH. 03241

Tri County Community Action Program, Inc., has been assisting families in Carroll, Coos, and Grafton Counties since 1965. Our mission is to provide opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income individuals and families. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty through the development of programs that offer low-income individuals opportunities to become self-sufficient and meaningfully participate in their communities. Our fourteen programs offer over fifty-five different services to address community needs for early childhood education, emergency economic services, food insecurity, housing stability, homelessness, transportation, senior care and oral health care. Tri-County Community Action Program serves over 25,000 individuals in the tri-county area every year. During Fiscal Year 2025, we served a total of 36, individuals of 22, households with 49 services with the total value of \$83,632.00. The town of Groton services are: Fuel and Energy Assistance, Weatherization, 211 Homeless calls, Community Action Resource Coordinators, and our Free Diaper Program.

Tri County Community Action Program is grateful to all of the communities that support our work through the appropriation of municipal funds. Thank you for your continued support of our mission. Because of your support, we are able to truly change lives.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Robillard, Chief Executive Officer
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.

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Tri-County Community Action Program provides opportunities to strengthen communities by improving the lives of low to moderate income families and individuals.

CADY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF GROTON

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth extends our deepest gratitude to the Town of Groton for your steadfast partnership this past year. Because of your support, we are not only preventing substance misuse—we are expanding possibilities, strengthening potential, and building brighter futures for our youth.

Addiction remains one of New Hampshire’s most urgent challenges. In 2024, our nation lost 80,391 lives to overdose. We know that 90% of those struggling with addiction first used substances before age 18—when early use can disrupt healthy brain development and sharply increase risk. Addiction is a progressive disease, but it *is* preventable. By strengthening protective factors and reducing risk, CADY is working to ensure our youth can thrive.

Local challenges require local action. The 2023 Newfound Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows rising levels of sadness, hopelessness, and suicidal ideation among our youth—higher than state averages. Risky substance use, including alcohol, high-potency marijuana, vaping, and prescription drug misuse, compounds these concerns. With limited youth mental health services in New Hampshire, prevention is not just essential—it’s urgent.

Thanks to your support, CADY delivers high-impact prevention programs, leadership development, and asset-building educational opportunities for youth and young adults. These initiatives help young people make healthy choices, gain confidence, and stay connected to school and community. We also provide critical parent and community education through our Annual Shout Out to Parents event and Prevention Summit, equipping caregivers with the tools they need to protect local children.

CADY is guided by a simple, yet powerful belief: every child deserves a promising future. We are committed to protecting that promise—especially for youth who are struggling or at risk. Together, as trusted adults, we must safeguard childhood from the harms of mental health crises, social isolation, and substance misuse.

Outcomes have proven that prevention works when we work together. Through education, mentoring, skill-building, early intervention, and social-emotional supports, we are strengthening resilience and changing lives. We are deeply grateful to our community partners who stand with us in our essential work.

To the citizens of Groton: thank you. Your support makes our life-changing work possible. We are honored to work beside you to build a healthier, safer, more hopeful future for our youth.

With gratitude,
Deb Naro
Executive Director



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH Town Report 2025

Mission: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire strives to protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our purpose is to provide well-trained and caring Guardian ad Litem (GALs) for abused and neglected children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's courts through no fault of their own.



Our trained volunteer advocates speak for abused and neglected children's best interests in New Hampshire's family court system- including the Plymouth Circuit Court, the court that serves children from the Town of Groton.

	Statewide	Plymouth Circuit Court
Children served in 2025	1,487 children	16 children

Currently, our trained volunteer advocates speak for children's best interests in about 86% of the abuse cases that came to NH's Family Court system. Since 1989, CASA of New Hampshire has served over 12,000 victimized children in our state.

During FY 25, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, CASA of NH served 70 children from Grafton County. CASA also had to refuse 11 children from 6 cases due to not having a trained advocate available at the time a case was presented. When a child enters the court system due to abuse or neglect, a CASA volunteer becomes a consistent, caring presence – amplifying that child's voice, ensuring their needs are heard, and helping them find a safe, permanent home where they can heal and thrive. In a system overwhelmed and understaffed, CASA volunteers are often the one constant in a child's life.

To illustrate CASA's impact, I want to share the words of a young woman who had a CASA volunteer advocate as a child:

My CASA volunteer was the only adult who didn't give up on me. She showed up to every hearing, every school meeting, and just listened when no one else would. Because of her, I finished high school, stayed out of trouble, and believed I mattered. I wouldn't be where I am today without her.

– Former CASA Youth

Thank you for supporting CASA of New Hampshire.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica Sink".



2025 Report to Newfound Watershed Towns

Newfound Lake Region Association

The Newfound Lake Region Association protects and improves the health of the Newfound Lake Watershed. We support ecosystem resilience and natural resource conservation through focused programs and community engagement.

In 2025, the NLRA continued to work with groups throughout the watershed and beyond; beginning in July our impact and engagement with the community increased dramatically as the Grey Rocks Conservation Center opened. Some of our successes for 2025 include:

- We ran 23 programs at Grey Rocks Conservation Area and 12 programs around the watershed for community members, including Nature Station, hikes, and a StoryWalk®.
- With our partners, including the Newfound Land Conservation Partnership, the Slim Baker Foundation, the Minot-Sleeper Library, and NH Audubon, we offered 19 hikes, paddles, explorations, and presentations.
- We worked with kids at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center 13 times in the afterschool & summer camp programs and provided support to their summer camp.
- We worked with students and teachers at Danbury Elementary School, New Hampton Community School, Bristol Elementary School, Newfound Memorial Middle School, and Bridgewater-Hebron Village School; provided science activities for local preschoolers; and coordinated with the Slim Baker Foundation to bring the entire student body of Danbury Elementary to Slim Baker Lodge for a field trip. Our Newfound Watershed Wildlife Camera project, co-led by Newfound Memorial Middle School and the Minot-Sleeper Library, is in its second year and has expanded to include more students, more community members, and more opportunities for collaboration with Plymouth State and UNH Cooperative Extension.
- We worked with campers at Wicosuta, Mowglis, Circle, and Onaway during the summer, as well as hosting birding, snowshoeing, and hiking programs for Mayhew and Circle participants during the school year.
- The Newfound Science Pub continues to be co-hosted with the Newfound Lake Inn in winter, spring, and fall; this past year we saw speakers engage with community members on topics as diverse as dark skies, mosses, and lakes in winter.
- We continued to expand our Weed Watchers program, with 3 invasive species identification training events. In 2025 Weed Watchers surveyed 100% of Newfound's near-shore area, with no invasive aquatic plant species reported.
- In partnership with NH LAKES, our Lake Hosts and Conservation Assistants performed 2,275 courtesy boat inspections at Newfound's public boat launches, protecting the lake from invasive aquatic species and the devastation they cause.
- Newfound Lake continues to have exceptional water quality. In 2025 NLRA staff and volunteers collected over 300 water quality samples throughout the lake and watershed to support this assessment. General trends in water quality show the lake's continued rebound from large storms that occurred in 2023 with some indicators returning to pre-2023 values. NLRA also expanded our nearshore water quality monitoring program to better understand change in this dynamic part of the lake.
- Following the discovery of invasive spiny water flea in September, NLRA instituted a monitoring program to keep watch for invasive spiny water flea and collect samples documenting the baseline health of the lake's food web. Unfortunately, the first spiny water fleas were in Newfound Lake in September. While the full impact of this invasive species on New Hampshire lakes is still unclear, NLRA's proactive approach positions us to study its effects on Newfound Lake and serve as a resource for other lakes statewide.
- We expanded our small-scale stormwater management program, completing 39 homeowner and neighborhood association assessments and installing 25 stormwater control measures.

NEWFOUND LAKE REGION ASSOCIATION
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- The Newfound Land Conservation Partnership continues to work with landowners throughout the watershed to conserve land, which is the best way to protect water quality. Over 25% of the watershed, or almost 15,000 acres, is permanently protected.
- Our summer Conservation Assistants engaged over 500 people through guided exploration events, school programs, and camp visits, as well as welcoming hundreds to Grey Rocks Conservation Area as it reopened to the public. They also collected water quality samples, helped install stormwater management structures throughout the watershed, and checked boats for invasive aquatic plants at public boat launches.
- The new Grey Rocks Conservation Center opened on July 24 with several days of visitor-focused programs and activities. NLRA has found new ways of working with the community, including partnering to host presentations, providing meeting space, welcoming school groups of all ages, and showcasing best practices for stormwater management and lakeside construction.

2025 was a very exciting year for NLRA as we moved into a new space and a new phase for the organization. 2026 looks to be just as exciting as we expand on the impact of Grey Rocks, leverage new resources and partnerships to protect the Newfound Watershed, and deepen our relationships with the Newfound community. We rely on the support and partnership of our watershed towns to ensure our work to protect the natural resources of the Newfound Watershed for the benefit of all.

The mission of UNH Extension is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions. This report highlights some ways we worked to achieve our mission.

- Grafton County 4-H led by Donna Lee deepened its commitment to intergenerational connection through programs such as the Sheep and Goat Clinic and Crafting, the Animal Meet and Greet visits, and the Pumpkin Carving Display with the Grafton County Nursing Home.
- Heather Bryant completed a 2-year sweet potato variety trial in collaboration with UNH and the Grafton County Farm. Seven hundred and forty pounds of sweet potatoes were donated to area senior centers and food pantries. Results have been shared with sweet potato growers across the region.
- Jim Frohn, Grafton County Forester, harvested a timber sale on 60 acres of the Grafton County Forest. The county earned \$42,832.74 in stumpage from this sale.
- Mary Choate provided Safety Awareness in the Food Environment (SAFE) courses that reached 119 NH food pantries and 306 food pantry workers, as well as 375 food service workers at 174 food organizations.
- Sue Cagle partnered with NH Housing Finance Authority and the State of NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs to implement the InvestNH Municipal Planning and Zoning Grant program. Seventy-three NH communities have participated in this program, working to address the housing crisis in NH.

Respectfully submitted: Heather Bryant, County Office Administrator

2025 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The meeting comes to order at 9:00 AM, March 15, 2025

At the Groton Town Hall Community Room

754 North Groton Road, Groton, NH

Moderator: Amy Prive-Hardy

Select Board Members: Ron Madan, John Rescigno, Tony Albert

Supervisors of the Checklist: Pamela Hamel, Virginia Parker, Gina Rescigno

Town Administrator: Sara Smith

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Ruth Millett

Groton Police Chief: Michael Bagan

Approximately 35 registered voters in attendance.

There were 62 registered voters who voted in the 2025 Groton Town Elections on
March 11, 2025

The Moderator calls the meeting to order and leads with the

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Moderator goes through the Moderator's Rules of Procedure for the Meeting as listed in the
2024 Town Report, pages 2,3.

Ballot Article 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The Moderator introduces the new Town Officials who were elected to office on March 11, 2025

Select Board Member for 3 years.....Ronald A Madan

Planning Board Members for 3 years.....David Madden

Jonathan Beliveau

Library Trustee for 3 years.....Hilary Coles

Local Auditor for 1 year.....Ann M Joyce

Thank you to all of these who have chosen to serve our Town.

Moderator reads Warrant Article 2:

Warrant Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one million, fifty-two thousand, six hundred fifty-six dollars (\$1,052,656)** which represents the **Operating Budget** for the ensuing year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

John Rescigno makes a motion to accept the article as written; Tony Albert seconds the motion.

John Rescigno: We've had a hearing on this budget. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask, otherwise we will vote.

Bill Jolly: What happened with the Fire Department budget. This is a pretty significant increase.

Tony Albert: For Rumney we have a one-time payment and they just bought a new half million-dollar fire truck. We met with the Selectmen down there and they requested we help off-set the cost of the new fire truck between us and Dorchester. We were 50,000 and Dorchester was 40 something, I forget the exact figure. The truck was over \$500,000 dollars. On the Hebron side the increase is due to an increase in the EMT line for per diem work. I've requested this as their Fire Chief, but their Town Meeting isn't until May. The ambulance as it sits right now is unsustainable, we have 4 people doing most all the calls so we are trying to start a per diem program there to hire other EMTs, just temporary, no full-time, to staff the ambulance 24 hours per day. They would be on-call, not a wage.

Bill Jolly: So, you'd have people sitting at home and waiting rather than sit at the fire house.

Tony Albert: I will need to pay them to do that. That's a model that all the towns around are using. My goal is to have two people for 8 hours per day, five days per week and I need 4 people to do that because I can not have anyone over 24 hours per week because of retirement. They cannot be full-time employees. My recommendation is a \$4.00 off-hour to stay within 10 minutes of the station. That's for week end and all off hours. The way it is right now, the four of us that are doing most of the calls and at 62 years old, I'm the baby on the crew. It's unsustainable right now. We're all going to age out eventually.

Bill Jolly: So that's if Hebron approves it. If they don't approve it how will that play out.

Tony Albert: I'm pretty confident they will, but I will go make that pitch to them.

Bill Jolly: My question is, if they don't, how much will we be paying?

Tony Albert: This will go, because that's not the only thing. The ambulance they just purchased was \$360,000 and all future purchases, this will be for the fire and EMS coverage we're paying for and any future purchases. I think this is a fair amount that they are asking for. I know Warren and Wentworth are looking at \$300,000 apiece just for their ambulance this year which is a major increase for them. The cost is going up. There are no more volunteers, we must pay for everything now.

Bill Jolly: So, you're saying the cost of maintaining the ambulance service, not the cost of the ambulance.

Tony Albert: The service, but all things are considered in that.

Bill Jolly: They also charge per call?

Tony Albert: Hebron does not charge per call, Rumney does. We pay the contract with Hebron.

Bill Jolly: I mean the person that is picked up by the ambulance, that's thousands sometimes, so there is revenue from that.

Tony Albert: It's possibly \$50,000 or \$60,000 per year for all the calls we do. We are not paid for non-transport and out of the calls last year, 94 were non transports and 53 were transports. We answer a lot of calls that we don't get paid for. I don't look at the ambulance as a revenue source. It will never cover itself, ever. Everything costs so much, everything we touch is so expensive.

Ann Joyce asks to move the article. Seconded.

Moderator reads Article 2 as written and asks for a vote.

Article 2 passes.

Moderator reads Article 3:

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)** for the purpose of the North Groton Road culvert project with the amount of **four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) (90%)** being offset by a Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant the Town applied for and the remaining Town's share of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) (10%)** to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required).

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Ron Madan makes a motion to accept the article as written; Tony Albert seconds the motion.

John Rescigno: This is another grant that Sara found for the Town, saving the Town \$450,000 on a culvert that is in need of replacing. This is the one on North Groton Road down by the Cemetery. It's very rare that you will find a grant with a 90-10 split with the Town only paying 10%, so this is a great value to the Town, she worked hard to find it and process the paperwork. Bubba also puts a lot of effort into these grants. It's a great benefit for the Town.

Pam Hamel: Is this for just one culvert?

John Rescigno: Yes.

Pam Hamel: Is there a problem with the culvert right now?

John Rescigno: It is in an area that does flood and eventually it would be washed out, yes.

Pam Hamel: This is the culvert by the Cemetery?

John Rescigno: Correct.

Pam Hamel: I don't remember that culvert ever being flooded.

John Rescigno: It is somewhat undersized for what's there. That area has flooded and eventually at some point it will not function and it will destroy the road there. The Town only having to pay \$50,000 is good. Otherwise, we could wait 5 years down the road and then pay \$750,000 to replace it.

Pam Hamel: This grant is guaranteed?

John Rescigno: Yes, it is already passed.

Janet Wallace moves the vote on article 3; Bill Jolly seconded.

Moderator reads Article 3 again as written and asks for a vote.

Article 3 passes.

Moderator reads Article 4:

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$132,500)** to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required)

Public Works CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$3.38): \$50,000
Disaster Relief CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$191,441.90): \$25,000
Truck/Sander CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$32,751.72): \$20,000
Heavy Equipment CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$22,079.17): \$10,000
Police Cruiser CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$37,955.47) \$10,000
Town House CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$26,715.06) \$10,000.
Assessing Reval CR Fund (Dec. 31, 2024 balance: \$27,032.28) \$7,500

Total Capital Reserve Funds \$132,500

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Tony Albert makes a motion to accept Article 4 as written; John Rescigno seconds the motion.

Tony Albert: This is just our Capital Reserve Funds that we do every year. We added \$50,000 to the Public Works CR Fund and we're expecting some additional costs. We will need to come up with money to build the salt/sand shed too. We're trying to apply for grants for that to help out.

Pam Hamel moves that vote. Bubba seconds.

Moderator reads Article 4 again as written and asks for a vote.

Article 4 passes.

Moderator reads Article 5.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$139,000)** for chip sealing. (submitted by the Highway Department).

The Select Board Recommends this Article 3-0

Ron Madan makes a motion to accept Article 5 as written; Tony Albert seconds the motion.

Robert (Bubba) Ellis: This is to chip seal the rest of the road from the MIT parking lot down to the Town line to hopefully preserve the asphalt a little bit longer.

David Leone: We spent money last year to chip seal one section of the road and the roads all cracking and falling apart. The chip sealing hasn't appeared to make any difference whatsoever. I don't think chip sealing is a good thing to do on our roads in the Town of Groton and I won't vote for this.

Pam Hamel moves the article. Ann seconds.

Moderator read the Article again as written and asks for a vote.

Article passes.

Moderator reads Article 6

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$529)** for deposit in the Conservation Fund, with said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. This sum represents 3% of the Timber Tax revenue received in 2024. (submitted by the Conservation Commission) (Majority vote required)

The Select Board Recommends This Article 3-0

Tony Albert makes a motion to accept Article 6 as written; Ron Maden seconds the motion.

John Rescigno: This is money gleaned from logging taxation which we give to the Conservation Commission over the years.

Janet Wallace moves the article. And is seconded.

Moderator reads the Article again as written and asks for a vote.

Article 6 passes.

Moderator reads Article 7

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

John Rescigno makes a motion to accept the Article as written; Tony Albert seconds the motion.

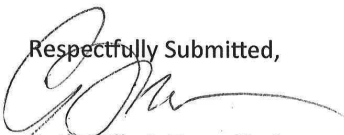
Janet Wallace moves the Article. Ann seconds.

Moderator reads the Article again as written and asks for a vote.

Article 7 passes.

Town Meeting is concluded after 26 minutes at 9:30 AM may be the shortest Town Meeting in the history of Groton.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ruth Millett, Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Resident Death Report

01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Santoro, Helen	01/25/2025	Portsmouth, NH	Santoro, Stephen	Eligio, Filomena
Clark, Ty Anderson	03/18/2025	Canaan, NH	Clark, Roy	Delsart, Heather
Santoro, Ralph	03/23/2025	Groton, NH	Santoro, Stefano	Eligis, Filomena
Woodward, Ralph Mitchell	04/11/2025	Keene, NH	Woodward, Ernest	Hoyt, Gloria
Faucher, John J	06/09/2025	Rumney, NH	Faucher, Paul	Faucher, Irene
Bowen, Robert A	10/23/2025	Groton, NH	Bowen, George	Chevalier, Jeanette

Resident Marriage Report

01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence	Town of Issuance	Date of Marriage
Carter, Marla	Groton	Nadeau Jr, Raymond Joseph	Groton	Groton	05/17/2025
Bixby, Breanna Lynn	Groton	Clogston, Jeromy	Groton	Groton	09/06/2025

*Please note that there may have been other births, deaths and marriages that took place in 2025 that are not listed here. That is due to the families choosing not to include their information in the Town Report.



Don't Forget to Register Your Dog!

All dog licenses are due by April 30th. If they are not licensed by June 1 there will be a forfeit of \$25.00 and a fine of \$1.00 monthly.

License Fees are:

Male or Female	\$9.00
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
First Dog for Owner over 65	\$2.00

Current Rabies Certificate should be presented at time of registration.

Ruth Millett
Town Clerk
Groton, New Hampshire



Just a reminder, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday	12:00pm – 7:00pm
*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday	



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DISTRICT TWO
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Executive Council Annual Report
Karen Liot Hill — District 2

The New Hampshire Executive Council is unique, serving as a check and balance on the Governor and providing oversight of state government—much like a city council, but for the entire state. The Council's work can be summarized with one word: **CARS**, reflecting our constitutional responsibilities and my work on behalf of the people, communities, and municipalities of District 2.

C — Contracts

The Executive Council oversees state spending by voting on all contracts over \$10,000. In 2025, the Council reviewed **2,473 contracts across 24 meetings**.

My role is to advocate for District 2 and protect taxpayers statewide. When a road construction contract was delayed for the Town of Charlestown, I spoke out, prompting a special Council meeting where the contract was approved unanimously. Throughout the year, I raised concerns about decisions that could leave taxpayers responsible for cost overruns or errors, including issues related to construction of the residential psychiatric hospital. I also advocated for District 2 municipalities receiving state grants for water improvements, equipment purchases, and affordable housing. During the federal government shutdown, I focused on contingency planning for SNAP to ensure services for vulnerable residents continued uninterrupted.

A — Appointments

The Executive Council votes on the Governor's nominations of judges, commissioners, and state board members. In 2025, the Council voted on **166 confirmations**, including **58 residents of District 2**, and held public hearings for the Commissioners of Education and Corrections and a Supreme Court Justice.

I supported the confirmation of Education Commissioner Caitlin Davis, noting the broad bipartisan support for her nomination. I cast a dissenting vote on the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Bryan Gould due to concerns about judicial independence and conflicts of interest. When it became clear that Commissioner Taylor Caswell would not be reappointed to lead the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, I expressed disappointment, stating the decision was unnecessary and harmful to the state at a time when experience and continuity were especially important.

R — Roads

The Executive Council plays a major role in managing state infrastructure and updating the State's 10-Year Transportation Plan every two years. In 2025, the Council worked with the Department of Transportation to develop a draft plan and held **25 public hearings statewide**. I hosted **8 hearings in District 2**.

Due to rising costs and insufficient revenues, the prior plan was approximately **\$400 million oversubscribed**, requiring major cuts, including construction funding for key Turnpike safety projects in Manchester and Bow-Concord. Public testimony overwhelmingly supported a toll increase paired with a New Hampshire resident discount to cover the costs of these projects. The final plan restored the Manchester project without adding a revenue source, while leaving the Bow-Concord project out. I dissented and filed a minority report, citing concerns about fairness to District 2 and fiscal responsibility. The Turnpike System was designed to be self-funded through tolls, and major projects should not proceed without a clear funding plan.

S — Services

Providing constituent services is a central part of my work. In 2025, I helped residents, nonprofits, and businesses navigate state agencies on issues involving grants, permits, benefits, employment, licensing, and more.

Over the summer, I spent three days traveling across District 2 with DOT Commissioner Bill Cass, visiting road and bridge projects and meeting with municipal officials to better understand local infrastructure needs. I also hosted the Executive Council's summer meeting in Sunapee, focusing on the economic impact of mountains and lakes. Outdoor recreation generates approximately **\$4 billion annually**, supports more than **100,000 jobs**, and contributes over **\$45 million in state tax revenue** each year—resources vital to District 2 and the state.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to accountability, fairness, and service—using the Executive Council's unique role to ensure state government works effectively for District 2 and all of New Hampshire. I issue a report with items of particular significance to District 2 after each Council meeting. These can be found at **council.nh.gov**.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. If I can be of assistance as you interact with state government, please contact me at **Karen.LiotHill@nh.gov** or **603-252-2542**.

Very Truly Yours,

Executive Councilor
District 2

Notes

TOWN OF GROTON

SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:00

*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

744-9190

744-3382 fax

selectmen@grotonnh.org

www.grotonnh.org

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday Evening of the month: 7:00 pm

Please call 744-9190 by noon on Mondays to get on the current week's agenda.

Town Administrator:

Sara Smith

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00-4:00

Tuesday evenings: 12:00-7:00

*closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

All other times by appointment

Ruth Millett

Hilary Coles – Deputy

744-8849

744-8803 fax

townclerk@grotonnh.org

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday: 12:00-6:00

Saturday: 9:00-5:00

Sunday: 12:00-6:00

744-3623

Transfer Station Superintendent:

Norm Willey

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Michael Bagan

744-3703

744-7894 (fax)

police@grotonnh.org

Animal Control Officer: Groton Police

EMERGENCY: 911

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director: Robert Ellis

744-3758

