

# Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

## Board Members

Trustee Conger  
Trustee Morey  
Trustee Walpole - Via zoom (non voting)  
Mayor Neville  
Trustee Holl

## Others in attendance:

Nancy Niswender - Clerk via zoom  
Chad Shurtleff - DPW Suprv.  
Steve Teeter - Elec Suprv.  
Mike Albro - YAWS  
Pat Albro - YAWS  
Angela Conger

7:00pm Mayor Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21 & March 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Trustee Conger , carried.

## **Audit of claims and approval thereof.**

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the claims presented for review.  
and to adjust the budget as follows:

### General Fund

A1990.4	Contingency	2,000.00	
A1325.41	Treasurer - Audit		2,000.00
A4089	Federal Aid- Other	80,000.00	
A9901.9	Interfund Transfer		80,000.00

### Joint Recreation Fund

J2705	Gifts & Donation	12,093.00	
J7145.45	Wrestling - Spec		12,093.00

The claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

### Abstract #10

GENERAL	46,270.91
WATER	15,549.43
SEWER	18,237.20
ELECTRIC	149,299.75
JOINT REC	2,125.54

Seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

## Monthly Department Reports:

### Electric Department:

#### Supervisor Teeter report was submitted (attached to the minutes)

- Hearing tests were done on March 6th.
- Engineering workshop a good experience.
- Getting Quotes for he Digger Derick. Estimated 2-4 years to receive the truck. Difficult to give accurate quote due to time delays.

## Department of Public Works

### Supervisor Shurtleff reviewed his report submitted (attached to the minutes)

- Will be meeting with on Wednesday to discuss the replacement of any lead lines.
- We have a descent amount of salt left to carry to next year.

## Waste Water Treatment Plant

### Mike Albro - YAWS Reported:

- Reviewed a program to have another hauler to take the sludge and we submitted a permit to pay Steuben Land Fill. This could happen after the Casella Contract is completed. About half of the sludge has been removed and things are running smooth. Doing some upkeep and cleaning.

## Fire Department

### Trustee Conger reported on Chief Eric DeForrest comments on the following:

- The public hearing went very well for the EMS Cost Recovery plan. Very low attendance and no concerns I would consider high level.

## Joint Recreation

### Trustee Conger reviewed the Joint Recreation report (attached to the minutes):

## Groton Youth Commission

### Trustee Conger reviewed the Groton Youth report (attached to the minutes):

## Code Office

### Ted Skibinski - Interim Code Officer submitted his report attached to the minutes.

### **7:15pm Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2023**

- The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 - A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "SEWERS" . (attached)

Trustee read the Notice of Public Hearing (attached).

Mayor Neville made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:17pm, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

- Trustee Holl made a motion that the Local Law No. 2 of 2023, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "SEWERS" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",

Trustee Morey voted "aye",

Trustee Holl voted "aye",

Mayor Neville voted "aye"

The resolution was duly declared adopted. (Type II Action under SEQR.)

**7:30pm Public Hearing on Tax Exemptions for Local Law's #3, #4 & #5 of 2023**

- The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Tax Exemptions for Local Law's #3, #4 & #5 of 2023

Trustee Conger summarized the Notice of Public Hearing (attached).  
Each of the following Local Laws were reviewed:(attached)

**Local Law # 3 of 2023 - "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE MEMBERS TAX EXEMPTION"**

**Local Law #4 of 2023 - "EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS WITH LIMITED INCOMES"**

**Local Law #5 of 2023 - Code of the Village of Groton, amending Chapter 181, "TAXATION", specifically Article II "SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION"**

Trustee Conger made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:35pm, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

- Trustee Holl made a motion for a resolution that the Local Law No.3 of 2023, "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE MEMBERS TAX EXEMPTION" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",  
Trustee Morey voted "aye",  
Trustee Holl voted "aye",  
Mayor Neville voted "aye"

The resolution was duly declared adopted. (Type II Action under SEQR.)

- Trustee Morey made a motion for a resolution that the Local Law No.4 of 2023, "EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS WITH LIMITED INCOMES" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",  
Trustee Morey voted "aye",  
Trustee Holl voted "aye",  
Mayor Neville voted "aye"

The resolution was duly declared adopted. (Type II Action under SEQR.)

- Trustee Conger made a motion for a resolution that the Local Law No.5 of 2023, Code of the Village of Groton, amending Chapter 181, "TAXATION", specifically Article II "SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION" be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye",  
Trustee Morey voted "aye",  
Trustee Holl voted "aye"  
Mayor Neville voted "aye"

The resolution was duly declared adopted. (Type II Action under SEQR.)

**Action Items**

- The Board of Trustees reviewed the RFP -Draft Invitation to Bid for the Municipal Building and Fire Station Design-Build Project.
- The Board of Trustees reviewed the request from the Jr/Sr PTO to hold a color run. Trustee Holl made a motion to accept the request upon approval of all required departments, seconded by Trustee

7:35pm Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn to the budget workshop on March 25th at 9am.

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## Groton Village Board of Trustees

Saturday March 25, 2023 9am

Village Board of Trustees meeting from, Monday, March 20, 2023 reconvened at 9:15am.

Present: Trustee Conger, Trustee Morey, Trustee Walpole via zoom, Budget Officer Niswender.

The Village Board and Budget Officer met to discuss the upcoming 2023-24 budget  
The tentative budget was reviewed and will be updated.

Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Niswender  
Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator

## **Electric Department Report**

**March 13, 2023**

### **Work Completed**

Stray voltage testing

Trimmed trees

Inventory

Replace rusted transmission pan & serviced E-1

UDIG NY mark outs

Snow plowing

Changed blades on chipper truck

Worked on hooking up computer in spare office & inputting stray voltage findings

Meter reading

Helped take drive shaft out of drum filter at the sewer plant

Replace front shocks on F450

Repaired plow for F450

Turn on 133 Cayuga St. Apt.#2

Washed trucks

Helped rebuild bracket for salt spinner & changed cutting edge on truck #46

Turn on at 313 & 315 Barrows St.

Helped fix oil leak & replace gas pedal on skid steer

Yearly hearing test

Fixed streetlight for the Village of Dryden

Engineering workshop



# Village of Groton

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Trustees.....	Elizabeth T. Conger
	Michael G. Holl
	Jean E. Morey
	Terrance E. Walpole
Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator.....	Nancy Niswender
Dept. of Public Works Supv.....	Chad M. Shurtleff
Electric Utility Supv.....	Stephen E. Teeter
Police OIC .....	Lt. Troy Boice

## Department of Public Works February 21 – March 20, 2023

### Completed Work/Projects:

- Salt & plow snow as needed
- Repair broken valves at the sewer plant
- Miscellaneous repairs at the sewer plant
- Repair the salt spinner on #46
- Repair electrical problem on #46
- Repair a hydraulic leak on the skid loader
- Finish repairs to the street sweeper
- Move snow after 8-10" snowstorm 3/13/23
- Complete and submit annual water withdrawal report
- Rebuild and install one highline pump

### Schedule of Work

- Begin street sweeping – weather permitting
- Repair street signs as needed
- Fire hydrant maintenance

Village of Groton

Fuel Usage Report in Gallons

Dates: 03/20/2023

	<b>Unleaded</b>	<b>Diesel</b>
DPW	133	214
Electric	180	40
Fire	86	79
Police	340	

## **Groton Joint Recreation Committee**

**March 7, 2023**

Scott Weeks called the meeting to order at: 5:34pm

### **Present were:**

Rec Director Becky Koenig

Scott Weeks

Crystal Young

Leon Brockway

Jennifer Foote-Dean

Elizabeth Conger      Via Zoom

Monica Dykeman      Left 6:30

### **Absent**

The minutes were reviewed from the February 7th meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes by: Crystal Young

2nd by: Leon Brockway

carried.

### **Financial Reports February :**

Motion made to approve the financial report by: Leon Brockway

2nd by: Jennifer Foote-Dean

carried.

Monica Dykeman presented about the 21st Century Grant. She stated that there are two grants that she is currently the contact person for. She gave a brief description of what the grants are and what qualifies. The 21st century Grant is a Community Grant meant for out of school time. To provide programming for students and families. The grant is for \$500,000 per year for 5 years. The grant is not meant to supplant already established programming but to help create new opportunities. She is working with Recreation Director Becky Koenig on helping to provide programming and support for new programs that will be sustainable. Monica Dykeman also handed out a Mission and Vision statement along with program goals and current programs for the 21st Century Grant. (See attached)

### **Recreation Director Report**

See Director Becky Koenig's Report attached

Updates to report:

### **Spring Planning**

Ross field can be used for Softball. Chuck Rankin spoke with the church officials at St. Anthony and they are interested in entertaining usage. It needs to go through the proper channels for approval.

T-ball signups have started.

Recreation Director Becky met with Athletic Director Mark Triolo and Tracy Cooper about scheduling for building use requests to make sure that everyone is getting a fair chance to get spaces. The school asked that requests only come in on a monthly basis. Recreation Director Becky will connect with football, cheer, softball, baseball committees and explain that the school is requesting they only submit forms for one month at a time. Becky stated that she would like to be the go between for the school and youth coaches. Some concerns came up about Ross field and having volunteers trained. Recreation Director Becky mentioned to Mark Triolo and Tracy Cooper that she isn't trained and Jennifer Foote-Dean mentioned that the whole committee had wanted to be trained to be backups if needed. Leon Brockway said that football had an informal training and that Margo Martin went out to practice for football and talked to president and committee and gave them a packet with info on what needed to be done. It was discussed that a more formal training would be helpful.

Scott Weeks mentioned doing a spring track and field in mid April. Scott will talk to other coaches from the running club to help out.

### **Summer Planning**

New program ideas for youth Volleyball Camp, Joe Milliman is interested in doing a youth equine camp with kids, it was discussed to check on liability for this. Shana Snyder is doing a Try for the Tri- work with kids on working towards a triathlon, Recreation Director Becky will work on getting her pool time. Becky is also talking with Monica Dykeman to see if she can help support these new programs through the grant. Leon Brockway made a suggestion that the committee needs to think about the charges for programming and they may need to go up as the cost of most everything is rising.

The Recreation booklet is being worked on and the plan is to have it to the printers the first week of April. Scott Weeks mentioned that he needs to chat about the Labor Day 5k before it's published.

### **Professional Development**

- Facility aquatics training is in progress.
- Recreation Director Becky Koenig Lifeguarding course in April. Recreation Director Becky will talk to Monica and see if this course could be covered by the grant
- Kristin Likel passed the Lifeguard instructor course. They can now start scheduling courses for new guards.

### **Grants Update**

Beautification Grant notification should find out this month if we are awarded.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

- Pool and Sandblasting- \$17,000- and paint quote came in at \$20,000- Crystal Young said that the town has money set aside and she will talk to the them. They have a 5 year plan to set money aside to assist with the pool project. The Town meeting is next Tuesday 3/14/2023.



- Groton Youth Services- Recreation Director was Becky invited to put her name in for Youth Services advisory board. They have monthly meetings via zoom. 1.5 hours last Monday of the month, it's a great resource. Jennifer Foote-Dean stepped down but is staying a member at large. The committee agreed it was a good idea for Becky to be on the board.

- It was asked if the Soccer's audit book had been received. Recreation Director Becky spoke with Jared McCormack and he's working on the book and trying to get invoices. He will turn it in as soon as it's finished. Jennifer Foote-Dean offered to go over the book once it's received.

- There was a discussion about the funds that we are saving by partnering with the 21st Century grant. It was asked if the funds could be placed in a savings account and be carried over year to year. Recreation Director will ask Administrator Nancy Niswender and let the committee know at the next meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

None

Motion to adjourn: 7:34 made by: Crystal Young  
2nd by: Leon Brockway

Next meeting April 4, 2023

Submitted by:  
Angela Conger  
Village of Groton  
Deputy Treasurer



**Groton Joint Recreation Committee**  
**Becky Koenig- Director Report**  
**March 2023**

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**Winter Programming**

- Youth Basketball:
  - Travel games end this week. End of season parties happening Friday. Kids vs Coaches/Adults
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program on Saturday program in March/April (42 participants)
    - Kindergarten- 9-9:45a (Will Brangan)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 9:45-10:30 (Danielle Baker/Kayleigh Plumeau)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 10:30-11:15 (Jenn Kiester)
- Youth Wrestling
  - End of season party Friday @ Bowling alley
- Zumba
  - Tuesdays 6-7 Feb 28th 6 weeks (13 participants @ first session)
  - Saturdays 9-10am March 18<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks (pairs with K-2 Basketball)
  - Opened program up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade up through adult. Cost covered by 21<sup>st</sup> Cent. Grant.
- Coed Open Rec Volleyball- Mondays 7-9 starting March 20th. (Avg 20 participants)
  - Reserved through April

**Cabin Fever- March 4th**

- Total Attendance:345 Vendor Revenue: \$295
- Laser Tag: 90
- Rock-N-Skate Attendance:175 Revenue: \$305
- Performers/Paid Events: \$1,725
- Total Cost: \$1,125 (Awarded \$1,200 via Celebrations Grant)
- Notified the HS gym is no longer available for the roller-skating event.

**Spring Planning:**

- Yoga with Lorrie Tily
  - Beginner Yoga 2x per week 6wk (7 participants). Starts March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Vinyasa Yoga 1x per week 6wk. Starts March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Opened program up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade up through adult. Cost covered by 21<sup>st</sup> Cent. Grant.
- Red Cross Baby Sitting Class- April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9a-4:30p \$65 with a max of 12 students.
- Roller Skating Night- April 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 Family Skate & 7-8 All Skate
- Youth Baseball Concerns:
  - Lease a possibility with Church property.
  - Ross Field can be used for Softball.

### **Summer Planning:**

- Summer Concerts are scheduled. Food trucks have been scheduled.
- Hiring; Will post jobs this week.
- Summer camps:
  - Contacted programs from last year.
  - Started Creating summer program booklet.

### **Professional Development:**

- Aquatics Facility Operator Course- Mechanical, chemical, operation, and risk management aspects of pool facilities. April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
- Lifeguarding Course-Pre-req on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Course April 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
  - 21<sup>st</sup> century grant can cover course for Groton residents.
  - Kristen Likel interested in becoming Instructor Certified

### **Grants:**

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Beautification Grant            | Submitted Request \$1,600  |
| • Summer Concert Grant:           | AWARD \$1,800              |
| • Community Celebrations Grant:   | AWARD \$1,200              |
| • Community Foundation:           | AWARD \$3,500              |
| • United Way:                     | AWARD \$1,500              |
| • Legacy Grant for Tennis Courts: | \$5,000 (deferred to 2022) |



# Groton Central Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center

## VISION

Ignite the passion for learning and inspire unique pathways to success.

## MISSION

Empower all students to reach their fullest potential and thrive in a diverse, ever changing world.

## PROGRAM GOALS

### Academic

- 150 grades k-5 and 150 grades 6-12 students will participate in the program for at least 15 hours per school year and 15 hours per summer.
- 90% of grades k-5, 6-8, and 9 students participating in the program will demonstrate a 5% average increase in STAR assessment proficiencies in math and reading from fall to spring.
- 15% of students in grades 7-8 and 10-12 attending programming during the school year with a prior-year unweighted GPA less than 3.0 will demonstrate an improved GPA.
- 30 students will enroll and 25 will successfully complete dual enrollment courses in EMT and Wilderness First Aid.

### Behavior

- 50% of students with behavior referrals in the previous year will demonstrate a decrease in referrals.
- 50% of students with a school attendance rate of < 90% will demonstrate an improved attendance rate.
- 50% of students will demonstrate a decrease in in-school suspensions as compared to the previous year.

### Student Engagement

- 75% of students will demonstrate improvement in teacher-reported engagement in learning.
- 50% of students k-12 participating in at least 15 hours of programming, will report the program positively impacts their social-emotional development.
- 50% of students who attend 15 hours of programming will self report positive changes in attitudes and behaviors related to eating habits and physical activity.

### Families

- Family activities will be offered at least 4 times a year with 85% of adults and students reporting satisfaction.
- 10% of participants will have a family member register for an Adult Education Certification Course.
- 10% of participants will have a family member attend an adult education class.

# 21st Century Jan- March Activities

## Elementary

Chess Club  
Game Club (2 sessions)  
Book Club  
Sewing Club (2 session)  
Drumming  
Girls on the Run  
Primary Art Club  
Baking Club

## Jr/Sr High

Book Club	Girls on the Run
Coding	Wilderness Club
Anima/ Manga	Fitness
Chess Club	Baseball Fitness
Craft Club	B/G Soccer
Astronomy/ Astrophotography	
Cross Country Skiing	
Middle School Yearbook	
Primitive Pursuits	

## Community

Functional Fitness  
Knitting  
Wellness  
Community Band  
Groton Project Running Club  
Zumba  
Yoga

*Program Manager*  
Chad Hovey, as of 3/06/23

*Cornell Cooperative Extension Coordinator*  
Shelley Lester  
Athena Steinkraus, Asst. Coordinator

*Tompkins County Youth Services*  
Kate Shanks-Booth

*Youth Representative*

# Groton Youth Commission

143 Cortland St, Groton, NY 13073

*Chair*  
Glenn E. Morey

*Vice Chair*  
Elizabeth T. Conger

*Board Members*  
Kayla Esparza  
Pegi Ficken  
Brian Klumpp  
Sara Knobel  
Kristin Prugh

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## Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023

The March 2, 2023 meeting of the Groton Youth Commission was called to order by Chairman Glenn Morey, at 7:02 pm in-person. Members present were Elizabeth Conger, Vice Chairman; Board members Kayla Esparza, Kristin Prugh, Sara Knobel, CCE Program Coordinator Shelley Lester, TC Youth Services Director Kate Shanks-Booth and Coordinator of Community Youth Services Rick Alvord.

### Secretary's Minutes:

Minutes for October were accepted on a motion by Glenn Morey seconded by Kristin Prugh and carried.

**Report: Shelley Lester:** Shelley presented the final budget for 2022 Summer Camp. We ended up with a reserve of \$13,944.65. She also presented 2023 Summer Camp budget. Motion to accept the 2023 budget was made by Glenn and seconded by Kristin. Motion carried. The budget YTD for 2022 for CCE was also presented. We were under budget, due to the resignation of Program Manager Nick Wagner. New staff has been added to the CCE office. The new Program Manager Chad Hovey will start on Monday, March 6, with orientation and online training.

### Report: Kate Shanks-Booth:

**Report: Rick Alvord:** Rick stated that the Big Brother-Big Sister program is looking for volunteers. He presented the Vitality Assessment that he has asked folks to complete. He also presented information about the legalization of Marijuana in NY, information on Mental Health Support and Crisis Services plus a flier from TST BOCES "Healthy Youth" about substance abuse and parents listening>\.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Next meeting is April 5, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Submitted by  
Elizabeth Conger  
Vice Chair

**Board Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00pm**  
**Ted Skibinski, Interim Code Officer**

Accomplishments:

1. Completed two of six online learning/training modules, with a testing score average of 95.
  - a. Four of six classes remain to be completed through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
2. Continued collaboration with (sponsor) town of Groton Code Enforcement Officer Rick Fritz
  - a. Weekly (Tuesday) meetings to review outstanding building permits, to train by observation, learn best practices, and to schedule permit work inspections.
  - b. Completed two onsite inspections with Rick Fritz.
3. Attended and participated in **Tompkins County Enforcement Round Table** discussion on March 1.
  - a. Met, networked, and shared contact details with neighboring community inspectors.
4. Followed up by phone and email on 7 of 33 existing legacy permits. Two inspections have been scheduled for late March 2023.
  - a. 33 legacy permits remain that need to be inspected, closed, and archived.
5. Met with Mr. Patrick Deptula at the Groton Community Health Care Center regarding a state inspection deficits and course corrections for emergency evacuation from the first level of the facility. Scheduled a follow up meeting for Rick Friz to confirm at validate my opinions and recommendations to Mr. Deptula.
6. Began Development of **Life Safety Inspection Checklist** and process/procedure documents. State Certification to conduct these inspections will be achieved after successfully completing and testing for the third training module after March 30<sup>th</sup>.
7. Nearing Completion – Internal Process and Procedure Document – **Permit open, close and archive** process document. The goal of this document is to begin the process of having one internal path and procedure to track permit work.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
VILLAGE OF GROTON**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:15pm, at the Groton Village Office, 143 Cortland St. to consider the adoption of a local law that will amend the Code of the Village of Groton, amending Chapter 165, "Sewers", specifically Sections 165-3 (A) and (B) in relation to sewer rents imposed.

The proposed amendment will increase the rents charged for sewer service to \$7.25 per 100 cubic feet for all usage under 35,000 cubic feet and \$6.25 per 100 cubic for usage 35,000 cubic feet and over. The minimum charge will also increase to \$30.25 per monthly billing. The effective date of the rate schedule will be April 1, 2023.

A copy of the local law in its entirety is available for review at the Village Clerk's Office, 143 Cortland St., during usual business hours.

The public is invited to attend and all oral or written comments may be presented for consideration.

Any person with special needs, who wish to attend the hearing, should contact the Village Office (898-3966) immediately so your particular needs can be accommodated.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

Nancy Niswender  
Village Clerk



VILLAGE OF GROTON

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF GROTON, "SEWERS" TO AMEND SECTION 165-3(A), (B), (C-1) AND SECTION 165-4 (A) THEREOF BY REPLACING SECTION 165-3(A), (B), WITH A NEW SECTION 165-3(A), (B).

Section 1. Chapter 165 of the Code of the Village of Groton is hereby amended to amend Section 165-3 (A), (B) to read as follows:

**§165-3. Sewer rents imposed; amount.**

For the service rendered by the sewer system to the owners and other users of real property within the corporate limits of the village connected with and served by the sewer system and for the payment of the cost of construction, operation, maintenance and repair of said system as hereinbefore defined, there is hereby established a scale of sewer rents which, except as otherwise provided herein, will be based upon the consumption of water used as indicating the extent of the use of said system.

A. The following scale of sewer rents is established and should be payable for each monthly period:

- (1) For the first 400 cubic feet of water used in any monthly period or any minor fraction of 400 cubic feet of water used, the rate shall be \$30.25, this being the minimum charge.
- (2) For all water used in any one monthly period in excess of 400 cubic feet and not exceeding 34,999 cubic feet, the rate for each 100 cubic feet or any minor fraction thereof shall be \$7.25.
- (3) For all water used in any one monthly period in excess of 35,000 cubic feet, the rate for each 100 cubic feet or minor fraction thereof shall be \$6.25.

B. In any event, the minimum charge for each separate meter shall be \$30.25 for each monthly period; except that when the amount of water used by any owner or occupant shall have reached at least 10,000 cubic feet in any one monthly period, then the minimum charge thereafter for such owner or occupant for each monthly period shall be computed by applying the scale of rents hereinbefore established to an amount equivalent to 75% of the highest number of cubic feet of water consumed in any one monthly period for a period of 24 monthly periods immediately preceding the monthly period for which the minimum charge is made.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately and the sewer rents imposed shall be effective on and after April 1, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
VILLAGE OF GROTON**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:30pm, at the Groton Village Office, 143 Cortland St. to consider the adoption of the following Proposed Local Laws and amended Local Law:

**Proposed Local Laws**

"VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE MEMBERS TAX EXEMPTION" The intent of this local law is to encourage volunteer service with local volunteer fire firefighter and volunteer ambulance agencies by providing up to a 10 percent tax exemption on the residential parcel assessment for qualifying volunteer members pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 466-a, the terms of the Village of Groton and the Volunteer Agencies.

"DISABILITY EXEMPTION" The intent of this local law is to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying persons with disabilities as provided for in § 459-c of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. It is the purpose and intent of the Village of Groton to authorize such real property tax reductions for persons with disabilities and to set maximum levels of exemption as authorized by § 459-c of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

**Proposed Amended Laws:**

Code of the Village of Groton, amending Chapter 181, "Taxation", specifically Article II Senior Citizen Tax Exemption, Sections 181-17 Exemptions Granted, raising the minimal annual income from \$29,000 to \$35,000.

A copy of these local laws in their entirety are available for review at the Village Clerk's Office, 143 Cortland St., Groton, NY during usual business hours.

The public is invited to attend and all oral or written comments may be presented for consideration.

Any person with special needs, who wish to attend the hearing, should contact the Village Office (898-3966) immediately so your particular needs can be accommodated.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

Nancy Niswender  
Village Clerk

## Village of Groton LL#3 of 2023

### Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton, County of Tompkins to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law §466-a.

### Section 2. Authority

Real Property Tax Law §466-a authorizes the Village Board of Trustees to adopt a local law providing a real property tax exemption of up to ten percent of the assessed value of real property owned by qualifying volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance workers.

Section 3. Grant of Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers the Board of Trustees of the Village of Groton, County of Tompkins hereby provides a real property tax exemption of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of real property for individuals that meet the following qualifications

- A. Any enrolled member who has been certified by the Groton Fire Department as an enrolled member of the Groton Fire Department or Groton Volunteer Ambulance Service and has a minimum of two (2) years of service and the individual resides in the Village of Groton, and the property receiving the benefit is the primary residence of, and owned by, the individual and is given exclusively for residential purposes and any portion of the property not used for residential purposes shall be subject to taxation.
- B. Any member of the Groton Fire Department or Groton Volunteer Ambulance Service who has achieved over 20 years of accumulated service shall be considered a life member and the aforementioned exemption will continue for the remainder of their life so long as the property serves as their primary residence.
- C. Any un-remarried surviving spouse of an individual who has been certified by the Groton Fire Department as an enrolled member of the Groton Fire Department or Groton Volunteer Ambulance Service, who was killed in the line of duty upon being certified by the authority having jurisdiction of said, fire department or ambulance service that the individual is eligible for the exemption, and the individual has accumulated five (5) years of service provided that the un-remarried surviving spouse continues to own the primary residence within Village of Groton .
- D. Any un-remarried surviving spouse of an individual who has been certified by the Groton Fire Department as an enrolled member of the Groton Fire Department or Groton Volunteer Ambulance service, who passed away and had accumulated twenty (20) years of service provided that the un-remarried surviving spouse continues to own the primary residence within the Village of Groton.

### Section 4. Ineligibility

No such tax exemption shall be granted until a member of the Groton Fire Department or Groton Volunteer Ambulance Service has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction of said fire department or ambulance service of having achieved a minimum of two (2) years of service.

### Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

### Section 6. Effective Date

This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall be applicable for all assessment rolls filed after this date.

**Article IV**  
**Exemption for Disabled Persons with Limited Incomes**

**§ 181-25 Exemption granted.**

A. Pursuant to the provisions of § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property located in the Village of Groton owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by husband and wife or by siblings, one of whom has a disability, or real property owned by one or more persons, some of whom qualify under § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York and others of whom qualify under § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and whose income, as defined in § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be partially exempt from taxation by said Village for the applicable taxes specified in said § 459-c based upon the income of the owner or combined incomes of the owners. For the purpose of this article, "sibling" shall mean a brother or sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption. Such partial exemption shall be to the extent set forth in the following schedule:

<b>Schedule of Exemption</b>	
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Percentage of Assessed Valuation of Property Subject to Exemption</b>
Up to \$35,000.00	50%
\$35,000.01 to \$36,000.00	45%
\$36,000.01 to \$37,000.00	40%
\$37,000.01 to \$38,000.00	35%
\$38,000.01 to \$38,900.00	30%
\$38,900.01 to \$39,800.00	25%
\$39,800.01 to \$40,700.00	20%
\$40,700.01 to \$41,600.00	15%
\$41,600.01 to \$42,500.00	10%
\$42,500.01 to \$43,400.00	5%

B. The partial exemption provided by this article shall, however, be limited to such property and persons as meet the conditions, exclusions and limitations as set forth in § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. This article shall be administered in accordance with said section of the Real Property Tax Law, as now adopted and as it may be amended from time to time, and the provisions of said section shall be applicable to the effectuation of the exemption provided for in this article.

**§ 181-26 Application for exemption.**

Applications for such exemption must be made by the owner or all of the owners of the property on forms to be furnished by the Tompkins County Division of Assessment and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms and shall be filed in such office on or before the appropriate taxable status date.

**§ 181-27 Penalties for offenses.**

Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 and shall disqualify the application or applicants from further exemption for a period of five years.

**Article II**  
**Senior Citizens Tax Exemption**

**[Adopted 11-30-1970 by L.L. No. 1-1970]**

**§ 181-17 Exemption granted.**

**[Last amended 12-21-2009 by L.L. No. 2-2009]**

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law (added by Chapter 616, Laws of 1966), as amended, real property located in the Village of Groton used exclusively for residential purposes and owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by a husband and wife, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall, subject to the further provisions and limitations of this section, be exempt from taxation by said Village to the extent set forth in the Schedule of Exemption set forth below. This exemption, however, shall be limited to such property and persons as meet the conditions, qualifications, exclusions and limitations set forth in said § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and shall be in accordance with and comply with said section of the Real Property Tax Law, as now adopted and as it may be amended. No exemption will be granted to any owner whose income exceeds, or owners whose combined incomes exceed, \$43,400.00 per annum for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for such exemption. For applicants who qualify for an exemption, the amount of such exemption shall be based upon the income (or combined incomes in the case of more than one owner of a property) for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for such exemption and shall be in an amount as set forth on the following schedule:

**Schedule of Exemption**

<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Percentage of Assessed Valuation of Property Subject to Exemption</b>
Up to \$35,000.00	50%
\$35,000.01 to \$36,000.00	45%
\$36,000.01 to \$37,000.00	40%
\$37,000.01 to \$38,000.00	35%
\$38,000.01 to \$38,900.00	30%
\$38,900.01 to \$39,800.00	25%
\$39,800.01 to \$40,700.00	20%
\$40,700.01 to \$41,600.00	15%
\$41,600.01 to \$42,500.00	10%
\$42,500.01 to \$43,400.00	5%