

3:3 City and Town of Groton Highway Budget

Wednesday February 4, 2026 City Council Chambers

I. Call to Order 6:03PM

Attendees: City Councilors Ambroise, Johns, Piazza
Town Councilors Jones, Baril, Merritt

Also in Attendance: Mayor Rusk

Quorum Declared

II. New Business

1. Review Public Works Highway FY27 Budget

City of Groton public works staff presented documents supporting the upcoming year fiscal budget. The budget request is paid for by the Town of Groton upon the approval of the Groton Town Council. The budget request is a 3.45% increase from last year's request. Noted increases are due to collective bargaining agreement wage increases and future legal representation for upcoming union contract negotiations.

The City of Groton is requesting two roads to be paved. Riverview and Fairview have a poor PCS rating and are being requested. Fairview was last paved in 1999 and is a heavily trafficked road. Consideration can be made by CoG to seek state grants for complete streets funding to increase walker/biker safety which could also defray costs.

Two request for vehicle replacements. One Ford pickup used as the public works director vehicle is past its useful life. The second vehicle request will be in two years of funding for an new excavator which has increased maintenance costs. The excavator cost will be requested in FY27 and FY28 budget years to spread out the expense.

III. Adjournment

Motion made by Piazza
Seconded by Jones

Passes Unanimously
6:35PM Adjourned