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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 23, 2003**

A quorum was announced by Moderator Anne Farina at 7:25 p.m. and the Special Town Meeting was called to order in the Swallow Union gymnasium. Moderator Anne Farina announced the first order of business would be to have the entire warrant read, including Article 1, by Town Clerk Carol Skerrett. Announcements included requests for the audience to complete and return the Senior Housing Survey originally published in the Neighbor to Neighbor. Also the GDAY (Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth) organization will have bricks on sale, to be personalized for the courtyard under construction at the new High School. Ted Gaudette announced town employees would be moving back to Town Hall and all offices would be closed for the week while the move was under way. Anne Farina then asked the audience to recognize Bob Nelson for his role as Temporary Moderator during the Annual and Special Town Meetings of May 12, in what was a most contentious evening. The audience responded with a standing ovation before quieting down to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk read the warrant with return of service.

ARTICLE 1. Motion made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$233,316.00 to supplement the appropriation made at the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2003, under line item 300.001, Groton-Dunstable Regional School District operating budget, Article 2 of the warrant for said meeting, hereby intending to approve the budget certified to the Town by the district school committee for fiscal 2004.

(A presentation entitled "FY04 Budget Discussion" was presented by Richard Silveria, Chairman of the Advisory Board, a brief summary by School Committee members Frank O'Connell and Alan Vervaeke, followed by questions and comments from the audience. Please refer to the full contents of minutes recorded on file with the Office of the Town Clerk.)

A motion to move the question was made and seconded at 8:30. Following the motion, a motion was made and seconded for a secret ballot.

Majority Vote Required

Motion Failed

Selectmen Ted Gaudette reread the motion. All voters standing are asked to sit in a chair while the vote was underway. The moderator informs the audience that even though the vote is a majority, not 2/3rds, the vote would be hand counted.

Majority Vote Required
Yes: 274 No: 72

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:37 pm. Total number of voters checked in: 359 voters.

Article

Raise and Appropriate to supplement

Groton-Dunstable Regional School operating budget: **\$233,316.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Skerrett
Town Clerk

Quorum Certificate

In accordance with The Town of Dunstable's Town Meetings, Town Elections & Records Bylaw, I hereby certify that the quorum for an Annual or Special Town Meeting is 50 registered voters of the Town of Dunstable.

Total number of voters checked in at the Special Town Meeting of June 23, 2003: 359 voters.