

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2025 @6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington – Chairperson, Adrian Johnson – Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman (remote), Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas (remote), Jay Weitlauf (remote), Jennifer White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Antipas, Michael Whitney

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Rita Parciak, Lauren Casini, John Reiner

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Beverly Washington – Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. REVIEW OF July 14, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Shulman, Johnson: To approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2025.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. DISCUSSION RE: FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON GPS (Attachment #1)

Mr. John Reiner, Director of Planning and Development gave an overview of future housing development and its effect on GPS (see attached map). He noted that there is not a lot of new housing in Groton.

IV. REVIEW OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION RATES

Mrs. Parciak gave an overview of the proposed FY26 Tuition Rates (see attachment).

V. DISCUSSION RE: PREFERRED MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

Superintendent Austin reviewed the proposed maximum class sizes (see attachment).

VI. REVIEW REFERRAL TRACKING SHEET

The Board reviewed the Referral Tracking Sheet.

ADD:

Discussion of quality weighted scoring (AJ) to Curriculum

Monthly reconciliation policy (BW) to Policy

MOTION: Shulman, Johnson: To suspend the rules to add an agenda item.
YES – Thomas, White, Shulman, Johnson
NO – Ackerman, Washington, Weitlauf

Due to the two-thirds rule of suspension, motion was defeated.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf: To adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

Town of Groton New Housing Opportunities Approved 2015 - July 2025

Housing Type	# of units or lots	# w/ BP
Single Family	23	13
Two-Family	8	8
ADU	40	33
Age-Restricted	310	25
Multi-Unit	1,590	714
Total	1,871	793

Legend

Housing Type

- Single Family
- Two-Family
- ★ ADU
- ◆ Age-Restricted
- ▲ Multi-Unit
- Ghost
- Neighborhoods
- Ghost
- Independent Zoning Jurisdictions

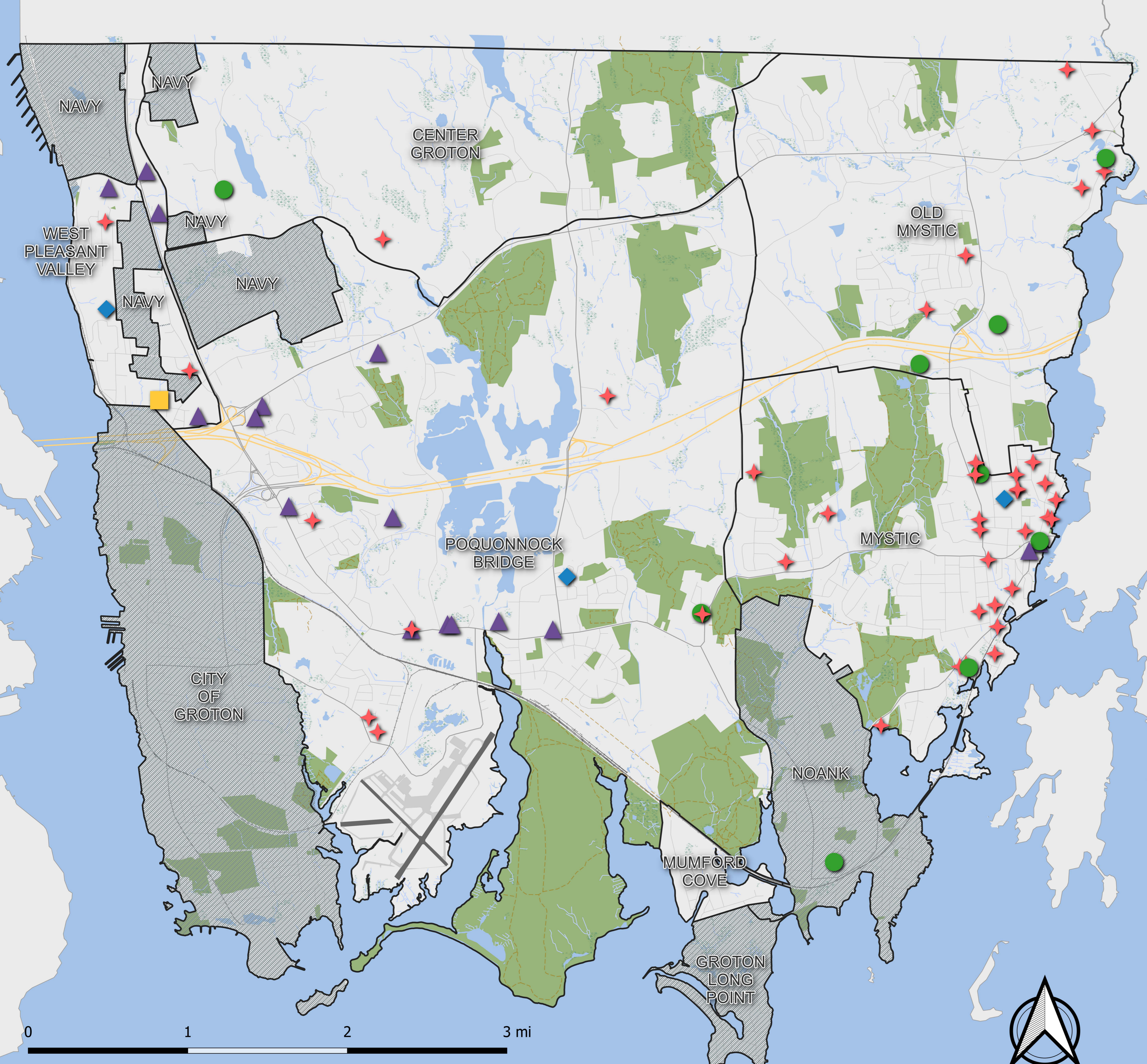
Notes:

Single family units were tabulated as new single family lots resulting from subdivisions or resubdivisions. Subdivisions or resubdivisions where new additional units were not intended and teardowns/rebuilds were not counted.

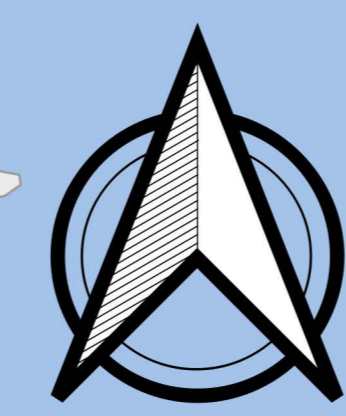
Two-family units were tabulated as new duplex lots. Four duplex lots would result in eight (8) total units.

Single apartments (one unit above commercial or one additional unit in a zone that allows duplexes) were tabulated as single family units.

Residential Care Facilities were considered age-restricted for the purposes of this map. New housing units intended for temporary stays were not included.



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Groton Public Schools
FY26 Proposed tuition rates for non-Groton resident students

**Approved
FY2024-2025
Tuition Rates**

**Proposed
FY2025-2026
Tuition Rates**

General Education Tuition Rates

Pre-K	\$ 6,871	\$ 16,727
Elementary School	\$ 13,742	\$ 16,727
Middle School	\$ 13,946	\$ 17,736
High School	\$ 15,382	\$ 17,736

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Special Education Program Costs

Self-contained (Academy/NBA Program/Transition Academy)	\$ 33,664	\$ 19,203
ABA Program	\$ 34,515	\$ 28,709
Multiple Disabilities Program	\$ 31,730	\$ 28,709
Resource Room	\$ 12,418	\$ 11,111

General Education Program Costs

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program	\$ 2,861	\$ 2,733
AP Classes	Cost of test	Cost of test

Additional Services

OT/PT	\$149/hour (group rate for 2 or more - \$74.50/hour)	\$157/hour (group rate for 2 or more - \$78.50/hour)
Speech	\$149/hour (group rate for 2 or more - \$74.50/hour)	\$157/hour (group rate for 2 or more - \$78.50/hour)
Counseling/Social Skills	\$149/hour (group rate for 2 or more - \$74.50/hour)	\$157/hour (group rate for 2 or more - \$78.50/hour)
BCBA	\$160/hour	\$168/hour
Evaluations-OT	\$728/hour	\$750/hour
Evaluations-PT	\$448/hour	\$462/hour
Evaluations-SLP	\$896/hour	\$923/hour
Evaluations-Psych	\$1,036/hour	\$1068/hour
Evaluations-Educational	\$784/hour	\$808/hour
Evaluations-ASD	\$1,008/hour	\$1,039/hour
Evaluations-FBA	\$1,596/hour	\$1,644/hour
Evaluations-Developmental	\$784/hour	\$808/hour
RBTs	\$27.52/hour	\$28.20/hour
Paraprofessionals	\$19.97/hour	\$20.83/hour

PREFERRED MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE GUIDELINES

(Approved by Groton Board of Education at its Regular Meeting on October 23, 2023)

ACADEMIC

PREFERRED MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE

Kindergarten – 1	20
Grades 2-3	23
Grades 4-12	25
Remedial Self-Contained 6-12	14
Remedial Individual/Small Group	40 (total teacher load)

SPECIAL AREAS

Technology Education (9-12)	20
Culinary Arts (9-12)	16
General Music (K-12)	25
Art (9-12)	20
Physical Education (6-12)	30

PUPIL – TEACHER RATIOS FOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Guidance Counselors	200:1
Library/Media Specialist	500:1
Special Education:	
Self-contained	12:1
Resource Room	20:1