

## Groton Electric Breaking Ground in 2013!

*After years (and years) of planning, GELD hopes to begin building its new office and garage facilities on Station Avenue in the spring/summer of 2013.*

### Where we are today...

We have completed the permitting process through the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board closed the public meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2012 and voted to approve Groton Electric's special permit to build our new 14,000 square foot office and garage facilities. The new facilities will be home to our 12 employees, a large town-accessible conference room and our garages.

Our architect worked cooperatively with the Town Center Overlay District Design Review Committee to obtain the Design Review Committee's support of GELD's plan. As you can see in the newest design (below), GELD is trying to capture the essence of a turn-of-the-century railroad depot. The design allows for expansion within our office facilities and includes a 5-bay garage that will house all of GELD's vehicle fleet including several pickup, bucket and digger trucks.

GELD's new office and garage facility will combine **historic** (the look of a turn-of-the-century railroad depot) with **modern** updated facilities that are long overdue.



We have been waiting a very long time for new facilities, and we are excited that it is finally coming to realization.

We'd like to thank our commissioners, Chris Christie, Rodney Hersh and Kevin Lindemer, for their continued support and patience in moving this project forward and for the time and energy they have exhausted along the way. They have spent countless hours in GELD meetings as well as in many other town department meetings to help make this happen. The GELD employees appreciate all that the commissioners do and are grateful for their efforts! We also want to thank Attorney Bob Collins for his knowledge of the law and his knowledge of the Town—his help has been invaluable.

We will keep our ratepayers updated throughout the building process. Don't hesitate to come by to check the progress or just to say hello. We will be offering regular business hours from an office trailer that will be situated on the GELD property.

## Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund

### GNEF Donation

A partnership between you, Groton Electric Light and The Salvation Army to bring energy assistance to those in need.

Groton Electric customer donation (876)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please DO NOT send cash)



Your tax deductible donation goes straight to the Fund and The Salvation Army sees that your contribution assists a Massachusetts household with the payment of its energy expenses.

Thank you for your support!

### Give the Gift of Warmth

During these uncertain times, local charities like the Good Neighbor Energy Fund need your help more than ever. Please consider giving warmth to a Massachusetts household in temporary financial crisis, such as from a loss of a job or unexpected illness, who may not find help anywhere else.

Your tax deductible donation goes straight to The Salvation Army and they see that your contribution provides energy assistance to a family in need.

Use the coupon at left and please make checks payable to the "Good Neighbor Energy Fund". Please reference 876 in the memo of your check. Mail to: *MA Good Neighbor Energy Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021-1408* or return with your GELD payment and we will forward your donation. If you prefer to donate using a credit card, visit [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org) or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769).

## Are You Interested in Paying More for "Green" Power?



**What is "green" power? Green power is electric energy produced by renewable, more environmentally-friendly sources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, and low-impact hydropower.**

**GreenPower**

Please tell us what you think about green power. Please complete this short survey and return to *Groton Electric, Attn: Tammi Lemire, 23 Station Ave., Groton, MA 01450*. Thank you.

Are you willing to pay more on your GELD electric bill for energy that is produced by renewable sources?

YES  NO

If yes, how much more are you willing to pay?

- An additional \$.01 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)
- An additional \$.02 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)
- An additional \$.03 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)

The exact amount would be your actual kWh multiplied by \$.01, \$.02, or \$.03 per kilowatt-hour depending on your choice. (example: if you use 1,000 kWh per month and you choose the \$.03 per kWh option, your bill will be \$30.00 more each month or \$360 per year).

- A different amount \_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify in \$ per kWh amount)
- Although I am all for "green" power, I would not be willing to pay more for it
- \$0.00—I am not willing to pay more for "green" power.

### Optional

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_