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Alison Manugian, Chairperson
Groton Select Board
Groton Town Hall
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Dear Alison,

In light of the police shooting in Brooklyn Center, MN that claimed the life of Daunte Wright, I wanted to assure the Select Board that the Groton Police Department is doing everything we can to educate and train our officers so that this will not happen here in Groton. Training Officer Gordie Candow has started a 20-minute roll call training to review the body cam video and show all of our officers how this shooting could have been avoided. All our officers are trained to carry the Taser and they receive use of force training two to three times a year. Our officers are required to carry the Taser on their non-dominant side, purposely to avoid "muscle confusion" when deploying under stressful conditions. As we proactively train for these encounters it is hoped that our officers are not put in this situation. Based on Massachusetts standards as well as our policy and training, the event in Minnesota did not rise to the level where we would be justified in using a Taser. If you receive any questions as to what the policy is for the Groton Police Department, please feel free to refer them to myself or Deputy Chief Sheridan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Luth".

Michael F. Luth
Chief of Police