



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. NEW BUSINESS

2013-0142 FYE 2013 Suspense List

Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 SUSPENSE LIST

WHEREAS, State law requires that once a year a list shall be compiled of taxes that should be suspended, and

WHEREAS, the accounts which have been determined as uncollectible have been contacted at least nine times with no response, and

WHEREAS, placing uncollected items on the Suspense List helps avoid waste of money and staff time, and

WHEREAS, taxpayers remain liable for all amounts that are placed on the Suspense List, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be added to the Suspense List as reported to the Town Council:

Town: \$743,260.51
Sewer District: \$2,957.66
Mumford Cove: \$24.29
Total: \$746,242.46

Legislative History

5/17/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

2013-0149 Collecting a Fee for DMV Reporting

Referral

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FEE FOR DMV REPORTING

WHEREAS, Connecticut State Statute 14-33(a) requires municipalities to notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles if a taxpayer is delinquent in the payment of property taxes on any motor vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the State charges municipalities a fee for the use of their Delinquent Motor Vehicle Tax Collection Service, and

WHEREAS, the Town tax division staff expends a considerable amount of time and expense in administration of delinquent motor vehicle accounts, and

WHEREAS, Connecticut State Statutes 7-148(c) and 12-166 empower the Town to collect taxes including the collection of interest, penalties, and fees charged thereon, now therefore be it

2013-0146 Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 14) Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2013

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$1,181,810, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2014 current property taxes will total \$24,214, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$550,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2013, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2014 Sewer District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Groton Sewer District Fund on July 1, 2013 is hereby established at 0.25 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$607,596 ($\$607,596 \div \$2,452,328,820$ (excluding motor vehicles) $\div 98.5\% \times 1,000 = 0.25$ mills).

Legislative History

5/20/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

2013-0143 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2013 JAG GRANT

WHEREAS, the 2013 Justice Assistance Grant is a federal grant administered under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program and may be used to purchase equipment and technology directly related to law enforcement functions for public safety, and

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Groton Town Police to expand in-car camera capabilities in the existing fleet of marked patrol vehicles, and

WHEREAS, in-car cameras afford the agency and patrol officers an increased level of officer safety and training, provide additional tools for combating criminal activity through the gathering of evidence, aid in the reduction of municipal liability and further enhance efficiency and effectiveness with respect to existing homeland security concerns, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program grant of \$12,000 for Fiscal Year 2013 to expand in-car camera capabilities in the existing fleet of marked patrol vehicles.

Legislative History

5/20/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

2013-0150 Authorization to Prepare a Bond Ordinance for Police Station Renovations Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A BOND ORDINANCE AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed Project 6) B) in the FYE 2014 Capital Improvement Program to renovate portions of the Groton Town Police Station, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters in a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town staff and the Town bond attorney are authorized to prepare a bond ordinance

