

GROTON TOWN COUNCIL
Committee of the Whole
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION

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Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1- Rita Schmidt, Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf, 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax, 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 8-Dean Antipas, 9-Harry Watson
ABSENT: 7-Deborah Peruzzotti
STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami
START TIME: 7:00 PM
FINISH TIME: 10:33 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Abstained	Amount Adopted
Motion: If a meeting with the City is not set up by the end of business on April 2nd, the Town's highway proposal should be sent to the City before the scheduled meeting on April 11th.			Frink, Antipas		8	0		N/A
Councilor Flax asked the Town Manager to discuss the pay increases for contracts in the budget. Mark Oefinger stated that there is \$200,000 added to contingency to partially fund any contractual increases approved. Councilor Cerf would like the mill rate increase reduced to 2% which would be a \$4M cut in the proposed budget. Discussion ensued on the importance of maintaining the 7.75% fund balance.								
1001- Legislative Policy	\$ 42,933	\$ 42,933	Watson, Moravsik	X	1,3,4,5,6,9	2,8		\$42,933
Councilor Antipas stated that this amount is keeping in line with what he would like the ultimate tax levy to be.		\$ 41,314	Antipas, Watson	X	2,8	1,3,4,5,6,9		
1003 - Voter Registration	\$ 147,836	\$ 147,836	Moravsik, Frink	X	1,3,4,5,6,9	8	2	\$147,836
Councilor Antipas stated that this amount is keeping in line with what he would like the ultimate tax levy to be.		\$ 142,262	Antipas, Cerf	X	2,8	1,3,4,5,6,9		
1005 - Town Clerk	\$ 329,379	\$ 329,379	Cerf, Moravsik	X	8	0		\$329,379
1006 - Legal Services	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	Watson, de la Cruz	X	1,2,3,4,5,9	6,8		\$450,000
Councilor Antipas stated that this amount is keeping in line with what he would like the ultimate tax levy to be.		\$ 433,000	Antipas, Moravsik	X	2,4,6,8	1,3,5,9		
1010 - Executive Management	\$ 420,983	\$ 420,983	Frink, Watson	X	8	0		\$420,983
Councilor Cerf would like to have a discussion on health insurance employee contributions for non-union employees after the budget process.								
1011-Information Technology	\$ 1,018,939	\$ 1,018,939	Frink, de la Cruz	X	1,2,3,4,5,6,9	8		\$1,018,939
Councilor Antipas stated that this amount is keeping in line with what he would like the ultimate tax levy to be.		\$ 980,526	Antipas, no second					
6050-Computer Replacement Fund	\$ 125,320	\$ 125,320	Frink, Watson	X	8	0		\$125,320
Councilor Moravsik would like to see us look into renting computers. Oefinger discussed the value of having this fund. Councilor Frink would like a chart showing the totals spent. Councilor Flax would like to reduce the amount in the fund balance. Staff will look into the best way to do this.								
7B) Computer Tech Acquisition software systems	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	Frink, Watson					
Councilor Frink would like to see a schedule for the work proposed in the first year.		\$ 380,400	Flax, Antipas	X	1,2,4,6	3,5,9	8	\$380,400
Motion to reconsider			Flax, Cerf	X	8	0		
7B) Computer Tech Acquisition Software Systems		\$ 380,400		X	1,2,3,4,5,6,9	0	8	\$380,400
1014- Emergency Communications	\$ 1,416,216	\$ 1,416,216	Moravsik, Cerf	X	1,3,4,5,6,9	2,8		\$1,416,216
		\$ 1,362,826	Antipas, Flax	X	2,5,8	1,3,4,6,9		
Joe Sastre discussed fire alarm systems that the fire departments have and the system that he has which connects to all of the fire departments systems. The utility company's are adding new poles and now the Town has to pay to have someone move the cables to the new poles. The fire districts need to decide not to use the boxes on the poles before the Town can make changes to the system.								
7C) Upgrade Radio Systems-Town Police	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Watson, Frink	X	8	0		\$100,000

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6M) Replacement of UPS - Emergency Communications Center	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	Frink, Cerf	X	8	0		\$110,000
The Town Manager will confirm that LoCIP funds will be used for this.								
1013 - Finance	\$ 1,403,263	\$ 1,403,263	Watson, Frink	X	8	0		\$1,403,263
Motion to move the question								
			Cerf/Watson	X	8	0		
2120 - Revaluation Fund	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Frink, Watson	X	8	0		\$250,000
1012 - Human Resources	\$ 332,750	\$ 332,750	Watson, Moravsik	X	8	0		\$332,750
1070 - Insurance and Claims	\$ 577,407	\$ 577,407	Schmidt, Frink	X	8	0		\$577,407
The Council would like staff to see if there are other insurance companies with lower rates in the future.								
1071 - Self-Funded Plans	\$ 8,611,362	\$ 8,611,362	Moravsik Watson					
Councilor Cerf does not approve of the GASB rules to fund OPEB. She would like to fund only \$500,000 of the \$1,237,713 OPEB general fund contribution scheduled for this year.								
		\$ 7,873,649	Cerf, Antipas					
Councilor Frink would like to know what the risks of Councilor Cerf's proposed number would be? Councilor Flax would like to postpone this item to a time when they can discuss the information presented in detail.								
The Mayor recessed the meeting until Monday, April 6th, 2015.								

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DATE: Monday, April 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1- Rita Schmidt, , Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf, 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax, 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 7-Deborah Peruzzotti, 8-Dean Antipas, 9-Harry Watson

STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami

START TIME: 6:08 PM

FINISH TIME: 10:21 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Amount Adopted
1080 - Board of Education	\$ 77,130,239	\$ 77,130,239	Schmidt, Flax					
The requested increase would be cut by 50% to 1.35%.		\$ 76,114,591	Moravsik, Cerf					
\$600,000 decrease for computer software and a math position		\$ 76,530,235	Peruzzotti, Antipas	X	1,7	2,3,4,5,6,8,9		
This cut of \$400,000 would be \$200,000 from healthcare savings this year and again next year.		\$ 76,730,239	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	1,4,5,7,8	2,3,6,9		\$76,730,239
5B) Asbestos Removal The corrected amount is \$885,000 (\$370 Fitch, \$100 plans & specs, \$415 Claude Chester)	\$ 685	\$ 885,000	Frink, Cerf					
This amount would remove the \$100,000 for plans & specs.		\$ 785,000	Cerf, no second					
This amount budgets \$40,000 less for plans & specs.		\$ 845,000	Flax, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$845,000
5A) School Design	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	Peruzzotti, Flax	X	1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9		2	\$75,000
5I) Mary Morrisson- The Superintendent stated that they only need \$80,000 in FYE 16.	\$ 180,000	\$ 80,000	Watson, Antipas	X	1,3,4,5,7,9	2,6,8		\$80,000
		\$ 40,000	Moravsik, Cerf	X	2,6,8	1,3,4,5,7,9		
5C) Charles Barnum	\$ 185,000	\$ 0	Moravsik, Peruzzotti	X	9	0		\$0
5D) West Side Middle School	\$ 200,000	\$ 0	Moravsik, Peruzzotti	X	9	0		\$0
5E) Claude Chester	\$ 370,000	\$ 0	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$0
5F) Cutler Middle School	\$ 300,000	\$ 0	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$0
5G) S. B. Butler	\$ 185,000	\$ 0	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$0
5H) Fitch High School	\$ 170,000	\$ 0	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$0
5J) Pleasant Valley	\$ 370,000	\$ 0	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$0
5M) Administration Building	\$ 194,000	\$ 0	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0		\$0
The above projects were not selected as priority 1 and were recommended to be funded at \$0 by Superintendent Graner.								
1071 - Self-Funded Plans								
Motion to table this account to the end of the budget session.			Cerf, Frink	X	2,3,4,6,8	1,4,7,9		Passed
Meeting was recessed until April 11, 2015 at 9 a.m.								

DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1- Rita Schmidt, Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf, 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax (left at 12:48), 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 7-Deborah Peruzzotti, 8-Dean Antipas, 9-Harry Watson

STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami

START TIME: 9:05 AM

FINISH TIME: 1:45 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Amount Adopted
10901 - City Highway - This amount is based on using the Town's cost calculation per mile.	\$ 1,922,986	\$ 1,092,694	Frink, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	\$1,092,694

Councilor Frink reviewed the history of this account and stated that no agreement was reached between the City and Town over the past 21 months of meetings. Frink stated what the Town had decided was necessary and proper for the making and maintaining of roads and streets based on what it costs the Town and asked the City to agree to the same cost per mile as the Town. The City did not agree. The City stated that they have 30 miles of road, 880 catch basins, and over 400 drainage manholes which are cleaned yearly. They sweep the streets, and clear the snow from sidewalks that have fire hydrants, signs, and structures in them. Mayor Galbraith stated that there is no standard of what a cost per mile should be. When asked how the cost for these items compared to what the Town does they did not know. Councilor Flax asked for work orders that can substantiate the costs that the City is incurring. He would not have a problem paying for work orders that can substantiate the costs that they are talking about.

10900 - City Police	\$ 2,317,137	\$ 2,317,137	Moravsik, Frink				
This amount would fund the City Police the same way as Groton Long Point at 50%.		\$ 1,695,000	Schmidt, Watson				
This is last year's budget number due to the fact that there is money left over in the budget each year that is not returned to the town.		\$ 2,232,573	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	1,4,5,7,9	2,3,6,8	\$2,232,573

The City Police contract expires 6/30/15. Raises are not included in the budget request and will be absorbed by the City.

10904 - City Street Lighting	\$ 113,170	\$ 113,170	Antipas, Moravsik	X	9	0	\$113,170
10910 - GLP Police	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Antipas, Moravsik	X	9	0	\$250,000
10911 - GLP Highway Maintenance	\$ 162,500	\$ 162,500	Antipas, Moravsik	X	9	0	\$162,500
10912 - GLP Street Lighting	\$ 13,442	\$ 13,442	Frink, Watson	X	9	0	\$13,442
1092 - Fire Districts Pilot	\$ 246,012	\$ 246,012	Watson, Antipas	X	9	0	\$246,012
2060 - Mumford Cove	\$ 21,028	\$ 21,028	Antipas, Watson	X	9	0	\$21,028
1007 - Regional Agencies							
10071 SECTER	\$ 14,041	\$ 14,041	Frink, Watson	X	9	0	\$14,041

Councilor Watson would like to have someone from Congressman Courtney's office to come speak with the Council.

10070 SE CT COG	\$ 16,349	\$ 16,349	Antipas, Watson	X	9	0	\$16,349
10072 SEAT	\$ 93,592	\$ 93,592	Watson, de la Cruz	X	9	0	\$93,592
10073 Probate Court	\$ 13,433	\$ 13,433	Watson, Antipas	X	9	0	\$13,433

10260 - Groton Ambulance	\$ 105,951	\$ 105,951	Cerf, Moravsik	X	1,2,5,6,8	3,4,7,9	\$105,951
This amount is the request less bundle billing and ambulance funds.		\$ 52,500	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	3,4,7,9	1,2,5,6,8	
10261 - Mystic River Ambulance	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Watson, Antipas		1,2,3,5,6,8,9	4,7	\$40,000
		\$ 20,000	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	4,7	1,2,3,5,6,8,9	
1035 - Public Works	\$ 6,609,159	\$ 6,609,159	Watson, Moravsik				
This amount is the Adjusted 2015 amount plus a 2% increase.		\$ 6,387,457	Cerf, Peruzzotti	X	2,6,7	1,3,5,8,9	
This amount cuts \$100,000 to remove a new position.		\$ 6,509,159	Cerf, Peruzzotti	X	2,6,7,8,9	1,3,5	\$6,509,159
6040 - Fleet Reserve	\$ 1,589,985	\$ 1,589,985	Peruzzotti, Antipas	X	8	0	\$1,589,985
This amount would reduce the increase to 15% .		\$ 1,300,000	Cerf, Peruzzotti	X	2	1,3,5,6,7,8,9	
Motion to move the question			Frink, Moravsik	X	1,3,5,6,7,8,9	2	
2020 - Sewer Operating Fund	\$ 6,944,693	\$ 6,944,693	Antipas, Moravsik	X	8	0	\$6,944,693
2030 - Solid Waste fund	\$ 2,346,842	\$ 2,346,842	Antipas, Moravsik	X	8	0	\$2,346,842
6E) Groton Public Library	\$ 859,000	\$ 859,000	Watson, Moravsik	X	8	0	\$859,000
9A) LED Streetlights	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	Antipas, Watson	X	8	0	\$ 28,000
10B) Pump Station	\$ 213,000	\$ 213,000	Frink, de la Cruz	X	8	0	\$ 213,000
10C) Treatment Facility	\$ 1,106,000	\$ 1,106,000	Moravsik, Frink	X	8	0	\$ 1,106,000
10D) South Road Sewers	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Watson, de la Cruz	X	8	0	\$ 30,000
10E) Route 117 Sewers	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	Moravsik, Watson	X	8	0	\$ 70,000
Motion to move the Wednesday meeting to 5:00 p.m.			Watson, Frink	X	8	0	motion passed

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1-Rita Schmidt, Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf, 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax (arrived at 5:53 p.m.), 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 7-Deborah Peruzzotti (arrived at 5:19 p.m.), 8-Dean Antipas, 9-Harry Watson

STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami

START TIME: 6:05 PM

FINISH TIME: 9:27 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Abstained	Amount Adopted
1D) Traffic Signal Replacement and Upgrade	\$ 213,000	\$ 213,000	Frink, de la Cruz	X	7	0	0	\$213,000
1J) North Stonington Road Bridge	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Moravsik, Frink	X	1,2,3,5,6,8,9	0	7	\$250,000
3A) Mystic Streetscape - Phase III	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	Moravsik, Frink	X	8	0	0	\$75,000
4H) Noank Dock	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000	Cerf, Watson	X	8	0	0	\$106,000
6B) Police Station	\$ 279,000	\$ 279,000	Watson, Moravsik	X	8	0	0	\$279,000
6D) Town Hall Complex	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000	Moravsik, Frink	X	8	0	0	\$475,000
6G) Vacant School Properties	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	Frink, de la Cruz	X	1,3,4,5,6,7,9	2,8	0	\$160,000
		\$ 0	Cerf, Antipas	X	2,8	1,3,4,5,6,7,9	0	
The Council would like to have a discussion on what should be done with the vacant Groton Heights building. Councilor Moravsik would like the Council to decide on where the USS Groton will be located before the discussion on selling Groton Heights.								
60) Esker Point Concession Stand	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	Watson, de la Cruz					
This amount removes funds for an awning.		\$ 27,000	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	1,2,3,4,7,8,9	5,6	0	\$ 27,000
1051 - Human Services	\$592,424	\$592,424	Frink, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	0	\$592,424
7320 - Human Services Assistance Trust	\$18,000	\$18,000	Peruzzotti, Cerf					
\$22,000 will come from the General Fund as a contribution		\$40,000	Watson, de la Cruz	X	1,2,3,5,6,8,9	4,7	0	\$40,000
1054- Health/SVC/Cultural Agencies	\$1,638,136							
10540 Ledgelight Health	\$287,258	\$287,258	Moravsik, Frink	X	9	0	0	\$287,258
10541 VNA (School Health)	\$1,160,555	\$1,160,555	Frink, Moravsik					
Corrected amount	\$1,178,769	\$1,178,769	Peruzzotti, de la Cruz	X	9	0	0	\$1,178,769
10542 VNA (Health Promo)	\$56,460	\$56,460	Peruzzotti, Moravsik	X	9	0	0	\$56,460
10544 Housing Authority	\$61,313	\$61,313	Antipas, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	0	\$61,313
10545/6 Service Agencies & Cultural Agencies	\$52,750	\$52,750	Watson, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	0	\$52,750
Eastern CT Symphony (increase by \$1,500)		\$54,250	Cerf, Flax	X	2	1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9		
10547 Marine Sewage Disp.	\$19,800	\$19,800	Watson, Moravsik	X	9	0	0	\$19,800
1046 - Planning & Development Services	\$1,245,686	\$ 1,245,686	Frink, Moravsik	X	1,2,3,5,6,8,9	4,7	0	\$1,245,686

Personnel estimate \$987,421+\$13,000+ FICA+ Mgrs. operating number+2% raise+Inspection Tech position		\$ 1,186,822	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	4,7	1,2,3,5,6,8,9	0	
8A) Economic Assistance Fund	\$100,000	\$ 100,000	Peruzzotti, Frink	X	1,3,5,6,7	2,4,8,9	0	\$100,000
		\$ 0	Watson, Flax	X	2,4,8,9	1,3,5,6,7	0	
		\$ 50,000	Frink, de la Cruz	X	1,3,5,6	2,4,7,8,9	0	
8C) Open Space Acquisition	\$50,000	\$ 0	Peruzzotti, Flax	X	3,4,7,8	1,2,5,6,9	0	
		\$ 50,000	Cerf, Watson	X	1,2,5,9	3,4,6,7,8	0	
		\$ 25,000	Frink, Moravsik	X	1,2,5,6	3,4,7,8,9	0	
		\$ 31,000	Schmidt, Flax	X	1,2,5,9	3,4,6,7,8	0	
		\$ 10,000	Moravsik, Flax	X	1,2,3,5,6,8	4,7,9	0	\$10,000
1063 - Groton Public Library	\$1,677,603	\$1,677,603	Peruzzotti, Frink	X	9	0	0	\$1,677,603
3310 - ConnectiCard Fund	\$46,366	\$46,366	Peruzzotti, Watson	X	9	0	0	\$46,366
10650 - Mystic Noank Library	\$188,000	\$188,000	Antipas, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	0	\$188,000
10651 - Bill Memorial Library	\$20,000	\$20,000	Peruzzotti, Watson	X	9	0	0	\$20,000

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DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1- Rita Schmidt , Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf, 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax, 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 7- Deborah Peruzzotti, 8-Dean Antipas (left at 6:51 before the vote), 9-Harry Watson

ABSENT: 9-Harry Watson

STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami

START TIME: 6:05 PM

FINISH TIME: 7:20 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Amount Adopted
1024 - Public Safety	\$ 6,657,328	\$ 6,657,328	Moravsik, Frink	X	1,3,5,6	2,4,7	\$ 6,657,328
Consists of the FYE 15 Estimate (\$5,914,868) plus \$100,000 plus mgrs. \$575,265 operating costs.		\$ 6,590,133	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	2,4,5	1,3,6,7	
0% increase over FYE 2015		\$ 6,608,561	Peruzzotti, Cerf	X	2,7	1,3,4,5,6	

Councilor Cerf asked if there is a specific way for the Council to cut positions in departments. The Town Manager stated that those types of conversations can be held at any time during the year but budget time is not the appropriate time for it to happen. Councilor Moravsik asked for a referral regarding crossing guards and thanked them for their hard work.

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STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami

START TIME: 9:07 AM

FINISH TIME: 12:40 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Amount Adopted
City of Groton Mayor Galbraith and Finance Director Ron Yuhas submitted examples of the type of information that is available showing the expenses of the City Highway Department. Mayor Schmidt thanked Mayor Galbraith for the information presented and stated that due to the lengthy agenda, the highway funds which are still in the budget can be discussed at another time.							
1064 - Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,757,951	\$ 1,757,951	Peruzzotti, Moravsik	X	9	0	\$1,757,951
Councilor Cerf inquired about ways to decrease the cost of senior programs. Councilor Frink would like to see the Recreation department look into getting more volunteers. Councilor Moravsik would like to see a cost comparison of having outside contractors maintain some of the grounds.							
3240 - Recreation and Senior Activities	\$ 1,043,831	\$ 1,043,831	Watson, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	\$1,043,831
2010 - Golf Course	\$ 1,210,400	\$ 1,210,400	Watson, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	\$1,210,400
4C) Open Space Management Plan	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	Frink, de la Cruz				
		\$0	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	9	\$0
4D) Golf Course Improvement Plan	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	9	0	\$50,000
4G) Park Improvement/ADA compliance	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	Watson, Frink	X	1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	2	\$60,000
This amount would be for the sand replenishment.		\$ 20,000	Cerf, Peruzzotti	X	2	1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	
This amount would remove the stonewall project.		\$ 40,000	Watson, Peruzzotti	X	2,4,9	1,3,5,6,7,8	
1071 - Self-Funded Plans	\$ 8,611,362	\$ 8,611,362	Moravsik, Watson				
Councilor Cerf does not approve of the GASB rules to fund OPEB. She would like to fund only \$500,000 of the \$1,237,713 OPEB general fund contribution scheduled for this year.							
		\$ 7,873,649	Cerf, Antipas				
To use 70% of the Health Insurance Fund Balance		\$ 8,503,514	Flax, Peruzzotti	X	4,5,7,8,9	1,2,3,6	\$ 8,503,514
1074 - Contingency	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	de la Cruz, Flax	X	1,3,4,5,7	2,6,8	\$550,000
		\$ 350,000	Cerf, Moravsik	X	2,6,8	1,3,4,5,7	
1077 - Contributions to Other funds	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	Antipas, Frink				
10772 Spicer Fund Contribution		\$ 187,000	Watson, Moravsik	X	1,2,3,4,5,6,9	7,8	\$187,000
1075 - Capital Reserve Contribution	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	Peruzzotti, Moravsik				
This amount removes the projects that were not approved.		\$ 2,923,400	Cerf, Moravsik	X	8	0	\$2,923,400
1076 - Debt Service	\$ 5,183,475	\$ 5,183,475	Watson, Cerf	X	7	0	\$5,183,475
5010 - Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 6,729,000	\$ 6,729,000	Frink, Watson				
		\$ 4,652,400	Peruzzotti, Cerf	X	7	0	\$ 4,652,400
4010 - Groton Sewer District	\$ 835,450	\$ 835,450	Cerf, de la Cruz	X	7	0	\$835,450
10905 - City Highway Pending Arbitration	\$ 830,292	\$ 830,292	Watson, Frink	X	1,3,5,6,7,9	2	\$830,292
Motion to move the question.			Watson, Frink	X	1,3,5,6,7,9	2	

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BUDGET REVIEW SESSION:**

DATE: Saturday, April 18, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1- Rita Schmidt, Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf (arrived at 9:13 a.m.), 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax (left at 12:00 p.m.), 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 7-Deborah Peruzzotti, 8-Dean Antipas (left at 11:45 a.m.), 9-Harry Watson

STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami

START TIME: 9:07 AM

FINISH TIME: 12:40 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Amount Adopted
Move to reconsider 1046 - Planning and Development		\$ 1,245,686	Moravsik, Frink	X	7	0	
To correct an error made in the wages for the Inspector II Code		\$ 1,253,918	Moravsik, Frink	X	7	0	\$ 1,253,918
Motion to recess to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st			Watson, Frink	X	7	0	

**GROTON TOWN COUNCIL
Committee of the Whole
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION:**

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2015

ATTENDANCE: 1- Rita Schmidt, Mayor, 2-Genevieve Cerf, 3-Joe de la Cruz, 4-Bruce Flax, 5-Bob Frink, 6-Rich Moravsik, 7-Deborah Peruzzotti, 8-Dean Antipas, 9-Harry Watson (arrived at 6:59 p.m.)
STAFF: Cindy Landry, Robin Moulding, Mark Oefinger, Bob Zagami
START TIME: 6:04 PM
FINISH TIME: 7:01 PM

Function #	Manager	Council	Moved/Seconded	Vote	Yes	No	Amount Adopted
<p>1090 - City of Groton - Councilor Cerf stated that she is disappointed that after a year of meetings there were no agreed upon highway measures or metrics between the City and Town. Councilor Frink stated that he has three suggestions. The first would be responding in writing to the City as to what the Town Council wants to see. The second would be asking if the City would agree to combining with the Town Highway department, securing all the City highway employee's positions, in a friendly merger, and the third is creating a cost center for expenses. Councilor Flax would like Mayor Galbraith to show the additional costs for what is done in the City that is not done in the Town. The Town Attorney agreed with Councilor Moravsik's suggestion to let the City representatives speak and make sure they understand what the Town is requesting. The material differences need a dollar amount for their cost ratio versus the Towns. Mayor Galbraith stated that she cannot state the difference in costs between the City and Highway because she does not know the material differences and does not have the Town's information. She can only provide the amounts actually spent. She believes the cost per mile varies within the Town roads as well as the City. Councilor Frink stated that the City requested numbers from the Town but did not request the information that is now being raised. The City Director of Public Works, Tim Umrysz stated that one of the cost differences is that the City fixes sidewalks as they need it and does not wait till there is a group to fix like the Town does. Councilor Cerf feels the number of employees is too high in the City. Mayor Galbraith stated that the 1994 study showed that 17.5 employees was a good number and they now have 14 employees. Councilor Flax stated that the City had contacted the arbitrator to ask questions but did not share this with the Town, which surprised him. Mayor Galbraith stated that this was research just like the Town's Director of Public Works was doing contacting other Public Works Directors. Mayor Galbraith stated that the City shared the fact that they did not believe there is any standard lane mile. Councilor Frink stated that he thought another meeting should be set up. The Town Manager asked if the Council wanted to proceed with the 6 person committee or both Councils meeting together. There is also the possibility of hiring an efficiency expert or road consultant if that is something the councils are interested. Councilor Frink stated that a base line on per mile in the Town versus the City needs to be established as well as a factor for the extra work on the City roads.</p>							
<p>1071 - Self Funded Plans - The Town Manager distributed the Summary Cost Center showing the reduction in the Health Insurance line that the Council had approved.</p>							
Motion to adjourn			Antipas, Frink	X	9	0	Motion passed