



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Dean Antipas, Genevieve Cerf, Joe de la Cruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING - JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF GROTON

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Schmidt, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Cerf, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Flax, Councilor Frink, Councilor Moravsik and Councilor Watson
Members Absent: Councilor Peruzzotti

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Executive Assistant Nicki Bresnyan.

3. NEW BUSINESS

2014-0202

City Highway Budget Committee - Update

Discussed

Mayor Galbraith expressed surprise that the Town Attorney Matt Auger was present in the audience. She stated that she would like the opportunity to have the City Attorney present if necessary. Mayor Schmidt noted that because the City has brought up the issue of arbitration, the Town feels the attorney should be present. Discussion followed on asking the Town Attorney to leave.

A motion was made by Councilor Moravsik, seconded by Councilor de la Cruz, to ask Town Attorney Matt Auger to leave the meeting voluntarily.

Councilor Cerf expressed her opposition to the motion noting that arbitration is not initiated by the Town, but by the City, which puts the Town on the defensive.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 3 - Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Frink and Councilor Moravsik
Opposed: 5 - Mayor Schmidt, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Cerf, Councilor Flax and Councilor Watson

Discussed

Mayor Galbraith left the room to confer with City Councilors about whether or not to continue with the meeting. When she returned, she declined the invitation to join the Town Council meeting. Mayor Galbraith noted that the City has not initiated a lawsuit and nothing is pending. Further, she stated that if the Town views this meeting as requiring the Town Attorney's presence, then the City would like their attorney to be present as well. Councilor Moravsik noted this is simply a presentation from the City Highway Committee prior to the budget meeting with the City. A brief discourse took place.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Antipas, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.