



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council Committee of the Whole

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*Mayor Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Greg Grim, Rich Moravsik, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

#### SPECIAL MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Flax called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Flax, Councilor Barber, Councilor Grim, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Watson and Councilor Moravsik  
Members Absent: Councilor Antipas

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Assistant to the Town Manager Nicki Bresnyan.*

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

##### 2017-0141 Par Four Lease Renewal

##### Discussed

*Mayor Flax explained that the Town is in negotiations with Par Four regarding a lease renewal, and those discussions are held in executive session.*

A motion was made by Mayor Flax, seconded by Councilor Nault, to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. with Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Attorney Eric Callahan, Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Berry, Director of Finance Cindy Landry, Purchasing Agent Eileen Cardillo, Golf Professional Todd Goodhue, and Manager of the Golf Course and Parks Maintenance Eric Morrison to discuss the Par Four lease renewal negotiations.

Mayor Flax explained that Tony Christina, Peter Ganacoplos, and Attorney Ted Moukawsher would be invited into the executive session later. He further explained to those present that there would be no opportunity during the Committee of the Whole meeting for public comment, but there would be at the 7:30 p.m. Town Council meeting.

The motion carried unanimously

##### Discussed

*Mr. Christina, Mr. Ganacoplos, and Mr. Moukawsher were invited into the executive session at 7:04 p.m.*

*The executive session ended at 7:23 p.m.*

##### Recommended for a Resolution

A motion was made by Mayor Flax, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to accept the terms that were negotiated in executive session for a 5 1/2 year lease for Par Four restaurant.

Councilor Watson noted a good restaurant is important at the golf course. Attorney Moukawsher thanked the Council for working with him and the restaurant owners to resolve the issue, and he thanked the public for attending the meeting. Councilor Morton commented that the Town Council would have reached this decision on its own, but unfortunately negotiations were derailed by high emotions. She noted that the Town Council is attempting to do its due diligence for the taxpayers. Councilors Morton, Nault, and Mayor Flax thanked the public for attending the meeting. Councilor Grim thanked the owners of Par Four for their business in the community.

The motion carried unanimously

4. ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*