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Meeting Minutes Town Council

Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

2011-0098 Resolution Approving Budgets for FYE 2012

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

RESOLVED, that the budgets for the various funds, hereinafter set forth, are hereby approved and adopted and the amounts on the "Total Appropriation" line are hereby appropriated for the functions specified, and the amounts listed under the heading "Financing Plan" are hereby established as approved budget estimates for the type of revenues specified and include all estimated FYE 2012 cash revenues except FYE 2012 property taxes which will be estimated for budget purposes by separate resolution when the FYE 2012 tax rate is set, and further that a complete detailed document indicating all function appropriations is hereby made a part of this record and shall be submitted to the Town Clerk for Public Record, for budgets as follows:

General Fund
Golf Course Fund
Sewer Operating Fund
Solid Waste Fund
Mumford Cove Special Taxing District
Revaluation Fund
Recreation & Senior Activities
Connecticard Fund
Sewer District Fund
Capital Reserve Fund
Fleet Reserve Fund
Computer Replacement Fund
Human Services Assistance Fund

A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 8 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Opposed: 1 - Councilor O'Beirne, Jr.

2011-0099 Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2012)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2012 TO PAY

EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 26, 2011 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$120,196,068 and estimated cash revenues exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes totaling \$42,202,895 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 19.60 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations.

Total General Fund Appropriations per budget approved by Council (including allocation to a "Reserve Fund for Capital and Non Recurring Expenditures"): \$120,196,068

Less General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes: \$42,202,895

Plus amount to be raised to maintain a 7.5% unreserved fund balance: \$325,641.

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$78,318,814

Amount computed as follows:

\$78,318,814 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$4,098,212,168 divided by 97.5% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 19.60 mill rate.

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 8 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Opposed: 1 - Councilor O'Beirne, Jr.

2011-0100

Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2012)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2012 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE MUMFORD COVE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 26, 2011 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$21,027 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes totaling \$50,

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.279 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Mumford Cove District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$21,027

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of June 30, 2011: \$100.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$50

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$20,877

Amount computed as follows:

\$20,877 divided by net assessed valuation of \$74,562,644 (before Board of Assessment adjustments) divided by 100.0% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.279 mills.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

Councilor Sheets disclosed that she is a resident of Mumford Cove.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 9 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

2011-0101 Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2012)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2012 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 26, 2011 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$1,168,570 and estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes totaling \$21,514 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.25 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Groton Sewer District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$1,168,570

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of June 30, 2011: \$500,000.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$21,514

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$647,056

Amount computed as follows:

\$647,056 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,645,990,737 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excludes motor vehicles) divided by the 98.5% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.25 mills.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 9 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*