



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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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, August 17, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.

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

Members Absent: Councilor Kolnaski

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Rick Norris.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2010-0168 Proclamation Honoring Paul Duarte

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Sheets.

United States Census Bureau

The Town of Groton received a plaque as an expression of gratitude from the United States Census Bureau for its assistance with the 2010 census. Councilor Peruzzotti read the letter that accompanied the plaque.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Kathleen P. O'Beirne, 32 New London Road, Mystic, urged the Council to reconsider street level bumpouts currently in the Mystic Streetscape Project plans. She noted that bumpouts would decrease the number of parking spaces and cause snow plowing issues.

Daniel R. Tarasevich, 30 Tower Avenue, is concerned whether a particular pickup truck at his trailer park is legal to be on the road.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2010-0174 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of August 3, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2010-0167 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Norma Pauline Hurtig - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Giabonni's Hair Salon - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Neil Nigro Builder and Remodeling - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Olive A. Little LLC Bakery and Gourmet - \$400.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Dorothea B. Moore - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Louise Lumen - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Anonymous Donation - \$308.58 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Dr. Biddle and JoAnn Morris - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Annie and Ben Philbrick - \$200.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Edwina Trentham and Gregory Coleman - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
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Sally McBee and Bruce Campbell - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Bob and Diane Chapin - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Brian and Joan Thorpe - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Sully's Restaurant Inc. bda Hub's Clam Shack - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Olive A. Little, LLC - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**a. Town Councilors**

Councilors received emails regarding the Mystic Streetscape Project, the Town-Wide Police Assessment, and a matter before the Historic District Commission.

Councilor Johnson was present at the opening of Mystic Innovations, Inc.

Councilor Monteiro attended a New London Ledge Lighthouse Foundation meeting. She, along with Mayor Streeter, attended a Thames Street Review Committee meeting.

Councilor Flax received a call regarding the Noank School Reuse Committee.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

The next regular meeting of the RTM will be on August 18, 2010.

c. Clerk of the Council

No report.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that if emergency sirens are sounded, as they were on August 5, 2010, citizens should NOT dial 9-1-1 or their local fire department to find out what is happening. Individuals should tune in to their local television or radio station to keep updated. He noted that Groton's Fall Festival will be on October 9, 2010. Mr. Oefinger announced that the Shennecossett Golf Course has been rated as one of the top five golf courses in Connecticut by both Golf Magazine and Golf.com.

e. Town Attorney

No report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti

No meeting, no report.

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

No meeting, no report.

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski

No meeting, no report.

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets

No meeting, no report.

e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne

No meeting, no report.

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

No meeting, no report.

g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro

No meeting, no report.

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson

No meeting, no report.

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

Mayor Streeter stated that there was a special Committee of the Whole meeting on August 17, 2010.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Suspension on the Rules

A Motion to Suspend the Rules to consider the appointment of a Town Historian was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro.

VOTE on Motion to Suspend the Rules passed 7 in Favor, 1 Abstain (Abstain: Mayor Streeter).

2010-0173 Appointment of Town Historian

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES STREETER AS HISTORIAN FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON

WHEREAS, long-time Groton Town Historian Carol W. Kimball resigned her position in September 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council conducted an open solicitation for letters of interest for the position of Town Historian, and

WHEREAS, a single letter of interest was received from James L. Streeter of 64 Pleasant Street expressing his desire to be appointed to the position of Historian, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Streeter is a lifelong resident of Groton who has conducted extensive research of Groton's history and demonstrated his willingness to share Groton's history by co-authoring and authoring Groton history books, authoring historical articles for local newspapers, and providing historical information and photographs for various events, displays, and speaking engagements,

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council appoints James L. Streeter as the Historian for the Town of Groton .

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 7 - Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Abstain: 1 - Mayor Streeter

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant