



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, January 19, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.

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

Members Absent: Councilor Peruzzotti

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 Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

None.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2010-0019 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 15, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

Mayor Streeter expressed his gratitude for the multitude of contributions made to the special trust funds.

2009-0316 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Suzy Lamson - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous

Peter Campbell - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Carl Hill - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic River Homes - \$55.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Henry and Pamela Olexy - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Various Donations - \$456.93 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton Matching Funds Check - \$152.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Alfred H. Gildersleeve, Jr. - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
David Williams - \$60.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Paula Stauffer - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Simon Holt - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Elaine and Jean-Yves Solinga - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Drs. John and Marcia McGowan - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Vera Leavy - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Marlene Terry Ziegler - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
Linda Blatchford - \$10.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Rivka Horowitz and Harold Pessirilo - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Paul and Sheila Scott - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Jean Cassidy - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Christ Untied Methodist Church - \$283.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Connecticut Elks Association - \$400.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Roger and Sidney Gross - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Groton Municipal EFCU Employees - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Groton Post Office - \$80.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Edward and Catherine Kolnaski - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lawncrest Apartments - \$1,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mary Ann and Ralph Little - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Russ Musante - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic River Homes Residents - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Richard and Karen Neff - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Poquonnock Bridge Church - \$130.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Albert Rudolph - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Various Donations - \$270.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Pfizer Foundation Volunteer Program - \$1,000.00 - Library Miscellaneous
Jeffrey and Lynn Callahan - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Warren and Elizabeth Clark - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Charles and Michele Ewers - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Linda Barrett - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
G. Thomas Couser - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Jim Marshall - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Anonymous - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Dorothea Moore - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Marjorie Farmer and Valerie Popkin - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Barbara Block - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Melanie Greenhouse - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Biddle and Joann Morris - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Karen Gano - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Christie Williams and Catherine Moffett - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Knights of Rizal New London County Chapter - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
Various Donations - \$1,070.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Robert Ashworth - \$75.00 - Social Services Discretionary
J. Dempsey & Associates - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Groton Senior Citizens - \$810.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Carla and Paul Henschel - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic Clipper - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Robert Panucci - \$150.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Erin Scanlon - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Union Baptist Church - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Karin Greene - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Groton Public Schools - \$172.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Thomas and Katherine Bishop - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Lana Orphanides - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Bernard Boylan and Natalie Levanthal - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

- 2009-0282 Supplemental Appropriation for Handicap Ramp at Spicer House**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0303 Appointment of Other Attorneys**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0317 Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0319 Transfer of Vehicles to Board of Education**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0320 Probate Court Changes**
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- 2009-0321 Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center Request for Conference Sponsorship**
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- 2009-0323 National Recreation and Parks Association-United States Paralympics Grant**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0324 FYE 2009 CAFR Presentation**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0325 Eastern Regional Mental Health Board Appointment**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2009-0326 Mystic Streetscape ARRA Funding**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2010-0010 Reappointment of John Parfitt Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals**
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2010-0018 Amendments to the Non-Union Retirement Plan

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, 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

Councilor O'Beirne and Councilor Monteiro received an email regarding plowing on High Street during the first snow storm. Councilor O'Beirne also received multiple emails regarding budget concerns, including a list from a citizen of potential items to cut.

Councilor Flax and Mayor Streeter attended a reception to meet the new Mashantucket Tribal Chairman Rodney Butler.

Councilor Kolnaski attended a Permanent School Building Committee meeting and a special Ledge Light Health District meeting.

Councilor Sheets received an email regarding the surveillance system at the entrance to Groton Long Point and emails with budget concerns.

Councilor Watson spoke about local government to two Civics classes at Fitch Senior High School.

Councilor Johnson received a concern about the cost of taking down the chimney on fire-damaged property on Library Street. He also expressed his gratitude to the Groton fire departments for their quick response to a small fire at his hardware store. Councilor Johnson was a participant in the New Year's Day run.

Mayor Streeter attended two Council of Governments meetings, the swearing-in of the RTM, the opening of the new census office in Norwich, and a meeting with the Town Manager and town officials to discuss the drainage problems on Judson Avenue. He also was present at a legislative breakfast where Electric Boat Corporation President John Casey provided an update on the outlook for production and employment in the future. The Mayor attended a farewell gathering for Executive Director Donna Simpson of the Eastern Regional Tourism District.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that the next meeting of the RTM will be on January 20, 2010.

c. Clerk of the Council

The Town Clerk announced that Barbara Tarbox has been appointed as the Democratic Deputy Registrar of Voters.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that the Senior Center is progressing and there will be a "soft opening" on March 1, 2010, a ribbon-cutting on March 27, 2010, and a grand opening dinner/dance on April 1, 2010. He attended a legislative breakfast at which Electric Boat Corporation President John Casey gave a positive update regarding the business outlook for the next few years. Electric Boat will be delaying the layoff of fifty carpenters until February 26, 2010, with forty-six being laid off on January 29, 2010, but the overall work-force should be increasing in other areas over the next couple of years.

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**

Councilor O'Beirne read the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2010, which are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

f. **Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax**

Councilor Flax reported that a meeting was held on January 12, 2010, and gave a brief overview.

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**

The Committee of the Whole held a special meeting at Groton Long Point on January 6, 2010, to discuss the highway budget, police budget, and the Beach Road bridge replacement. The Mayor stated that the items discussed at the last regular Committee of the Whole meeting were the scheduling of a Freedom of Information (FOI) presentation for the Town Council, the drainage problem on Judson Avenue, flooding of the underpass on South Road, the community garden, and the items on tonight's agenda.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

2009-0282 Supplemental Appropriation for Handicap Ramp at Spicer House

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR A REPLACEMENT LIFT SYSTEM AT THE SPICER HOUSE

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$25,000 were approved in FYE 2009 to replace the chair lift at the Spicer House, and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate to replace the lift has been revised to \$35,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed alternatives to replacing the lift including construction of a handicap ramp at a higher cost, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the need to provide handicap access to the Spicer House but would like to discuss alternate locations for the Parks and Recreation Department before making a more expensive capital investment in the Spicer House, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$10,000 be appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund's fund balance to a FYE 2010 Capital Improvement Project (#50109) to install a replacement lift system at Spicer House (CIP #6A).

Refer to RTM.

A motion was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting.

Councilor O'Beirne will be voting against this resolution. He believes that a wooden ramp would be under \$10,000, versus \$35,000 for the proposed brick and concrete ramp.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Opposed: 2 - Councilor Kolnaski and Councilor O'Beirne, Jr.

2009-0303

Appointment of Other Attorneys

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OTHER ATTORNEYS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, at 8.2.2, provides that the Town Attorney may, with the approval of the Town Council, appoint attorneys to perform specialized services or otherwise to assist the Town Attorney, and

WHEREAS, it has been advantageous for the Town and for the Board of Education to have attorneys appointed for particular issues, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney is empowered by the Charter to recommend the terms of employment of such attorneys, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of Town Attorney Duggan, the following attorneys may be appointed and continue to serve in the assignments indicated, under terms prescribed by the Town Attorney, until such time as their replacements may be approved by the Town Council:

Board of Education Attorneys (from Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C.)

Floyd J. Dugas
Amy Dion
Carolyn Dugas
Michelle C. Laubin
Jennifer Marquis
Marsha B. Moses
Jason Stanevich

Bond Counsel (from Day Pitney, LLP)

Edmund See
Judith Blank
Sam Caligiuri
Doug Gillette
Adam Kasowitz
Namita Shah
Richard Wasserman

Other Attorneys

Michael Collins (from Halloran and Sage, LLP - Xerox Tax Appeals)

Edward O'Connell (from Waller, Smith and Palmer, PC - Conflict Matters)

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0317

Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Groton Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized, pursuant to the Groton Town Charter, to make rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on December 9, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved updated Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities and the Groton Senior Center Rules and Regulations and Research Protocol, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the proposed updated Regulations as noted above.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0319

Transfer of Vehicles to Board of Education

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF TWO SURPLUS VEHICLES TO THE GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Town's fleet manager has recently replaced two Ford Explorer vehicles and would normally send the retired vehicles into the Town's surplus vehicle auction, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has a need for two vehicles to replace a pickup truck and a sport utility vehicle with much higher mileages, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may transfer two 1999 Ford Explorers to the Groton Board of Education.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0320

Probate Court Changes

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCATING THE NEW REGIONAL PROBATE COURT IN GROTON

WHEREAS, Public Act 09-1 establishes a new regional probate district covering the towns of Groton, Stonington, Ledyard, and North Stonington beginning January 5, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the towns represented by the new regional court must choose a location for the court, and

WHEREAS, Groton's Probate Court serves the largest population, has historically had the largest caseload of the four courts, and is best located to serve the new district, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council strongly supports the establishment of the new regional probate court in the Town of Groton, and that all reasonable measures be pursued to ensure that the new regional probate court is located in the Town of Groton.

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

Adopted as Amended.

MOTION TO AMEND the RESOLVED paragraph to read, "RESOLVED that the Groton Town Council supports the establishment of the new regional probate court in the Town of Groton subject to securing adequate facilities." was made by Councilor O'Beirne, seconded by Councilor Watson.

Councilor O'Beirne stated that an adequate size space will need to be found. It would be nice to have the probate court in Groton, but it may turn out that more adequate facilities are found elsewhere.

Councilor Monteiro is in full support of having the probate court in Groton. She believes that there is adequate space and that if the majority of people are from the Town of Groton, the probate court should be located in Groton. Councilor Monteiro will not support the amendment.

Councilor Sheets and Councilor Flax are in agreement with Councilor Monteiro.

VOTE on Motion to Amend failed 1 in Favor, 7 Opposed (In Favor: Councilor O'Beirne).

MOTION TO AMEND to change the word "adamantly" to read "strongly" in the RESOLVED paragraph was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro.

VOTE on Motion to Amend passed unanimously.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2009-0321 Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center Request for Conference Sponsorship**RESOLUTION PROVIDING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE VOC-ED CENTER'S 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center is an accredited special education school and a 501(c) (3) organization with main offices located in the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2010 the Center will be hosting the 4th Annual "Grace Curtis, Stand Up and Be Counted" Conference to benefit educators, paraprofessionals, therapists, students, and parents of students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Center is requesting corporate sponsorship for the conference, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Groton hereby authorizes a bronze level donation of \$500 to the Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center, Inc. in support of the conference.

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

Councilor Watson disclosed the fact that his wife works for this organization, and since she will not be directly affected by this resolution he will be voting for it rather than abstaining.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0323 National Recreation and Parks Association-United States Paralympics Grant**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION AND UNITED STATES PARALYMPICS**

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and United States Paralympics provide non-matching grants to enhance and grow recreation, sport, and physical

activity programming for injured military personnel, and

WHEREAS, Groton is home to thousands of military personnel at the Submarine Base, AVCRAD, and other service units, and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation is developing an adaptive boating program that will meet the needs of participants with varying levels of disabilities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may apply for a NRPA/United States Paralympics grant in the amount of \$25,000.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0324

FYE 2009 CAFR Presentation

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FYE 2009 AUDIT REPORT

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the annual audit of the Town of Groton's finances, covering the fiscal year from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Council has discussed the audit findings with the manager of the audit team from the firm of Blum Shapiro, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts and files the FYE 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the Auditor's Reports and Management Letter.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0326

Mystic Streetscape ARRA Funding

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF GROTON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GROTON MYSTIC STREETSCAPE UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 PUBLIC LAW 111-5 (HEREINAFTER "ACT")

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has requested that construction activities be undertaken in conjunction with the Groton Mystic Streetscape project and will utilize federal funds under the "Act", and

WHEREAS, said improvements include, but are not limited to, concrete sidewalks, granite curbing, granite stone pavers, landscaping, street furniture and ornamental lighting, herein identified as State Project No. 58-316 and Federal-aid Project No. H018 (013), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, be, and hereby is, authorized to sign an agreement entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Groton for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of the Groton Mystic Streetscape Utilizing Federal Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Public Law 111-5 (hereinafter "Act").

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

The motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve Resolutions 2010-0010 Reappointment of John Parfitt Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals, 2010-0011 Reappointment of Kenneth Steere to Harbor Management

Commission, 2010-0012 Reappointment of Philip Butta to the Parks and Recreation Commission, 2010-0013 Reappointment of Jeffrey Pritchard to the Planning Commission, 2010-0014 Reappointment of Robin Moulding to Retirement Board, 2010-0015 Reappointment of Roger Sherman to the Shellfish Commission, 2010-0016 Reappointment of Floyd Kravits to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and 2010-0017 Reappointment of William Mencer as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski and so voted unanimously.

2010-0010 Reappointment of John Parfitt Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN W. PARFITT, JR. TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that John W. Parfitt, Jr., 32 St. Paul Court, is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/12.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0011 Reappointment of Kenneth Steere to Harbor Management Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KENNETH STEERE TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Kenneth Steere, 144 East Shore Avenue, Groton Long Point is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring 9/1/12.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0012 Reappointment of Philip Butta to the Parks and Recreation Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PHILIP J. BUTTA TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Philip J. Butta, 282 Noank-Ledyard Road, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring 12/31/14.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0013 Reappointment of Jeffrey Pritchard to the Planning Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JEFFREY C. PRITCHARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey C. Pritchard, 31 West Mystic Avenue, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/14.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0014 Reappointment of Robin Moulding to Retirement Board

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBIN MOULDING TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD

RESOLVED that the Town Council reappoints Robin Moulding, 107 Haley Road, Mystic as a participant member to the Retirement Board for a term expiring 12/31/12.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0015 Reappointment of Roger Sherman to the Shellfish Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROGER SHERMAN TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/14.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0016 Reappointment of Floyd Kravits to the Zoning Board of Appeals

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING FLOYD KRAVITS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Floyd Kravits, 911 New London Road, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term expiring 12/31/14.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0017 Reappointment of William Mencer as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING WILLIAM MENCER AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that William Mencer, 68 Bel-Aire Drive, Mystic is hereby reappointed as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/14.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0018 Amendments to the Non-Union Retirement Plan

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Code of Ordinances, Division 2 - Retirement System of Chapter 2 - Administration of Article IV - Officer and Employees contains the following section:

Sec. 2-76 Amendments

Upon recommendation of the town manager retirement benefits for employees of the town covered by this division may be increased by resolution of the Town Council.

WHEREAS, the Town Manager recommends amendments to the Retirement Plan for Non-Union Employees of the Town of Groton as set forth in the attached 2010 Retirement Incentive Program Description for Non-Union Employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the recommendation of the Town Manager and the cost estimates provided by the Town's actuaries regarding the 2010 Retirement Incentive Program Description for Non-Union Employees, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Town Manager, the Retirement Plan for Non-Union Employees of the Town of Groton is amended as set forth in the 2010 Retirement Incentive Program Description for Non-Union Employees.

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

The motion carried unanimously

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Streeter requested the Town Manager set up a special meeting with the City of Groton to discuss the budget.

Mayor Streeter reminded councilors that the National League of Cities Conference in Washington will be held March 13, 2010, thru March 17, 2010, and to contact the Town Manager's office if

interested. The Mayor stated that, in light of current budgetary constraints, he will not be attending this conference.

Town Council representatives for the various boards and commissions are as follows:

Economic Development Commission

Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Johnson

Pequot Woods

Councilor O'Beirne

Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority

Councilor Watson

Southeastern CT Water Authority Advisory Board

Councilor Sheets

Ledge Lighthouse Board of Directors

Councilor Monteiro

Golf Advisory Board

Councilor Johnson

Phase II School Design Committee

John Scott and Councilor Kolnaski

Implementation Advisory Committee for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Councilor Monteiro

Boating Advisory Board

Councilor Sheets

Town Council/Board of Education/RTM Liaison Committee

Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Watson, and Councilor Flax

Mystic Co-Op Task Force

Mayor Streeter

2010-0026 Terms and Conditions of Town Clerk Employment

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TOWN CLERK EMPLOYMENT

Mayor Streeter requested a referral to discuss the terms and conditions of employment of the Town Clerk.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Flax and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk

Clerk of the Council

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant