



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council

**Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson**

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

#### SPECIAL MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Somers.*

Members Present: Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Morton, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Peruzzotti

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

#### II. NEW BUSINESS

2013-0118

##### **GMEA/CILU Collective Bargaining Agreement**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE GROTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (GMEA)/UNITED ELECTRICAL LOCAL 222, CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION LOCAL #62, INC.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the Groton Municipal Employees Association, UE222/CILU Local 62 engaged in discussions regarding a successor collective bargaining agreement that would be effective and/or retroactive to July 1, 2011, and

WHEREAS, approval of a four-year agreement with the GMEA bargaining unit and the funds necessary to implement that agreement is recommended by the Town's negotiators, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Groton Town Council hereby approves the expenditure of funds necessary to implement a four-year agreement between the Town of Groton and the Groton Municipal Employees Association, UE222/CILU Local 62 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

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

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 7 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Morton, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Antipas

2013-0126

##### **Plan for Former Noank School and Property**

RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING IN FYE 2014 FOR DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER NOANK SCHOOL AND REMOVAL OF THE UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that there is no viable Town use for the former Noank School building, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that as part of their review of the FYE 2014 Proposed Budget, the Town Council hereby approves a revised Capital Improvement Program project entitled G) Vacated School Properties in Section 6) Public Buildings, which will provide \$370,000 in Capital Reserve funding

in FYE 2014 for the demolition of the Noank School building and the removal of the underground fuel tank.

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

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 6 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Morton, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Opposed: 2 - Councilor Flax and Councilor Johnson

**2013-0119**

**FYE 2013 Fourth Quarter Transfers**

RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2013 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Town Charter provides for supplemental appropriations to Adopted Budgets and transfers from the Contingency function during the year and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter also provides for the transfer of funds from one departmental function to another departmental function during the last three months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, transfers are necessary and represent expenditures that were unforeseen or unexpected at the time the FYE 2013 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$92,000 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency function (#1074) to Legal Services (#1006) for costs associated with special projects and ongoing general municipal law issues.

Refer to RTM.

**A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Antipas, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting, due back on June 12, 2013.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2013-0114**

**Resolution Approving Budgets for FYE 2014**

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

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 2014 cash revenues except FYE 2014 current property taxes which will be estimated for budget purposes by separate resolution when the FYE 2014 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 Fund  
 Connecticut Fund  
 Sewer District Fund  
 Capital Reserve Fund  
 Fleet Reserve Fund  
 Computer Replacement Fund

Human Services Assistance Fund

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2013-0115**

**Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2014)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2014 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 23, 2013 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$119,766,245 and estimated cash revenues exclusive of FYE 2013 current property taxes totaling \$39,507,791 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 20.79 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: \$119,766,245

Less General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2013 current property taxes: \$39,507,791

Less the amount to appropriated from the unallocated fund balance: \$1,183,363

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$79,075,091

Amount computed as follows:

\$79,075,091 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$3,888,956,658 divided by 97.8% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 20.79 mill rate.

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2013-0116**

**Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2014)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2014 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 23, 2013 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$21,078 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2014 current property taxes totaling \$50,

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.305 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: \$21,078

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unallocated fund balance of June 30, 2013: \$400

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of current property taxes: \$50

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$20,628

Amount computed as follows:

\$20,628 divided by net assessed valuation of \$67,781,720 (before Board of Assessment

adjustments) divided by 99.7% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.305 mills.

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2013-0117 Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2014)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2014 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 23, 2013 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$1,181,810 and estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2014 current property taxes totaling \$24,214 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: \$1,181,810

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of June 30, 2013:  
\$550,000

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of current property taxes: \$24,214

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$607,596

Amount computed as follows:

\$607,596 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,454,097,572 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excludes motor vehicles) divided by the 97.9% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.25 mills.

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 8:17 was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Antipas and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*

*Lori Watrous, Office Assistant*