



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council

Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Bruce S. Flax, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING - REVISED

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Watson, Councilor Brown-Tracy, Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Streeter

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent, Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox, and Executive Assistant Nicki Bresnayan.

II. NEW BUSINESS

2009-0102 Resolution Approving Budgets for FYE 2010

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

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 2010 cash revenues except FYE 2010 property taxes which will be estimated for budget purposes by separate resolution when the FYE 2010 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
Connecticard Fund
Sewer District Fund
Capital Reserve Fund
Fleet Reserve Fund
Computer Replacement Fund
Human Services Assistance Fund

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0103 Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2010)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING TAX RATE FOR FYE 2010 TO PAY EXPENSES
(APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE
TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 28, 2009 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$118,560,173 and estimated cash revenues

exclusive of FYE 2010 property taxes totaling \$43,856,558 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 18.21 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"): \$118,560,173

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/09: \$1,286,359.

General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes: \$43,856,558

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$73,417,256

Amount computed as follows:

\$73,417,256 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$4,109,785,822 divided by 98.1% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 18.21 mill rate.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0104

Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2010)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING TAX RATE FOR FYE 2010 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE MUMFORD COVE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 28, 2009 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$20,765 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2010 property taxes totaling \$25, be it

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: \$20,765

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$25

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$20,740

Amount computed as follows:

\$20,740 divided by net assessed valuation of \$74,602,432 (before Board of Assessment adjustments) divided by 99.7% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.279 mills.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0105

Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2010)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING TAX RATE FOR FYE 2010 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 28, 2009 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$1,163,189 and estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2010 property taxes totaling \$437,382 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.28 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: \$1,163,189

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/09: \$382,681.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$54,701

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$725,807

Amount computed as follows:

\$725,807 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,621,000,000 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excludes motor vehicles) divided by the 98.9% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.28 mills.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown-Tracy, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0119 Referral to Planning Commission Under CGS 8-24 of TVCCA Lease of 40 Central Avenue

RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION A PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PREMISES AT 40 CENTRAL AVENUE

WHEREAS, since 1990 the YMCA of Southeastern Connecticut, based in Norwich, has leased from the Town of Groton a town-owned building at 40 Central Avenue for their day care program, and

WHEREAS, the property has been leased for a day care center at a nominal fee, with the lessee, YMCA, being responsible for all operating costs including water, electricity, heat, solid waste and collection of recyclable materials, as well as non-structural repairs and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, that lease agreement has been advantageous to the Town of Groton by making child care available at low cost, and

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Southeastern Connecticut is no longer able to carry out their day care program and is unable to comply with their expense responsibilities under the lease, and

WHEREAS, the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) wishes to immediately commence day care operations in place of the YMCA, and TVCCA would comply with and assume all responsibilities under the existing lease, and

WHEREAS, TVCCA is a responsible social service agency that has performed many other services funded by, or in cooperation with, the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, TVCCA is the lessee of the adjoining premises at 36 Central Avenue where they operate the Head Start program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the proposed lease of Town property at 40 Central Avenue to the Groton Planning Commission, pursuant to C.G.S. 8-24.

A motion was made by Mayor Watson, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0118 Public Hearing on TVCCA Lease

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LEASE OF TOWN

PROPERTY TO TVCCA

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed lease of town-owned premises at 40 Central Avenue to the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room #1.

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

The motion carried unanimously

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:

*Barbara Tarbox, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

*Nicki Bresnyan
Executive Assistant*