



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council

Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Dean Antipas, Genevieve Cerf, Joe de la Cruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Schmidt.

Members Present: Mayor Schmidt, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Flax, Councilor Frink, Councilor Moravsik, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Watson and Councilor Antipas

Members Absent: Councilor Cerf

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Jay Weitlauf.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2015-0146 Proclamation Recognizing Academy Point at Mystic Folding of the Flag

Read

Councilor Frink read this proclamation.

2015-0147 Proclamation Recognizing Nicholas Charles Nado

Read

Councilor Moravsik read this proclamation.

Mayor Schmidt recessed the meeting at 8:08 p.m. to hold Public Hearing 2015-0155.

The Town Clerk read the call to the Public Hearing that was posted in the New London Day newspaper on May 19, 2015.

Recess for:

2015-0155 Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Amend Sections 3 and 4 of Ordinance No. 239

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 239

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON: that §§ 3 and 4 of Ordinance No. 239 (§§ 13-3 and 13-4 of the Code of Ordinances) shall be amended as follows:

1. § 13-3. Delete the reference to § 6.2 of the Charter of the Town of Groton and replace it with a reference to § 7.2 of the Charter of the Town of Groton as amended effective 2009.

Pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 7-273aa-7-273oo, inclusive, there is hereby created a municipal resource recovery authority, to be known as the "Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority", 45 Fort Hill Road, Groton, CT 06340. Pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-273aa(b), the town council of the Town of Groton is hereby designated to be the resource recovery authority and in such capacity it shall have all those rights, powers, and duties set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes relating to municipal recovery authorities.

The town council, acting in its capacity as the Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority, shall have the power to adopt resolutions, rules and regulations and to set rents, fees, or charges as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. Copies of any such resolutions, rules and regulations, and the amount of any such rents, fees or charges shall be made available upon request

at the town hall, which shall constitute the principal office of the authority.

The town manager shall be the chief executive officer for the authority and shall have the administrative responsibilities on behalf of the Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority, set forth in Section 7.2 of the Charter of the Town of Groton.

The town council shall also have the power to designate, within the geographical area one or several residential and/or commercial improvement districts, and to enter into contracts, or grant franchises, for the provision of solid waste collection, transport and/or disposal services within those districts.

2. Amend the existing § 13-4 as follows:

Effective January 1, 1999, the removal, transport and/or disposal of solid waste from commercial units and from residential units within the geographical area shall be regulated, managed, supervised and/or performed by the Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority or its agent(s) in conformance with such rules and regulations as the authority has or shall from time to time adopt. Effective on a date to be established by the authority, the removal, transport and/or disposal of solid waste from commercial units and from residential units within the geographical area shall be managed, supervised and/or performed by the Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority or its agent(s) in conformance with such rules and regulations as the authority has or shall from time to time adopt, and from the date determined by the authority for commercial and residential units as aforesaid, all other persons are hereby prohibited from removing, transporting and/or disposing of solid waste generated within the geographical area by the commercial or residential units, respectively. The authority may, however, provide by regulation an exception for generators of solid waste to self-transport and self-dispose of such waste.

Heard at Public Hearing

No comments were made at the Public Hearing. Mayor Schmidt closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Natalie Billing, 15 Ashby Street, Mystic, stated her concern with the conduct of the School Facilities Initiative Task Force at the meeting held on February 26, 2015. She stated that she is not in favor of the Task Force's current proposal, but that she was not there to discuss that proposal. She pointed out several issues that she considers as FOIA violations. She urged the Town Council to appoint Task Force members with varied opinions and that are not supporting a specific proposal. She stated that her confidence in this group has deteriorated and she may not support any recommendation from this Task Force. Mrs. Billing's full statement is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Rosanne Kotowski, 24 Ann Avenue, Mystic, stated her displeasure with the outcome of this year's budget. She made statements referring to the transparency of financial information presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools after budget deliberations were completed. She suggested the Town Council adopt an Emergency Ordinance or Resolution to allow for a budget Referendum.

Scott Aument, 127 Rogers Road, Mystic, thanked the Council for their effort this year on the Town budget. He shared his opinions and suggestions for budget reductions and initiatives to be used during next year's budget process. He requested the formation of a Charter Revision Committee, and for the inclusion of a Budget Referendum that would be triggered by a 2% increase. He also stated that the School Facilities Initiative Task Force needs to address the minority imbalance problems. Mr. Aument's written comments are on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Jay Dempsey, 22 South Prospect Street, shared his opinion on the Town Budget and urged the Town Council to make future reductions in retirement and health care benefits offered to new employees.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Councilor de la Cruz explained that at the School Facilities Initiative Task Force meeting held on February 26, 2015, the architects were looking for direction from the committee for the next meeting. He also mentioned that there have been a lot of significant changes over the past 2 years regarding building reimbursement from the State. He urged anyone interested in the process to attend the meetings.

Councilor Antipas exchanged comments with Ms. Kotowski with regards to the Town Charter.

Mayor Schmidt thanked all the people who spoke under Citizens' Petitions and she added that under no circumstance had the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools deliberately kept information from the Town Council.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2015-0153 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 19, 2015 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2015-0143 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Mystic Photograpy Group - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Robert & Phyllis Boggs - \$8.66 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Groton Utilities - \$77.63 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anonymous - \$46.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Rocco & Susan Gentilella - \$10.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 John Ruddy - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 James Streeter - \$500.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Stephen Jones - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Margil Steinfeld - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Joan Steinfeld - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Kevin McMahan - \$10.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Katherine Brighty & Wendell Windisch - \$250.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Rosemary Duval-Arnould - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 William Perkins & Anne Mehr - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Zell Steever - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Sue & Tom Sypher - \$20.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Carolyn W. Norton - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Ken & Trudy Carpenter - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Donna Upchurch - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Vance & Shirley Lamb - \$40.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Conrad Seifert - \$4.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Jeffrey C. Pritchard - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Carol Bush - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 George & Mary Hayden - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

- 2015-0050** **Legislative Policy Initiative to Increase Revenues**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0023** **Shepherd of the Sea Property, Gungywamp Road**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0033** **Budgeting and Funding for Subdivision-Specific Services**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0118** **Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0119** **Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Grant - Senior Center**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0137** **Adoption of Ordinance for Refurbishment of Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0138** **Authorization to Use a Description of the Ordinance for Refurbishment of Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station in Notice of Adoption**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0139** **Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign the Nutmeg Network Notice of Grant Award**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0141** **Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 16)**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0142** **Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 16)**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0151** **Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments**
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 Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.
The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

Councilor de la Cruz reported that he attended the Shine the Light On Heroin function on May 30, 2015 at Ocean Beach Park. He congratulated Brian Kennedy, a Fitch High School graduate, for recently graduating basic training for the U.S. Army.

Councilor Frink reported he attended two activities on May 27, 2015 associated with the Town Market Analysis: First was a stakeholder interview session in the afternoon and then the kick-off meeting for Economic Development Initiative in the evening.

Councilor Moravsik attended the CCM Economic Development Workshop and the Public Safety Committee Meeting on May 20, the Groton Business Association meeting on May 21, the U.S.S. Groton Sail Procurement meeting on May 22, the Mystic Memorial Day Parade on May 25, the SEAT monthly meeting, and the Personnel and Appointments meeting on June 2, 2015.

Councilor Watson attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting on May 20, 2015.

Councilor Flax attended the Fitch High School Girls Softball ECC tournament on May 29, 2015 and the Golf Advisory Board meeting on June 1, 2015.

Councilor Peruzzotti mentioned numerous emails regarding the Town Budget that were received by all Town Councilors.

Councilor Antipas attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting on May 20, 2015, and he attended a couple of choral concerts at Fitch High School the previous week.

Mayor Schmidt attended the Noank Memorial Day Parade, a reception for a new business, the Economic Development Commission meeting, and the COG meeting. She mentioned that she met briefly with Congressman Joe Courtney, and discussed the Department of Education Income Revisions with him. She also mentioned that she received emails regarding the budget from Patti Nugent and David Waitkus.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher announced that the RTM will meet on June 10, 2015 at the Groton Senior Center at 7:30 p.m.

c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher reported that dog licenses are now due in the State of Connecticut. She announced that there is a Municipal Election this November and offered instruction for any citizen interested in running for office.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager noted that his office is working with a family that is looking for permission to bury a relative in Potter's Field. He highlighted a few items that are noted in the Manager's Weekly Status Report. He also mentioned an invitation to a reception for Flag Day. He mentioned that notices were sent to residents who live on streets that are being repaved this summer. He also reviewed items proposed for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community Relations - Chairman de la Cruz

No meeting, no report.

b. Finance - Chairman Frink

No meeting, no report.

c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Flax

No meeting, no report.

d. Rules - Chairman Frink

No meeting, no report.

e. Public Safety - Chairman Moravsik

Chairman Moravsik reported that the committee met on May 20, 2015. They met with the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department. They also discussed the Fire Marshall issue and he plans to ask for a referral to continue the discussion.

f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt

Mayor Schmidt reported that the Committee of the Whole met on May 26 and June 2, 2015 and they passed all items that are on tonight's agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2015-0050 Legislative Policy Initiative to Increase Revenues

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY INITIATIVE TO INCREASE REVENUES

WHEREAS, the Town Council previously authorized the use of \$200,000 in Legislative-Initiatives (#10017) for a proposed land use regulatory review, market analysis and review, and analysis of opportunity areas along with additional services to be reviewed by the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the activities identified in the base contract (\$150,000), the consultants, VHB and Camoin Associates, identified six potential additional service tasks, and

WHEREAS, Planning and Development staff have selected five additional tasks and reviewed them with the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the following additional services to be conducted by VHB and Camoin Associates for the contract amount of \$50,000:

- Economic Development Marketing Materials
- Financial Feasibility Analysis
- Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis
- Targeted Industry Attraction Strategy
- Marketing Strategy Implementation

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0118

Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FOR A GRANT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents on behalf of the Town of Groton with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut and to affix the corporate seal for the Dial-A-Ride grant for transportation services for elderly and disabled persons in State Fiscal Year 2016.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0119

Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Grant - Senior Center

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FOR A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, to sign and execute all necessary agreements/contract documents on behalf of the Town of Groton with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program for enhanced mobility of seniors and disabled individuals for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 grant cycle.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0137

Adoption of Ordinance for Refurbishment of Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$8,230,000 FOR REFURBISHMENT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (WPCF) EFFLUENT PUMP STATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE FISHTOWN ROAD PUMP STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

Section 1. That the sum of EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,230,000) is appropriated for costs related to design and construction of improvements to the refurbishment of the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Effluent Pump Station and rehabilitation of the Fishtown Road Pump Station, and costs related to the financing thereof, substantially as described in the Fishtown Road Pump Station Condition Evaluation and Preliminary Design Report, dated August 2011, the Fishtown Road Pump Station Rehabilitation - Preliminary Drawings Presented to the WPCA 11/12/14, the Effluent Pump Station Needs Evaluation Summary Report, dated March 14, 2014 and revised June 5, 2014, and the Effluent Pump Station Needs Evaluation - Presentation to the WPCA 11/12/14, each available for inspection at the Public Works Department Offices in the Town Hall Annex Building, 134 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, Connecticut. The appropriation may be spent for design, acquisition, installation and construction costs, equipment, materials, construction management, site improvements, engineering fees, design and bidding services, testing and inspection costs, related site and utilities work, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so modified or reduced.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes or obligations, in an amount not to exceed EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,230,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes or obligations authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project. The bonds or notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-259 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes or obligations shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town of Groton. The Town does hereby covenant and agree with the holders of the bonds or notes or obligations and all notes and interim funding obligations issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds or notes or obligations that in each year while any such bonds or notes or obligations are outstanding, it will levy and collect ad valorem taxes upon all taxable properties within the Town, other than properties within the City of Groton, in an amount sufficient, with such other funds of the Town as shall be available for such purpose, to pay the interest and principal on the bonds or notes or obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes or interim funding obligations from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes or obligations for the project. The amount of the notes or obligations outstanding at any time shall not exceed EIGHT MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,230,000). The notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-264 and 7-378 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes or obligations shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town, payable as provided in Section 2. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Sections 7-378a and 7-378b of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Sections 7-264 or 7-378, and the Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 22a-479(c) with respect to any obligations.

Section 4. That the Town Council shall determine the amount of bonds, notes or obligations authorized by Section 2 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance shall determine the amount of any temporary notes or interim funding obligations authorized by Section 3 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes or obligations by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes or obligations. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the dates, interest rates,

maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes or obligations; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes or obligations; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes or obligations; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes or obligations; to sell the bonds or notes or obligations at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes or obligations; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes or obligations.

Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes or obligations authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes or obligations to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes or obligations.

Section 7. That the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, is authorized to apply for and accept state grants to finance the project and state loans to finance the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement prescribed by the State. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Water Pollution Control Authority are authorized to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans pursuant to Section 22a-479 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, or to any other present or future legislation, or to implement such grant or loan agreements.

Section 8. That the Water Pollution Control Authority is authorized to construct the sewer project; to approve design and construction expenditures and any easement acquisition costs incurred for the sewer project; and to contract with engineers, contractors and others on behalf of the Town for said sewer project. All such authority is subject to the provisions of Section 1.

Section 9. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Water Pollution Control Authority and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes or obligations to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 10. This ordinance shall become effective only if it has been adopted by vote of not less than five (5) members of the Town Council and by the Representative Town Meeting, and only if the appropriation set forth in Section 1 and the issuance of bonds and notes and obligations to finance said appropriation have been approved by the voters at referendum in accordance with Section 8.12 of the Town Charter, and notice of passage has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 8 - Mayor Schmidt, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Flax, Councilor Frink, Councilor Moravsik, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Watson and Councilor Antipas

2015-0138 Authorization to Use a Description of the Ordinance for Refurbishment of Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station in Notice of Adoption

AUTHORIZATION TO USE A DESCRIPTION OF THE ORDINANCE FOR REFURBISHMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY EFFLUENT PUMP STATION AND REHABILITATION OF FISHTOWN ROAD PUMP STATION IN NOTICE OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, Section 5.5.6.2 of the Town Charter provides that notice of the adoption of a legislative ordinance "shall include the title, serial number, and complete text of the ordinance, except that if so directed by the Town Council, a description of the ordinance prepared by the Town Attorney may be substituted for the complete text," and

WHEREAS, upon the Town Council approval of the Ordinance for Refurbishment of the Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of the Fishtown Road Pump Station the Town Clerk would like to publish a description of the ordinance rather than the full ordinance in the notice of adoption, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney is directed to prepare a description of the Ordinance for Refurbishment of the Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of the Fishtown Road Pump Station for publication as a substitute for the complete text.

A motion was made by Councilor Moravsik, seconded by Councilor de la Cruz, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0139 Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign the Nutmeg Network Notice of Grant Award

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2015 GRANT TO CONNECT TO THE NUTMEG NETWORK

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014 the Groton Town Council endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program grant application to connect the Town of Groton to the State of Connecticut Nutmeg fiber network for Internet connectivity, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a Notice of Grant Award in the amount of \$24,700 for the 2015 Grant to Connect to the Nutmeg Network, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to sign the Notice of Grant Award for the 2015 Grant to Connect to the Nutmeg Network on behalf of the Town of Groton.

A motion was made by Councilor Frink, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0151 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

RESOLVED, that the following individual is appointed as noted:
School Facilities Initiative Task Force - Heather Somers (Citizen at Large)

A motion was made by Councilor de la Cruz, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0156 Transfer of Fund Balance(s)

RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER OF FUND BALANCE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, a review of the fund balances in various funds has been completed to determine those with sufficient balances available for transfer to the General Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Fund has a fund balance that currently exceeds projected and foreseeable fund expenses with \$750,000 available for transfer, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Reserve fund has \$451,500 available for transfer leaving a balance of slightly more than \$800,000 for future General Fund projects, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation programs and Special Needs programs have a combined balance of \$166,000 with \$100,000 available for transfer, and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation to the Fleet Fund was authorized in the FYE 2016 budget and \$65,000 is available for transfer, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council, in order to achieve a reduction of tax revenues needed for the Proposed Budget, authorizes a contribution of \$1,366,500 from the above noted funds to the General Fund for FYE 2015.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0140

Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 16)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND TAXES DUE ON JULY 1, 2015

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a General Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$125,738,680, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimates cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes will total \$42,286,249 therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$5,035,029 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2015 to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2016 General Fund budget, and be it

RESOLVED, that \$78,417,402 is the amount that needs to be raised from property taxes, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due July 1, 2015 is hereby established at 20.95 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$78,417,402 ($\$78,417,402 \div \$3,808,651,399 \div 98.3\% \times 1,000 = 20.95$ mills).

This matter was Adopted.

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

Councilors Peruzzotti, Antipas, Flax, Frink, and Mayor Schmidt made personal statements of their perception regarding the conclusion of the FYE 2016 Town Budget.

The vote carried by seven in favor and one opposed, Councilor Peruzzotti.

2015-0141

Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 16)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR MUMFORD COVE DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2015

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$21,028, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes will total \$0, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$0 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2015, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2016 Mumford Cove District Fund budget, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Mumford Cove District Fund on July 1, 2015 is hereby established at 0.309 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$21,028 ($\$21,028 \div \$68,042,488 \div 99.8\% \times 1,000 = 0.309$ mills).

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0142

Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 16)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2015

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$835,450 and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes will total \$24,435, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$225,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2015, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2016 Sewer District Fund Budget, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Groton Sewer District Fund on July 1, 2015 is hereby established at 0.25 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$611,015 ($\$611,015 \div \$2,459,978,522$ (excluding motor vehicles) $\div 98.6\% \times 1,000 = 0.25$ mills).

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

The motion carried unanimously

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Watson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Moravsik and so taken at 9:16 p.m.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*