



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Mayor Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Joe de la Cruz, Greg Grim, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Flax called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Flax, Councilor Barber, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Antipas and Councilor Grim

Also present were Town Manger Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher, and Office Assistant II Nathan Caron.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Andrea Frickman.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

None.

Recess for Public Hearing on:

Mayor Flax recessed the Town Council meeting at 7:31 p.m. to conduct the Public Hearing.

2016-0088 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2016)

Town Clerk Moukawsher read the call for the Notice of the Public Hearing that appeared in the New London Day newspaper on June 2, 2016.

Andrea Frickman, of the Mystic Museum of Art, residing at 61 Warren Ave, Mystic, stated that the Museum plans to replace lighting using energy-efficient bulbs throughout the entire facility if they are awarded this grant.

Van Brown, 925 River Road, Mystic, spoke in favor of the Mystic Museum of Art, but he noted that he was unaware of how replacing the lighting would further the mission of the museum. He noted that the grant could be better spent on behalf of Eversource.

Ron Yuhas, City of Groton Finance Director, stated that this grant would be used as part of a capital improvement plan to upgrade the outdated HVAC equipment in the City of Groton Municipal building.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Alan Ackley, 99 North Road, spoke against closing Vergennes Court. He stated that he would like to know if there was a way to submit a citizen signature petition in order to offset a contentious public hearing. He asked if there had been a date set for the Public Hearing. Town Manager Mark Oefinger acknowledged that there was a date set, but that he couldn't recall the date. He indicated that the Public Hearing will be called soon.

Gayle Goode, 224 Fort Hill Road, stated that she is against the closure of Vergennes Court. She requested more information on how the idea of the closure came about. She noted that there are frequent accidents on that stretch of Fort Hill Road, but they are not associated with the egress of

Vergennes Court.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2016-0138 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 3, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

2016-0148 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of May 17, 2016 and May 24, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0141 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Debra Mae Ziegler - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Thomas Norris - 25.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Harrison Morton Ward Post 115, Inc. American Legion - \$250.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Phyllis and Frederick Meyer, Jr. - \$100.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

William and Duangduean Lewis III - \$50.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Douglas and Nicole LaFontaine - \$25.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Lorraine Scheetz - \$200.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Dawn Renaldi - \$25.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Rebecca and Adrian Haupt - \$100.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Frank Winkler, Jr. - \$100.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Brian and Phyllis Roche - \$75.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Marian Galbraith - \$100.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

George and Mary Scully - \$50.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Richard and Linda Mikna - \$50.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

James Streeter - \$250.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Ronald and Paula Gaudet - \$175.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Clyde and Kathy Holmes - \$100.00 - Library Renovations

Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - 20.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Pfizer United Way - \$48.35 - Library Renovations

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0040 Adoption of Rules for the Thirtieth Town Council

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

2016-0124 Reappointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission

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

- 2016-0125 **Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0126 **Reappointment of Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0127 **Reappointment of Christine Grady to Zoning Board of Appeals**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0128 **Appointment of Douglas Smith as a Regular Member of the Zoning Commission**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0129 **Appointment of James Furlong to the Zoning Commission**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0139 **Groton Public Library Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2016)**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0140 **Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2016)**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2016-0147 **Yankee Gas/Eversource Route 1 Gas Line Project**
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 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. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

Councilor de la Cruz stated that the next Community Speaks Out meeting will be held on June 22, 2016 at the Groton Public Library. He announced that 45 people have been placed in a rehabilitation program during the last five months. He reported that there had been a few more deaths this past week in Groton as a result of heroin overdose.

Councilor Nault stated that she attended the Downtown Mystic Merchants meeting on June 1, the Laying of the Wreath Ceremony in commemoration of the Battle of Midway on June 6, 2016, the Charter Revision Commission and the Golf Advisory Board meetings on June 6, 2016, the Economic Development Commission meeting and the State of Groton & Ledyard luncheon on June 2, 2016.

Councilor Watson stated that he attended the Town Council/City Council/RTM/Board of Education Liaison meeting on June 1, 2016.

Councilor Barber stated that she attended the Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing on June 6, 2016.

Councilor Peruzzotti attended the Town Council/City Council/RTM/Board of Education Liaison meeting on June 1, 2016.

Mayor Flax stated that he attended the Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG) Regional Heroin Response Committee meeting on May 23, 2016, and the Charter Revision Commission kickoff meeting where Dee Hauber was named Chair of the Commission and Scott Aument was named Secretary. He stated that he met with the Town Manager a few times, and he attended a few Groton Week planning meetings. He stated that he attended the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of

Commerce State of Groton luncheon meeting and the June 6, 2016 Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that the next Representative Town Meeting will be held on June 8, 2016 at the Groton Senior Center at 7:30 p.m.

c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that June is the month to license dogs in the State of Connecticut. She stated the fees and that the licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office. She stated that she assisted in the Groton Rotary Club's second annual golf tournament. She announced that the tournament raised over ten thousand dollars for the Groton Rotary. She announced that the Norwich Magazine awarded Bluff Point as the best place to ride a bicycle in Connecticut.

d. Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Oefinger reviewed items from the Manager's Weekly Status Report. He announced that the Sub Century Week celebration is to commence during the week of June 20th, 2016. He announced that the SubBase anniversary is Tuesday, June 21st with an event at 10:00 a.m. at the SubBase and a community event at Washington Park starting at 4:00 p.m. He mentioned that the Town Council will be holding a Public Hearing on the Introduction of the Schools Initiative project on June 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. He mentioned a memo that he had given the Town Council that explains the process for selecting the design for the commemorative mini-submarine.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community Relations -

No meeting, no report.

b. Finance -

No meeting no report.

c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Watson

Chairman Watson stated that the committee met this evening and discussed the Town Council Personnel and Appointment policy. He stated that the committee plans to make recommendations to the Town Council after the committee completes their review.

d. Rules -

No meeting, no report.

e. Public Safety -

No meeting, no report.

f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax

Mayor Flax stated that the Committee of the Whole met and voted on all the items on the agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2016-0040 Adoption of Rules for the Thirtieth Town Council

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES FOR THE THIRTIETH TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, at the first convening of the Thirtieth Town Council on December 1, 2015, Mayor Bruce Flax appointed a Temporary Rules Committee comprised of Councilors Antipas, Grim, and Watson, and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Temporary Rules Committee have been reviewed by the Committee of the Whole, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council adopts the Rules of Procedure of the Thirtieth Town Council (attached), said Rules to be effective immediately.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0124 Reappointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SARAH MORIARTY TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Sarah D. Moriarty, 30 Fishers View Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/19.

A motion was made by Councilor Barber, seconded by Councilor Nault, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0125 Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEPHEN HUDECEK TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Stephen Hudecek, 33 Leeward Lane, is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/20.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0126 Reappointment of Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WILLIAMS TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Barbara Williams, 129 Elm Street, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/17.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0127 Reappointment of Christine Grady to Zoning Board of Appeals

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHRISTINE GRADY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Christine Grady, 17 Palmers Cove Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/2020.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0128 Appointment of Douglas Smith as a Regular Member of the Zoning Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUGLAS SMITH AS A REGULAR MEMBER (FROM AN ALTERNATE MEMBER) TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Douglas A. Smith, 37 Island Circle South, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0129 Appointment of James Furlong to the Zoning Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES FURLONG AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that James C. Furlong, 57 Fishtown Lane, Mystic is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/16.

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

Councilor Watson stated that Mr. Furlong could re-apply and speak to the Personnel and Appointments Committee again.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 1 - Councilor Barber
Opposed: 6 - Mayor Flax, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson

2016-0139 Groton Public Library Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2016)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM APPLICATION (2016)

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut provides tax credits to businesses that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library has proposed an energy conservation project that will replace the GMTV studio lighting with LED lights, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council approves the Groton Public Library 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program application for an energy conservation program.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0140 Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2016)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM APPLICATION (2016)

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut provides tax credits to businesses that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Odd Fellow Home of Connecticut, Inc. has proposed an energy conservation project that will replace existing packaged thermal air conditioners in its Fairview facility, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council approves the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program application for an energy conservation program.

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

In response to Councilor Nault's question, Mayor Flax stated that the money is coming from the State of Connecticut. Town Manager Mark Oefinger confirmed that the money is State dollars.

The motion carried unanimously

2016-0147 Yankee Gas/Eversource Route 1 Gas Line Project

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH EVERSOURCE TO SUPPLY NATURAL GAS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has been investigating the change in heating fuel for municipal buildings from oil to natural gas significantly decreasing the cost to heat Town buildings

and reducing associated Green House Gas emissions by as much as 25%; and

WHEREAS, communications with Eversource indicate that they are willing to extend the existing gas main on Route 1 up Fort Hill to potentially provide service to the Town Hall Annex Complex and Fitch High School with the proviso that one of the buildings in the Annex Complex connects to the service by 2021; and

WHEREAS, by the Town committing to Eversource that it will connect a building within the five year period cited above, Eversource will not only extend the gas main, but will install the meter and service line to that building at no cost to the Town. Future service lines to other buildings will be the responsibility of the Town. The term of the agreement is 15 years during which time the Town must use natural gas exclusively or it will be subject to charges for the installed service lines; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to enter into agreements with Eversource to provide natural gas to buildings in the Town Hall Annex Complex, subject to the review of the of the Town Attorney.

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

Councilor de la Cruz stated that each building chosen would need to use gas exclusively.

In response to Councilor Nault, Town Manager Mark Oefinger stated that the cost of replacing the oil tanks and systems is expected to be more than the cost of switching to gas. Town Manager stated that the cost is expected to be modest and upgrades would need to occur regardless. He noted that this is a tremendous opportunity for the Town. He noted that road paving is being delayed because of installation of the gas lines.

Mayor Flax stated that the gas lines will be installed up Route 1/ Fort Hill Road.

Town Manager Mark Oefinger confirmed that the gas lines will be installed up Route 1/Fort Hill Road, and that the lines would also be extended down Groton Long Point Road to include Town buildings and possibly beyond.

The motion carried unanimously

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Antipas arrived at 8:12 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Flax, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Barber, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Grim

Potential Suspension of the Rules

Town Manager Mark Oefinger stated that there are minor grammatical changes to the description for the School Facilities Initiative Ordinance. He stated that the Town Attorney and the Bonding Attorney advises that the Town Council pass a Resolution accepting the corrections.

Councilor Watson made a motion to suspend the Town Council Rule 7b in order to approve item 2016-0151. The motion was seconded by Councilor de la Cruz. The motion carried unanimously.

2016-0151

Revised Description for School Facilities Initiative Ordinance

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED DESCRIPTION FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, minor modifications to the description for the School Facilities Initiative Bond Ordinance were recommended by the Town Attorney and Bond Attorney after the Town Council introduced the ordinance on May 24, 2016, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the following revised ordinance description:

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$184,500,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GROTON 2020 PLAN, CONSISTING OF A NEW, CONSOLIDATED MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOLS INTO "RENOVATED LIKE NEW" ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 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 ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$184,500,000) is appropriated for costs related to design and construction of (i) a new, approximately 169,000 sq. ft. consolidated middle school to be situated on the Town-owned Merritt site at 35 Groton Long Point Road, between Ella Grasso Technical High School and Robert E. Fitch High School and (ii) conversion of the existing Carl C. Cutler Middle School at 160 Fishtown Road and the existing West Side Middle School at 250 Brandegee Avenue into two "renovated like new" pre-K through grade 5 elementary schools, including the addition of approximately 11,000 sq. ft. of new space at each school. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, demolition costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, land or easement acquisition, necessary utilities, parking, road and sidewalk improvements off and on the school sites, site improvements, portable classrooms, storage and moving costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, construction manager fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town Council, or its designee, shall approve the final concept for the school project. The Town Council may reduce or modify the project and may delete portions of the project if funds are insufficient to complete the entire project.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$184,500,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 and 10-289 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes 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 and all notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds or notes that in each year while any such bonds or notes are outstanding, it will levy and collect ad valorem taxes upon all taxable properties within the Town 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 as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of temporary notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$184,500,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes 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 Section 7-378.

Section 4. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance shall determine the amount of any temporary notes authorized by Section 3 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes 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. 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; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes;

to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

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 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 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.

Section 7. That the Board of Education is authorized to apply for and accept state grants for the project. The Board of Education is authorized to file applications with the State Board of Education, to execute grant agreements for the project, and to file such documents as may be required by the State Board of Education to obtain grants for the costs of financing the project.

Section 8. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance 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 to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 9. 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 to finance said appropriation have been approved by the voters at referendum in accordance with Sections 5.5.5.1 and 9.13 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 unanimously

Councilor Barber stated that she was looking to get the Chief of Police from the Town and City to meet with the Town Council to discuss moving to one Town dispatch.

Town Manager Mark Oefinger suggested that a joint Town and City Council meeting should be arranged to discuss this proposal.

Mayor Flax stated he may want the Police Chiefs to meet with the Town Council only first.

Councilor Antipas stated that the opinion of the Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services would be important to be included in this discussion.

Councilor Barber clarified her proposal to include any group that would be involved in the potential changes should be involved with the discussion.

Councilor Nault stated that all urgent 911 calls go through the Town of Groton dispatch center.

Councilor de la Cruz stated that it would be good idea to pick a design for the commemorative mini-submarine for the upcoming CT Sub Trail event. Town Councilors discussed their opinions on the designs. Town Manager Mark Oefinger announced numbers 19, 18, 6, and 12, as the

selected designs.

Town Manager listed items the will be included in the next Committee of the Whole meeting as the suspense list for taxes owed, labor negotiations, Parks Leader job description, a grant for CT Dial a Ride, a request for donation from Thames River Heritage Park, non-union pay increases for the current year, and the impact of budget cuts for FYE 2017.

In response to Councilor Barber's question, Town Clerk Moukawsher stated that the Mystic Art Association is looking for \$17, 202.99 grant through the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Peruzzotti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Watson. Mayor Flax declared the adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher
Clerk of the Town Council*

*Nathan Caron
Office Assistant II*