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Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Mayor Bruce S. Flax, Councilor Dean G. Antipas, Councilor Diane Barber, Councilor Greg Grim, Councilor Rich Moravsik, Councilor Karen F. Morton, Councilor Bonnie Nault, Councilor Deb Peruzzotti, and Councilor Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Flax called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher read the roll call of the meeting.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Flax, Councilor Barber, Councilor Grim, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Watson and Councilor Moravsik
Members Absent: Councilor Antipas

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, OPDS Director Jon Reiner, and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Susan Sutherland.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2017-0152 Proclamation Honoring the Heroism of the Sabados Girl Scouts

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Nault.

2017-0153 Proclamation Recognizing Cutler Middle School Class of 2017

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Grim.

2017-0154 Proclamation Recognizing West Side Middle School Class of 2017

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Watson.

2017-0167 Proclamation Recognizing Jonathan Fletcher Allen

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Moravsik.

2017-0168 Proclamation Recognizing John Meers

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Peruzzotti.

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Recess for:

Mayor Flax recessed the meeting at 7:49 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher read the call to the Public Hearing that had been published in The Day newspaper on June 15, 2017.

2017-0149 Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Designate the Planning Commission the Planning and

Zoning Commission and to Abolish the Zoning Commission

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON AND TO ABOLISH THE ZONING COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF GROTON THAT:

1. Although the Planning and Zoning Commissions have provided the townspeople of the Town of Groton consistently exemplary service, changing economic and other conditions, including the increasing uncertainty of the State of Connecticut's ability to provide revenues to the municipalities, have caused the Town Council to reconsider the utility of having two separate commissions. Information obtained by the Town Council strongly indicates that it would be in the Town's best interest to create a combined Planning and Zoning Commission in order to, among other things, unify and expedite the processes of obtaining zoning approvals and thus encourage economic development.
2. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-4a, the Planning Commission is hereby designated as the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Groton, and said Planning and Zoning Commission shall have all powers granted to planning commissions, zoning commissions, and planning and zoning commissions by the laws of the State of Connecticut, including without limitation the powers granted planning and zoning commissions by Chapters 124 and 126 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
3. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of seven regular members and three alternates, all of whom shall serve five-year terms, and each of whom shall be a resident elector of the Town and appointed by a majority vote of the Town Council. The present terms of office of the five regular and three alternate members of the Planning Commission, including any currently vacant seats, shall continue until their current expiration date. Thereafter, the Town Council shall appoint regular and alternate members for terms of five years. The terms of the two additional seats for regular members created hereby shall terminate on December 31, 2021, and shall thereafter be filled for five-year terms. No regular or alternate member of the Planning and Zoning commission may concurrently be a regular or alternate member of the Town of Groton Zoning Board of Appeals.
4. Alternate members shall have all the powers and duties conferred on alternate members of a planning and zoning commission by the General Statutes. Alternates shall be designated to act according to a regular rotation process so as to assure to the extent practicable equal participation by each in the affairs of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
5. The Town Council shall by majority vote fill all vacancies of the regular and alternate members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the unexpired portion of any term.
6. The Zoning Commission is abolished and shall cease to exist.
7. This Ordinance shall be effective 45 days after enactment by the Council unless vetoed by the RTM.

Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken

Public Comment:

Office of Planning and Development Services Director Jon Reiner referred to a short memorandum that the department had submitted to the Town Council. He stated that the memo outlines some of the roles that the Planning and Zoning Commissions have during the permitting process. He stated that the 2016 Zoning and Subdivision Regulation Audit recommends that the town study the feasibility of combining the Planning and Zoning Commissions. He stated that

there is a concern that the workload may overload the commissioners. He stated that there has been concern with the difficulty in recruiting new members.

Jeff Pritchard, 21 West Mystic Ave., Mystic, Chairman of the Planning Commission, read a letter from the Planning Commission into the record. The letter stipulates a dissenting opinion and identifies constructive alternatives. The letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Richard Fitzgerald, 8 Benjamin Road, Mystic, stated that he received the original draft of the letter that Chairman Pritchard read. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Pritchard's letter. He stated that the rewrite of the Zoning Regulations will require an additional eighteen months to complete. He stated that the new commission may desire reviewing the work, which would result in further delays. He stated that he disagrees with the proposed increase in membership because this would lengthen the time of the meetings. He suggested that this ordinance be considered after the completion of the new regulations. Mr. Fitzgerald's statement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Eugenia Villagra, 76 Riverview Avenue, read a letter that had been penned by eleven concerned members of the public. She stated the Zoning Commission has completed a complex update of the regulations for the Water Resource Protection District (WRPD). She commented on the 2016 audit and the suggestions that the town study the possibility of combining the Planning and Zoning Commissions. She offered constructive advice on how to proceed with combining the Planning and Zoning Commissions. The letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Doug Smith, 37 Island Circle South, stated that he is an alternate member of the Zoning Commission. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Pritchard's statements and the memo written by Jon Reiner and Deb Jones. He stated that during his three-and-a-half years on the Zoning Commission, he cannot recall the Zoning Commission denying a request for a special permit. He stated that these special permits would not require review by the Planning Commission and, therefore, would not result in any efficiency if the two commissions were combined. He referred to the current Zoning Commission membership as being diverse in skill and background. He stated that rewriting of the WRPD regulations was completed on May 31, 2017. He stated that the Town Council Ordinance to combine the two commissions came as a surprise. He stated that the Town Council did not request any opinion or input from either commission. He stated that this has deflated the moral of the commissions. He stated that the Town Council had an opportunity to discuss this proposal with the Zoning Commission at the March 21, 2017 meeting. He stated that the manner in which this proposal was brought forward has been disrespectful to the members of the Planning and Zoning Commissions.

Tom Tobin, 104 Irving Street, Mystic, read a statement regarding the decision to abolish the Zoning Commission. He suggested that the Council abandon the plan or at least study the idea further. He stated that the Town Council seems to believe the Zoning Commission is not business-friendly, but that in the tenure of the current Chair, only one application had been turned down. He requested that the Town Council carefully reconsider abolishing the Zoning Commission. Mr. Tobin's statement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Sue Sutherland, 32 Neptune Drive, stated that she has had the honor to serve on the Zoning Commission for many years, first as an alternate, then as a full commissioner, and most recently as Chairperson. She stated that she is proud of the Zoning Commission that the Town Council has appointed. She stated that a consolidated commission may sound like a good idea in a report, but it would result in even more inefficiencies and difficulties. She suggested that a five-member commission should be considered, if the Town Council insists on combining the two commissions. Ms. Sutherland's statement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Susan Bailey, 123 Monument Street, Chairman of the Groton Business Association, stated that she

encourages the Town Council to combine the Zoning and Planning Commissions. She stated that as part of the Town of Groton's effort to encourage new economic development, the Office of Planning and Development functions with a high awareness of the balance needed between business, business development, residential projects and ecological factors in order to propel our community forward to a vibrant and financially secure future for all residents. She stated that if the commissions are combined, she encourages the current commission members to continue to participate in the combined commission. She stated that the Groton Business Association supports this ordinance.

Hank Steinford, 32 Valley Road, stated that he has been a member of the Planning Commission for the last twenty years and has served on several other land use commissions. He stated that he thoroughly agrees with the statements in Jeff Pritchard's letter. The lengthy meeting time of a combined commission would be prohibitive to most people. He stated that at this time the Planning Commission's workload is very low. He mentioned years past when meetings lasted well into the early morning. He stated that lengthy meetings of a combined commission would result in the difficulty of keeping members.

Victor Villagra, 76 Riverview Ave, Noank, stated that he is troubled by the rush in action and the absence of sufficient information or any documents informing the public of the critical analysis that led to this proposal. He stated that one of the justifications that the Town Council cites is saving money. He asked how much money would be saved. He asked what the price would be for the loss of experienced members from the Zoning Commission. He asked what the consequence and the cost would be from the interruption of the orderly and systematic approach that had been developed by the Zoning Commission in reviewing the Zoning Regulations. He stated that he supports the third party independent auditor's recommendation to conduct a study.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mayor Flax called for citizens to address the Town Council. The following names were called: Bradford King, Tom Althuis, Steven Christina, Jr. Mitch Marron, Joseph Zeppieri, Fran Snyder Szeqda, Jim Streeter, Edward Moukawsher, Terry Eames, Lian Obrey, Richard Palmieri, Steve Gardner, and Steve Garman

No one came forward to speak.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2017-0169 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 6, 2017 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2017-0157 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Trillium Garden Club - \$400.00 - Library Miscellaneous

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

- 2016-0110 Disposition of Former Colonel Ledyard School**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2017-0150 Property Tax Abatement Committee**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2017-0151 Noank Aquaculture Lease Renewal**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2017-0155 Librarian I Job Descriptions**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2017-0156 Joint Purchasing Programs**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2017-0158 Economic Development Logo/Brand Identity Competition Award Endorsement**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2017-0160 Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency**
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- 2017-0161 Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency**
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- 2017-0165 Reappointment of Juan Melendez, Jr. to Water Pollution Control Authority**
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- 2017-0166 GMEA/CILU Collective Bargaining Agreement**
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Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Nault, 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**

All Councilors reported that they had received numerous phone calls and emails.

Mayor Flax stated that he had met with the Town Manager a few times and he had received many emails, phone calls, and Facebook messages.

Councilor Nault reported that she attended the 50th anniversary party for Avery Point.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher reported that the RTM met on June 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center. She stated that they approved the 4th Quarter Transfers that had been referred by the Town Council. She reported that the RTM discussed the Ordinance to combine the

Planning and Zoning Commissions and that they will be putting a committee together to discuss the FYE 2019 budget.

c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that she had received several phone calls regarding this Special Meeting. She gave a few people misinformation regarding Citizens' Petitions. She stated that normally there are no Citizens' Petitions or Committee reports during Special Meetings.

Mayor Flax stated that they decided to make an exception at this meeting to include Citizens' Petitions. He reported that during the Executive Session, the Town Council did reach an agreement with the Par Four Restaurant and that the restaurant will remain open for an additional five and a half years.

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that the 4th of July Parade packets that include parking instructions had be sent out. She reported that the parade will be using the traditional route starting at the Poquonnock Plains Park and continuing along Fort Hill Road to the Groton Shopping Center.

Mayor Flax concurred and stated that anyone interested in viewing the parade can be assured that it will follow the standard parade route starting at Poquonnock Plains and continuing to the Benny's plaza.

d. Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Oefinger discussed the upcoming schedule for meetings and agenda items. He highlighted items from the Town Council Weekly Status Report to include the completion of the LED light conversion project at the GMTV studio, the approval of the grant to the Nautilus Dock modifications, and the Mystic Education Center public information meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Watson

Chairman Watson reported that the Personnel and Appointments Committee met on June 6, 2017 at the Town Hall Annex. He stated that the committee approved all of the appointments and reappointments that are on the agenda. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

b. Rules - Chairman Antipas

No meeting, no report.

c. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax

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

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

2017-0150 Property Tax Abatement Committee

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE POOR AND UNABLE TO PAY

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2002 resolution 2001-0228 was adopted which provides for a means for the abatement of taxes for persons who are poor and unable to pay per CGS 12-124, and

WHEREAS, CGS 12-124 requires that abatement of such taxes be approved/denied by a standing Abatement Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton does not currently have an Abatement Committee as required by

CGS 12-124, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council designates the Town Council Committee of the Whole as the Property Tax Abatement Committee to review and approve/deny the abatement of taxes for persons who are poor and unable to pay.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0151

Noank Aquaculture Lease Renewal

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY TO THE NOANK AQUACULTURE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the original 10-year lease of Town-owned property at 100 Main Street in Noank to the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative Corporation expired on January 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, James Markow, President of the Cooperative, notified the Town of his desire to renew the lease for an additional five-year term, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a draft lease renewal that includes rent and shellfish seed fee increases in accordance with the renewal options outlined in the original lease, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is duly authorized to execute a five-year lease renewal of the property at 100 Main Street, Noank, with the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative Corporation.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0155

Librarian I Job Descriptions

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR LIBRARIAN I - CIRCULATION AND LIBRARIAN I - PUBLIC SERVICES

WHEREAS, the job descriptions for Librarian I - Circulation and Librarian I - Public Services were approved in 2015, and

WHEREAS, as the positions have been implemented over the past two years, the need to refine the educational and experience requirements has become evident, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the attached job descriptions for Librarian I - Circulation and Librarian I - Public Services.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0156

Joint Purchasing Programs

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE COMMODITIES FROM JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAMS WITHOUT CONDUCTING THE BID PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has for many years purchased commodities from vendors on the State Contract List pursuant to the contracts awarded by the State to those vendors without conducting the bid process, and

WHEREAS, the Town has derived great benefit from making said purchases without conducting its own bid process in terms of price and efficiency resulting in savings of money and time in

acquiring goods required by various Town departments to perform their functions, and

WHEREAS, by expanding the purchase of commodities to include other joint purchasing programs such as including Regional Councils of Governments, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education or any other public agency, including a municipality or municipalities, or other nonprofit organization the members of which are public bodies, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to purchase commodities from other joint purchasing programs without conducting the Town bid process, when to do so would result in cost savings to the Town.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0158

Economic Development Logo/Brand Identity Competition Award Endorsement

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOGO/BRAND IDENTITY COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Development Services is actively working to build a strong and healthy business community through numerous initiatives, including marketing and the creation of stand-alone economic development website, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has completed a Town-wide market analysis which includes a recommendation that the website refrain from using the Town seal for digital marketing and instead develop a modern, recognizable logo that will help strengthen the Town's brand identity, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with prior Town Council approval, the Office of Planning and Development Services (OPDS) initiated and partnered with the Groton Business Association (GBA) to help facilitate a logo competition open to the general public, and

WHEREAS, the contest was successfully completed and the review of 30 submittals was conducted by an OPDS/GBA Committee that developed a short-list group of finalists, and

WHEREAS, two finalists were ultimately selected by the Committee who are also being recommended for final endorsement and award by the Town Council including the allocation of \$250.00 for the first place selection for the logo and a flight lesson to be awarded to the second place finalist for the slogan, and

WHEREAS, these two winning selections will be further refined and later used in ways to best represent Groton's future brand for marketing and to serve the promotional needs of the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby endorses the preferred logo and slogan from the Economic Development Logo/Brand Identity Competition as identified by the Office of Planning and Development Services and Groton Business Association Committee.

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

Mayor Flax stated that the Director Jon Reiner displayed the new logo last week at the Committee of the Whole meeting. In response to Mayor Flax, Director Jon Reiner reported that the new Economic Development website will be complete within four to six months.

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0160

Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID SCOTT TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that David Scott, 191 Pequot Avenue, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency 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

2017-0161 Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT ASHWORTH TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Robert L. Ashworth, 39 Whitney Road, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency 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

2017-0162 Appointment of John Piacenza to Board of Assessment Appeals

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN PIACENZA AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that John F. Piacenza, 34 Ice House Lane, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Board of Assessment Appeals 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

2017-0163 Reappointment of Joseph Kane to Shellfish Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH KANE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Joseph D. Kane, 131 Prospect Hill Road, is reappointed as an alternate member to the Shellfish Commission for a term ending 12/31/21.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0164 Appointment of Natalie Billing to Community Development Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NATALIE BILLING AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Natalie Burfoot Billing, 15 Ashby Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 2/7/18.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0165 Reappointment of Juan Melendez, Jr. to Water Pollution Control Authority

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUAN MELENDEZ, JR. TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that Juan A. Melendez, Jr., 228 Heather Glen Lane, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/20.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0166 GMEA/CILU Collective Bargaining Agreement

RESOLUTION APPROVING TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND GROTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (GMEA)/UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE) LOCAL 222, CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION (CILU) LOCAL #62, INC. FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the Groton Municipal Employees Association/United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Local 222, Connecticut Independent Labor Union Local #62, Inc. reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the bargaining unit membership voted to approve the agreement, and

WHEREAS, approval is recommended by the Town's negotiators, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council hereby approves the agreement and the expenditure of funds necessary to implement the agreement between the Town and the Groton Municipal Employees Association/United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Local 222, Connecticut Independent Labor Union Local #62, Inc. for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0141 Par Four Lease Renewal

PAR FOUR LEASE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the current restaurant concessionaire at the Town-owned Shennecossett Golf Course has provided food service for the past 30 years, and

WHEREAS, the concessionaire, Par Four Restaurant, has worked cooperatively with the golf course to conduct popular golfing events, and

WHEREAS, the concessionaire and the Town Council have successfully negotiated a new five-and-a-half year lease for the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the lease of premises at Shennecossett Golf Course for a term of five-and-a-half years with the current concessionaire Anthony Christina and Peter Gianacpos, owners of the Par Four Restaurant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to make minor modifications to the draft lease in consultation with the Town Attorney and the Par Four owners, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to sign the finalized lease on behalf of the Town.

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

The motion carried unanimously

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Peruzzotti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Nault. Mayor Flax adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher
Groton Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*