



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Flax and Councilor Peruzzotti

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

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Louie Franciosi.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2010-0144 Proclamation Recognizing Evan Grasser

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Johnson.

2010-0145 Proclamation Honoring Carol W. Kimball

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Watson.

2010-0149 Proclamation Honoring Nancy L. Dytko

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Monteiro.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2010-0151 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 15, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

Mayor Streeter thanked those individuals and companies who made special trust fund

contributions, highlighting a donation from Mohegan Sun to the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund in the amount of \$2,500.

2010-0148

Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Various Donations - \$6.43 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton Matching Funds - \$81.81 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan, Gray and Greenberg, P.C. - \$144.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Upton Bass String Instrument Company - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Jeanette Dostie - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Eileen Duggan - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Mohegan Sun - \$2,500 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Pollard Painting & Powerwashing, LLC - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Barbara Petty-Heuer - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous

Sherry Macaione - \$4.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

A. H. Gildersleeve - \$100.00 - Library Discretionary

Mohegan Sun - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

William L. Grundy dba Legs Landscaping - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Arthur Runde - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Edward and Carol Schell - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Katie Todd and Mica Millbach - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

David Orlosky - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Trillium Garden Club - \$400.00 - Library Discretionary

Jack and Bekki Doyle in memory of Dorothy L. Doyle - \$100.00 - Library Discretionary

Kenneth McBride - \$150.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Nancy Watkinson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

John and Jane Pillar - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Gradar Jewelers - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Bruce Avery - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Constance Watrous - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**a. Town Councilors**

Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor O'Beirne, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, and Councilor Watson participated in the annual 4th of July parade.

Councilor Kolnaski attended the Phase II School Design Committee meeting and retirement celebrations for Linda Stankewich and Paul Duarte. Along with Mayor Streeter, she attended the Fitch Senior High School graduation. Councilor Kolnaski received a call regarding adoption of a blight ordinance.

Councilor Monteiro attended a retirement celebration for Nancy Dytko. Along with Mayor Streeter, she attended a Thames Street Review Committee meeting.

Councilor Johnson attended an Economic Development Commission meeting. He announced that

the Raheem Ali Carter Memorial Flag Football Tournament will take place on July 31, 2010.

Councilor Watson attended a press conference regarding lighting on the "Submarine Capital of the World" sign on Interstate 95. He received emails regarding cell phone use in cars and funding for the Mystic and Noank Library. Councilor Watson noted that the State plans to repair the Bayberry Lane boat launch in August but he believes it should be postponed until spring.

Councilor Sheets noted that the sessions sponsored by the Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community continue to be aired on GMTV. She received an email regarding cell phone use while driving.

Mayor Streeter attended a Groton Business Association meeting, the 50th Anniversary event for the Groton Public Library, and memorial services for former Town Historian Carol Kimball. He received the same emails as other Councilors as well as emails regarding reduced speeds for boats on Beebe Cove and school reuse committees for both Noank and Groton Heights Schools.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that the RTM will hold its next regular meeting on July 21, 2010.

c. Clerk of the Council

No report.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager announced that the Groton Senior Center is a "Coolness Center" and will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He noted that there will be a Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority special meeting July 13, 2010. Mr. Oefinger stated that a warning notice has been received from Electric Boat regarding layoffs in the Fall. He noted that the Thames Street Review Committee will meet every Thursday and will report its findings to the Council in September 2010.

e. Town Attorney

No report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti

No meeting, no report.

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

No meeting, no report.

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski

No meeting, no report.

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets

No meeting, no report.

e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne

No meeting, no report.

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

No meeting, no report.

g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro

No meeting, no report.

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson

No meeting, no report.

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

No meeting, no report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Watson requested a marine patrol report similar to the ones currently provided to the Council from Groton Town and Groton City Police Departments.

Councilor Sheets would like see the Groton Long Point Supplemental Appropriation Request that was tabled on June 15, 2010 re-referred to the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES to take "2010-0132 Groton Long Point Police Budget - Request for Supplemental Appropriation" off the table was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Johnson.

VOTE on Motion to Suspend the Rules failed 3 in Favor, 4 Opposed. (In Favor: Councilors Sheets, Watson, and Johnson).

X. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant