



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

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, April 21, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Schmidt.

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

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 Jordan Brayman.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

None.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Jean-Claude Ambroise, 169 Shennecossett Parkway, stated his concerns with the \$890,290.00 reduction to the City of Groton Highway budget and \$84,564 from the City Police budget that the Town Council passed. He spoke about his experience with budget deliberations as a member of the Representative Town Meeting. He stated that he fears that the current budget process has been circumvented and is in jeopardy of forfeiting the past practices between the Town Council and the RTM. He will urge his fellow RTM members to either restore the cuts to the City Highway budget or to reduce the Town's Public Works budget to reflect a similar reduction.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Councilor Antipas surmised his understanding of the Town Council's reductions and that there was no intention to circumvent the RTM's authority.

Mr Ambroise asked if the procedure set forth in the Town Charter and City Charter for arbitration had been followed. He also asked how the 24 miles of road will be maintained to the level needed with the drastic cut to the budget.

Councilor Frink explained that a committee of both Town and City Councilors had spent months reviewing the budget process. In his opinion the issue is with the comparison of efficiencies and economics between the scale of each project. He stated that the committee had discussed merging the Town and City highway maintenance programs. He also stated that the City is comprised of 3 square miles with 30 miles of road.

Mayor Schmidt commented on the generosity of our citizens and thanked them for their donations to the various special trust fund accounts.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2015-0104 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of April 7, 2015 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items**2015-0087 Special Trust Fund Contributions**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Cedar of New England, Ltd. - \$255.10 - Library Miscellaneous

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$10.26 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

IAMAW - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Jonathan and Michiko Johnson - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Thomas Powden - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Michael Savage - \$2,000 - Library Miscellaneous

Mystic Photography Group - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Marylyn Mullen - \$500 - Library Miscellaneous

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**2014-0236 FYE 2015 Fire District PILOT**

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2015-0075 Acceptance of Open Space in the Watrous Subdivision

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

2015-0076 Charter Oak Community Giving Grant - Senior Center

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

2015-0082 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

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

2015-0089 Mystic Rotary Club Grant

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

2015-0090 Introduction of Ordinance for Refurbishment of WPCF 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.

2015-0091 Scheduling of Public Hearing on Ordinance for Refurbishment of WPCF 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.

2015-0092 Referral of Refurbishment of WPCF Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station to Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24

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

2015-0094 Charter Oak Community Giving Grant - Library

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

2015-0096 Appointment of Adrianna Lublin to Noank School Public Gardens Task Force

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

2015-0097 Appointment of Jonathan Grossman to Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- 2015-0098 Appointment of Laurel Butler to Library Board**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0099 Reappointment of John Wirzbicki to Water Pollution Control Authority**
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2015-0102 Chelsea Groton Foundation Grant - Library**
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 Antipas, seconded by Councilor Watson, 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 Antipas received numerous emails regarding the budget and he attended the WPCA meeting.

Councilor Perruzzotti attended numerous budget meetings.

Councilor Cerf stated that in addition to emails regarding the budget, she attended the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, CERC, presentation at the Public Library on April 9th.

Councilor Flax attended all of the COW budget meetings.

Councilor Watson attended the City of Groton public hearing on the proposed budget and the WPCA meeting.

Councilor Moravsik attended the April 15th SEAT meeting and the SEAT orientation meeting of April 16th. He also attended all of the COW budget meetings.

Councilor Frink attended the Economic Development meeting on April 9th at the Public Library where a presentation was given by CERC.

Councilor de la Cruz attended all of the COW budget meetings.

Mayor Schmidt attended the Energy Committee meeting on April 13th and the Committee of Chairpersons meeting that same evening. She attended the conference of the Mail Carriers of America on Sunday, April 19th. She attended the Mystic Cooperative Task Force meeting on April 20.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher announced that the RTM Annual Meeting will be held at the Groton Senior Center at 7:00 pm on April 29th. Immediately following any citizen's comments, the RTM will begin deliberations.

c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that she attended the Connecticut Town Clerks Association Spring Conference on April 16 and 17. She attended the Master Municipal Clerks Academy on the 17th with a course in disaster planning, response and recovery for municipal record holders. She received the contract for Toby Trax and Marriage Marshall from Cott Systems with an anticipated startup date of May 5th. She announced that MASH, Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, will hold their Annual Gala on May 1st at the River Room at Mystic Seaport. Tickets are available by calling 860-235-0222.

d. Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Oefinger announced that Deb Miner, who has been employed with the Town since 1984, was promoted to Treasurer for the Town of Groton. This position became vacant due to the promotion of Cindy Landry to Finance Director. He also announced that Groton Public Library Director Betty Anne Reiter was awarded 2015 Connecticut Outstanding Librarian Award. There will be a ceremony honoring Ms. Reiter on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the Library. On Wed May 6 at 7 pm at the City Municipal Building, the Connecticut D.O.T. will hold a public information meeting to explain the proposed two bridge repair projects on Clarence B. Sharpe Highway.

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

Councilor Flax reported that the Personnel Committee met and interviewed Jon Grossman for the Parks and Recreation Committee and Laurel Butler for the Library Board. They also consider John Wirzbicki for reappointment to the WPCA. The reappointment and appointments were unanimously recommended for approval. He also announced that Bake for the Better is working with seniors at the Senior Center. He explained that they bake for non profit projects and that this fund drive is to gather baked goods to benefit the New London Homeless Shelter. On Sunday April 26th they will sell the baked goods at the sponsored walk. All proceeds will benefit the New London Homeless Shelter.

d. Rules - Chairman Frink

No meeting, no report.

e. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt

Mayor Schmidt reported that the Committee of the Whole had budget meetings on April 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, and 21st. The COW met earlier this evening and passed all the items that appear on tonight's agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS**2015-0075 Acceptance of Open Space in the Watrous Subdivision**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATROUS SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Watrous Subdivision on Pleasant Valley Road North was approved by the Planning Commission on April 22, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Section 4.9(1) of the Subdivision Regulations allows the Planning Commission to "consider not only the tract or tracts of land proposed to be immediately subdivided, but also any other tract or tracts owned, controlled or under agreement to buy or optioned by the subdivider" for open space reservation, and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015 the Planning Commission recommended acceptance of a 5.5 acre parcel off Fort Hill Road adjacent to Fort Hill Brook for open space, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts the 5.5 acre parcel off Fort Hill Road as open space associated with the Watrous Subdivision.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0076

Charter Oak Community Giving Grant - Senior Center

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CHARTER OAK COMMUNITY GIVING GRANTS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT A SENIOR LEARNING NETWORK ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Senior Learning Network (SLN) recognizes the continuous learning needs of citizens by developing programming specifically designed for people age 55 and up, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center would like to establish a regular ongoing SLN program with program fees partially covered by grant funding in the first year and then fully funded by participant fees in subsequent years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to seek grant funding in the amount of \$2,500 from the Charter Oak Community Giving Grants Program which will be utilized by the Groton Senior Center to establish a Senior Learning Network program.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0082

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the purpose of the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) is the prevention of violent crime, and

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Groton Town Police to purchase body-worn cameras for police officers that will increase officer safety, provide an additional tool for combatting criminal activity, and allow for post-incident review and critique of officers' techniques, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Justice Assistance Grant of \$15,000 for body-worn cameras for police officers.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0089

Mystic Rotary Club Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYSTIC GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORY ROOM AND COMPUTER LAB RENOVATIONS, PART OF THE LOOKING FORWARD, GIVING BACK PROJECT

WHEREAS, offering lifelong learning and continuing education opportunities and preserving materials about the history of Groton are important roles of the Groton Public Library, and

WHEREAS, a renovated computer lab and local history room will allow the Library to fulfill these roles, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Mystic Grant Program has funds for organizations serving the Groton, Mystic, Stonington area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to seek grant funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Rotary Club of Mystic Grant Program

which will be utilized by the Groton Public Library to renovate the computer lab and local history room in the Looking Forward, Giving Back project.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0090

Introduction of Ordinance for Refurbishment of WPCF Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station

INTRODUCTION OF 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 Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0091

Scheduling of Public Hearing on Ordinance for Refurbishment of WPCF Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON 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

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on 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 on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0092

Referral of Refurbishment of WPCF Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station to Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24

RESOLUTION REFERRING THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (WPCF) EFFLUENT PUMP STATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE FISHTOWN ROAD PUMP STATION PROJECT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER CGS SECTION 8-24

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposal for refurbishment of the Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and rehabilitation of the Fishtown Road Pump Station, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters in a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the Refurbishment of the Water Pollution Control Facility Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of the Fishtown Road Pump Station Project to the Planning Commission, pursuant to CGS Section 8-24.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0094

Charter Oak Community Giving Grant - Library

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CHARTER OAK CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY GIVING GRANTS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT COMPUTER LAB RENOVATIONS, PART OF THE LOOKING FORWARD, GIVING BACK PROJECT

WHEREAS, offering lifelong learning and continuing education opportunities is an important role of the Groton Public Library, and

WHEREAS a renovated computer lab will offer classes that prepare residents with appropriate personal and 21st century workforce skills, and

WHEREAS, the Charter Oak Credit Union Community Giving Grants Program has funds available to enhance and improve the quality of personal life for the residents of communities in New London and Windham counties such as libraries and municipal programs, and

WHEREAS, the grant application includes offering Charter Oak Credit Union naming rights for the computer lab, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to seek grant funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Charter Oak Credit Union Community Giving Grants Program, which will be utilized by Groton Public Library to renovate the computer lab in the Looking Forward, Giving Back project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council places a ten-year limit on naming rights for the computer lab.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0096 Appointment of Adrianna Lublin to Noank School Public Gardens Task Force

APPOINTMENT OF ADRIANNA LUBLIN TO NOANK SCHOOL PUBLIC GARDENS TASK FORCE

RESOLVED, that Adrianna Lublin, 50 MacDonald Court, is hereby appointed to the Noank School Public Gardens Task Force.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0097 Appointment of Jonathan Grossman to Parks and Recreation Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JONATHAN GROSSMAN TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Jonathan Grossman, 77 Brookside Lane, is hereby appointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/17.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0098 Appointment of Laurel Butler to Library Board

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAUREL BUTLER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Laurel Butler, 697 Noank Road, Mystic, is hereby appointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/17.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0099 Reappointment of John Wirzbicki to Water Pollution Control Authority

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN WIRZBICKI TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that John C. Wirzbicki, 355 Brook Street, is reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/18.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0102 Chelsea Groton Foundation Grant - Library

CHELSEA GROTON FOUNDATION GRANT - LIBRARY

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0105 Approving FYE 2016 Budgets

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

RESOLVED, that the budgets for the various funds, hereinafter set forth, are hereby approved and adopted and the amounts on the "Total Appropriation" line are hereby appropriated for the functions specified, and the amounts listed under the heading "Financing Plan" are hereby established as approved budget estimates for the type of revenues specified and include all estimated FYE 2016 cash revenues except FYE 2016 current property taxes which will be estimated for budget purposes by separate resolution when the FYE 2016 tax rate is set, and further that a complete detailed document indicating all function appropriations is hereby made a part of this record and shall be submitted to the Town Clerk for Public Record, for budgets as follows:

General Fund
 Golf Course Fund
 Sewer Operating Fund
 Solid Waste Fund
 Mumford Cove Special Taxing District
 Revaluation Fund
 Recreation & Senior Activities Fund
 Connecticut Fund
 Sewer District Fund
 Capital Reserve Fund
 Fleet Reserve Fund
 Computer Replacement Fund
 Human Services Assistance Fund

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0106 Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2016)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2016 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 18, 2015 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$125,754,116 and estimated cash revenues exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes totaling \$42,104,698 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 20.95 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations.

Total General Fund Appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$125,754,116

Less General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes: \$42,104,698

Less the amount to be appropriated from the unassigned fund balance: \$3,359,000

Less the amount to be appropriated from the committed fund balance: \$1,800,000

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$78,490,418

Amount computed as follows:

\$78,490,418 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$3,810,987,320 divided by 98.3% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 20.95 mill rate.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0107**Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2016)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2016 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE MUMFORD COVE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 18, 2015 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$21,028 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes totaling \$0,

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.309 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Mumford Cove District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$21,028

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unassigned fund balance of June 30, 2014: \$0.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of current property taxes: \$0

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$21,028

Amount computed as follows:

\$21,028 divided by net assessed valuation of \$68,042,488 (before Board of Assessment adjustments) divided by 99.8% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.309 mills.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2015-0108**Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2016)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2016 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 18, 2015 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$835,450 and estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2016 current property taxes totaling \$24,435 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.25 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter IX of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Groton Sewer District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$835,450

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unassigned fund balance of June 30, 2014: \$200,000.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of current property taxes: \$24,435

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$611,015

Amount computed as follows:

\$611,015 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,460,704,193 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excludes motor vehicles) divided by the 98.7% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.25 mills.

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

The motion carried unanimously

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Schmidt thanked the members of the Town Council for their contribution to the budget deliberations. She announced that the Noank School Community Garden will have an official ground breaking ceremony on May 9th from 10 am - 3 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Peruzzotti made a motion to adjourn and so taken at 8:30 pm.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*