



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes Town Council

**Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Natalie Burfoot Billing, Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Paulann H. Sheets, Thomas J. Skrmetti, and Elissa T. Wright.**

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Mayor Watson.*

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent, Public Works Director Gary Schneider, Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox, and Deputy Town Clerk Janet Downs.*

*Councilor Sheets is absent for personal reasons. Councilor Kolnaski will be late; she is attending the Board of Education retirement function.*

Members Present: Mayor Watson, Councilor Bartinik, Jr., Councilor Billing, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Skrmetti and Councilor Wright

Members Absent: Councilor Bond and Councilor Sheets

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

*The Salute was led by former Town Councilor Jackie Massett.*

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

##### 2005-0171 Proclamation Commemorating Flag Day

Read

##### 2005-0179 Proclamation Recognizing National Cancer Survivors Day

Read

#### PUBLIC HEARING

##### Recess for Public Hearing on:

##### 2005-0078 Sandy Hollow Road Tree Removal

*The Mayor declared a recess at 7:37 p.m. for the public hearing.*

*Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox noted that the ad for the public hearing appeared twice in The Day. David Connell, 104 Sandy Hollow Road, spoke in support of removing the tree in front of his house.*

*Mayor Watson noted that staff has recommended the removal and it is likely that it will be done.*

*The Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.*

#### IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

*Sam Crowley, 8 Palmer Court, Noank, Director of the Ledge Light Health District, spoke about the Harry Watson Jr. Public Health Internship that was created to honor founding and long-time board member Harry Watson and to make young people aware of career opportunities in public health. He introduced Chelsea Smith, the recipient of this year's internship. Board member Jackie Massett welcomed Chelsea and presented her with a tee-shirt.*

*Linnea Lindstrom, 1437 Pequot Trail, Stonington, spoke on behalf of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors who are concerned about enforcement of the bus ordinance in*

*Noank and about the effect on business at Abbott's Lobster in the Rough. It was agreed that the Chamber will make a presentation on this subject at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 28.*

**V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

*Mayor Watson responded that he is "overwhelmed" by the honor of the internship in his name and pleased that such an opportunity is being given to a local student.*

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*The Mayor noted that Councilor Sheets has suggested that it may be more appropriate to vote on the Consent Calendar at the end of the meeting. Accordingly, the vote will be taken after the conclusion of New Business.*

**a. Approval of Minutes**

**2005-0187 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 17, 2005 and May 24, 2005 are hereby accepted and approved.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

**b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

**2004-0312 FYE 2006 Budget**

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

**2005-0057 Joint Meeting with Shellfish Task Force, Shellfish Commission and WPCA**

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

**2005-0077 Proposed FYE 2006 Budget Deliberations**

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

**2005-0149 Achievement and Recognition Policy**

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

**2005-0150 TVCCA Supportive Housing Program Grant**

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

**2005-0151 Introduction of Ordinance for Fort Hill Homes Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

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

**2005-0161 Local Prevention Council Program Grant**

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

**2005-0177 Part-Time and Seasonal Pay Plan**

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

**2005-0178 Appointment of Raymond Munn to the Planning Commission**

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

**2005-0180 Supplemental Design Funding for Mystic Streetscape Project**

**2005-0181 Construction Agreement for Mystic Streetscape Project**

**2005-0182 Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance for Fort Hill Homes Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

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

**2005-0183 Statement of Policy Concerning Sewer Bond Ordinance**

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

**2005-0186 Revised Job Descriptions**

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

**c. Special Trust Fund Contributions****2005-0170 Special Trust Fund Contributions****RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS**

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

Peoples Bank - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Friends of the Groton Public Library - \$1,371 - Library Discretionary  
 James D. McNair - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary  
 Powerhouse Gym - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Mystic Junior Womens Club - \$150.00 - Parks and Recreation Discretionary

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

**d. Tax Refund****2005-0172 Tax Refund****RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND**

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refund indicated below is hereby approved.

Bishop Court LLC - \$16,351.58 - Excess payment

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

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

*Councilor Billing attended the Save the Base rally on June 1 and a concert at Fitch Senior High to benefit the SubVets Scholarship Fund on June 4. Rep. Ted Moukawsher relayed the fact that the House will be voting on extending the conveyance tax; he hopes it will pass and move on to the Senate for a vote. Councilor Billing urged citizens to contact Senator Cathy Cook in support of the extension of the current tax rate.*

*Councilor Skrmetti also attended the SubBase rally; he also attended tonight's meeting of the Tercentennial Committee. Tercentennial memorabilia will be on sale at the upcoming beach concerts.*

*Councilor Wright attended the Save the Base rally as well as the Shellfish Task Force meeting on June 6. She has sent emails to the President Pro-Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in support of extending the conveyance tax. She also sent an email to the Town Manager requesting more research on the ownership of the Fort Hill Homes sewer system. Councilor Wright asked for clarification on the Fitch High School renovations; she would like to know if this is a stand-alone project or if it will require a second phase which would have to be approved by the voters. She would like this item to appear for discussion at the joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Permanent School Building Committee which the Town Council will be attending.*

*Town Manager Oefinger replied that the Fitch renovation is a stand-alone project and that there may never be a second phase.*

Councilor O'Beirne attended the meeting with local dignitaries and BRAC commissioners. He also participated in a 30-minute taping with Governor Rell and the new commander of the National Guard regarding the base closure.

Mayor Watson announced that it appears that the Noank Hatchery will finally be transferred to Town ownership. He attended both the Groton Public Schools annual mentor/family dinner and the Coast Guard Academy graduation on May 18. The Mayor served as honorary chair for a golf tournament for Sacred Heart School on May 20 and as grand marshal of the Mystic May Day Parade on May 21. He spoke at the 300th anniversary celebration of the Old Mystic Baptist Church on May 21 and attended the Save the Base rally on May 24. Mayor Watson attended the COG meeting on May 25 and a Memorial Day ceremony at Fitch Senior High on May 27. In addition, the Mayor toured the SubBase with the commissioner of the State DEP on May 27. He attended a meeting with BRAC commissioners on June 1, a meeting of cancer survivors on June 6, and the first part of the Board of Education retirement ceremony prior to this meeting. The Mayor will be attending the awards ceremony for the Fitch Senior High cheerleaders on June 12.

Councilor Billing added that there are two vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Commission and urged interested citizens to apply at the Town Clerk's office. She also noted that volunteers are needed for the United Way Days of Caring to be held later in the summer.

Councilor Kolnaski attended a meeting of the Town Council/Board of Education Liaison Committee on May 18; a fund-raiser for the high school on May 19; the Save the Base rally on May 24. She also attended a veterans' recognition lunch on May 23; a Memorial Day ceremony at Fitch Senior High on May 27; a memorial service for military personnel on May 29; a memorial service for submarine veterans on May 30. On May 31, Councilor Kolnaski attended a choral program at Cutler Middle School; on June 1, she attended the flag greeting for the BRAC Commission and the Business School Partners reception; on June 2, she attended the Rotary High School Volunteer Students award ceremony. In addition, she attended the Rotary Student of the Year award ceremony and the reception and ceremony for Groton Public School retirees on June 7. Councilor Kolnaski has received a packet of information from Gambit International regarding BRAC and the proposed closing of the SubBase.

#### **b. Representative Town Meeting**

The Town Clerk reported that the RTM will hold its regular meeting on June 8 and will be discussing fourth quarter transfers and possibly other items as well.

#### **c. Clerk of the Council**

Town Clerk Tarbox noted that the list of openings on Groton's boards and commissions is available on the Town's web site and on GMTV. She attended the annual municipal clerks' conference. The Connecticut clerks are supportive of the continuation of the conveyance tax at the present level. They also support the proposed legislation on farmland and historic properties, although there is some concern that the public should be made aware of a proposed extra \$30 additional filing fee. June is dog license month; about two hundred licenses have been issued in Groton so far.

Councilor Kolnaski arrived at this point in the meeting.

#### **d. Town Manager**

Mr. Oefinger reported that the grant application for the Burrows-Copp property has been submitted, but it appears that the offer has not been accepted. This item will be on the COW agenda for next week along with base realignment. A BRAC hearing is scheduled for July 6 in Boston.

The Town Manager suggested canceling Group I and II meetings next week and starting the COW meeting early, as there are several items on the agenda.

State budget figures should be available in the next few days. The Town is hoping for an

*additional \$394,000.*

*Mr. Vincent reported that the Shellfish Task Force met on June 6. Progress has been made in locating the source of sewage infiltration into the Poquonnock River, and further tests will be run to confirm these results.*

**e. Town Attorney**

*No report.*

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Billing**

*No meeting; no report.*

**b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**

*In the absence of Chairman Bond, Councilor Skrmetti noted that the Shipman request for tax abatement has been referred to the Committee of the Whole.*

**c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**

*No meeting; no report.*

**d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets**

*No meeting; no report.*

**e. Finance - Chairman Wright**

*Chairman Wright read the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2005 which are on file in the Town Clerk's office.*

**f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne**

*Chairman O'Beirne read the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2005 which are on file in the Town Clerk's office.*

**g. Public Safety - Chairman Skrmetti**

*No meeting; no report.*

**h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik**

*No meeting; no report.*

**i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

*Mayor Watson noted that items on this agenda that were discussed by the COW include the three items relevant to the sewer bonding and the two items concerning the Mystic Streetscape.*

*Councilor Wright requested that the referral regarding the possible acquisition of the Spicer/Sparkle Lake property be amended to include the Nigrelli property as well.*

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**2005-0149 Achievement and Recognition Policy**

**RESOLUTION ON RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

WHEREAS, students in the Groton Public Schools have frequently achieved major group and individual recognition for academic, athletic and other school-related achievements, and

WHEREAS, a town should provide for the significant recognition of those student achievements that are a proper source of pride for the town, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council endorses and adopts a policy that major achievements by students in the Groton Public Schools should be recognized by a Town Council proclamation,

resolution, or any other ceremonial or documentary means that are appropriate for the occasion.

**A motion was made by Councilor Bartinik, Jr., seconded by Councilor Wright, that this matter be Adopted.**

*Councilor Kolnaski stated that she would like to see the Council make a donation to the Fitch cheerleaders.*

*Rep. Billing stated that she supports the resolution as it is written.*

*Councilor Skrmetti noted that the Council was not asked to buy rings for the cheerleaders, but was asked to make a donation to the fund-raising effort.*

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**2005-0150**

**TVCCA Supportive Housing Program Grant**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TVCCA/HUD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, homelessness is being addressed on several fronts by numerous programs but remains an ongoing problem for Groton and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, homeless persons with disabilities and homeless families in which at least one member is disabled require extensive counseling, support and case management services, and

WHEREAS, the Supportive Housing Program, operated by TVCCA as the grantee of record with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides funding to enable agencies and municipalities to provide counseling, support and case management services via participation the Housing Collaborative Network, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, to enter into an agreement with Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. to accept grant funding in the amount of \$8000 to conduct a Supportive Housing Program in Groton for the period of February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006 and to utilize said funding to supplant a portion of the salary and related fringe benefits of selected Groton Social Services' staff who shall provide counseling, support and case management services to the specified Groton client population via participation in the Housing Collaborative Network.

**A motion was made by Councilor Wright, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**2005-0183**

**Statement of Policy Concerning Sewer Bond Ordinance**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING A SEWER BORROWING ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, a study of the condition of the sanitary sewer system in the Fort Hill Homes area, and of inflow and infiltration along that system, has caused the Town Council to introduce an ordinance (the "Ordinance") appropriating \$6,381,200 for the rehabilitation of the Fort Hill Homes sanitary sewer system (the "Project") and authorizing the Town to issue bonds, notes or obligations in the same amount to finance said appropriation, and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Town's Consultant on the Project, the Town intends to finance the appropriation for the Project by participating in the State of Connecticut's Clean Water Fund Program, provided, however, that the Town retains the option to issue general obligation bonds and notes to finance the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council Committee of the Whole has considered alternative means of funding the repayment of any bonds, notes or obligations issued in accordance with the Ordinance, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Town Council of the Town of Groton that the repayment of

any bonds, notes or obligations issued in accordance with the Ordinance should be funded by an appropriate level of revenue from the Town of Groton Sewer Usage Fee but any borrowing may be secured by the power to levy taxes on the property in the Town's Sewer District as provided in the ordinance.

**A motion was made by Councilor Skrmetti, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.**

*Councilor Wright stated that she will oppose this resolution for reasons that were stated at the Committee of the Whole meeting.*

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 6 - Mayor Watson, Councilor Bartinik, Jr., Councilor Billing, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr. and Councilor Skrmetti  
Opposed: 1 - Councilor Wright

**2005-0151 Introduction of Ordinance for Fort Hill Homes Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,381,200 FOR FORT HILL HOMES SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 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 SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,381,200) is appropriated for rehabilitation of the Fort Hill Homes sanitary sewer system. The project shall include installation of approximately 19,700 linear feet of cured-in-place lining of existing 8-inch to 18-inch sewer pipe, cementious lining of approximately 104 existing concrete manholes, and approximately 19 new concrete manholes; and replacement with new 6-inch PVC pipe and/or installation of cured-in-place lining of approximately 32,400 linear feet of existing 4-inch lateral pipes. The Town Council may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, easement acquisition, site improvements, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes or obligations in an amount not to exceed SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,381,200) 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 SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,381,200). 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, Berry & Howard 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.

**Introduced by the Mayor and Referred for Information only to the RTM**

**2005-0182      Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance for Fort Hill Homes Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,381,200 FOR FORT HILL HOMES SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council and Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a joint public hearing on "An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,381,200 for Fort Hill Homes Sewer Rehabilitation Project and Authorizing the Issue of Bonds and Notes in the Same Amount to Finance Said Appropriation" on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

**A motion was made by Councilor Billing, seconded by Councilor Skrmetti, that this matter be Adopted.**

*There was discussion of moving the public hearing to the Senior Center since it falls on the same night as the Fitch Senior High graduation ceremonies.*

*Town Clerk Tarbox noted that the notice of the public hearing will reflect whichever location is decided upon.*

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**2005-0161      Local Prevention Council Program Grant**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL PROGRAM FUNDS VIA THE CITIZEN'S TASK FORCE ON ADDICTIONS IN NEW LONDON CO., INC.

WHEREAS, effective prevention initiatives are needed to increase community awareness regarding how to prevent children and youth from becoming involved in substance abuse and,

WHEREAS, forming positive adult-child/youth relationships through mentoring is recognized by prevention specialists as one of the most effective prevention strategies and,

WHEREAS, the Local Prevention Council supports school-based mentoring as a prevention initiative worthy of funding, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Manager is authorized to apply to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services via the Citizens' Task Force on Addictions in New London County, Inc., for such Local Prevention Council Program funds as may be available for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

**A motion was made by Councilor Wright, seconded by Councilor Bartinik, Jr., that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**2005-0177      Part-Time and Seasonal Pay Plan**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PART-TIME AND SEASONAL PAY PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town's Part Time and Seasonal Pay Plan has not been changed since the current plan became effective in January 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the new pay plan proposed by the Department of Administrative Services provides for a needed fifth step within the various pay levels, and

WHEREAS, any additional funding that may be needed for the new plan has been included in the FYE 2006 Budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed new and revised Seasonal and Part Time Pay Plan, attached hereto,

shall be effective on July 1, 2005.

**A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.**

*Councilor Skrmetti stated that he will abstain on this vote since his daughter will be working for the Parks & Recreation Department this summer.*

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 6 - Mayor Watson, Councilor Bartinik, Jr., Councilor Billing, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr. and Councilor Wright  
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Skrmetti

**2005-0178 Appointment of Raymond Munn to the Planning Commission**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RAYMOND S. MUNN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Raymond S. Munn, 26 Middlefield Street, is hereby appointed as a regular member to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/06.

**A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Bartinik, Jr., that this matter be Adopted.**

*Motion to re-refer to the Personnel/Appointments/Rules Committee for a review of the appointment process was made by Councilor Billing, seconded by Councilor Skrmetti.*

*Councilor Billing cannot support this appointment. She has no objection to the individual, but is concerned with the process. There is another alternate member of the commission who is senior to Mr. Munn who would like to be appointed as a regular member.*

*Councilor O'Beirne, Chair of the Personnel Committee, explained that Mr. Munn expressed interest in the position; the other alternate did not. The chairman of the Planning Commission, while noting that both alternates were well-qualified, expressed a preference for Mr. Munn. The vote to move Mr. Munn up to the regular position passed two-to-one in committee. It was only after that point that the other alternate expressed interest. Councilor O'Beirne objects to re-referring this item and supports voting on the appointment tonight.*

*Councilor Billing believes that interest was expressed by the other alternate prior to the committee vote and feels that there should be more discussion about the process in committee.*

*Councilor O'Beirne noted that he would be happy to have a referral about the process separate from the appointment, adding that sending the appointment back to committee would amount to a reconsideration.*

*Councilor Skrmetti is concerned with the fairness issue here; he would not object to tabling this item or referring it to the Committee of the Whole.*

*The Mayor declared a brief recess.*

*Discussion continued after the recess.*

*Councilor O'Beirne raised a point of order, asking whether the vote on the re-referral is a vote on the process or the actual appointment.*

*The vote to re-refer failed 3 in favor, 4 opposed. (In favor: Councilors Billing, Skrmetti, Kolnaski.)*

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 6 - Mayor Watson, Councilor Bartinik, Jr., Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Skrmetti and Councilor Wright  
Opposed: 1 - Councilor Billing

**2005-0180 Supplemental Design Funding for Mystic Streetscape Project**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF GROTON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR THE UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION PILOT

## PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has requested that design activities be undertaken in conjunction with the Utility Relocation Project and will utilize federal funds from the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program for design and construction of said Utility Relocation improvements under the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century of 1998, and

WHEREAS, the State and Municipality executed an Agreement No. 6.27-03(02) entitled "Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Groton for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates for Utility Relocation Project utilizing Federal Funds from the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program", dated November 25, 2002, and

WHEREAS, said improvements include, but are not limited to relocation of overhead utilities, and

WHEREAS, the First Supplemental Agreement will provide additional Transportation and Community and System Pilot Program funds under State Project No. 58-294 and Federal aid Project No. TCSP-TCSP (5), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the supplemental agreement entitled "First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement Dated November 25, 2002 Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Groton for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Utility Relocation Project Utilizing Federal Funds from the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program".

**A motion was made by Councilor Bartinik, Jr., seconded by Councilor Wright, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**2005-0181**

**Construction Agreement for Mystic Streetscape Project**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF GROTON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MYSTIC STREETSCAPE PROJECT UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS PROGRAM AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION PILOT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS the Town of Groton has requested that construction activities be undertaken in conjunction with the Mystic Streetscape project and the Utility Relocation project and will utilize federal funds from the High Priority Projects program and the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot program, respectively, under the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century of 1998, and

WHEREAS, said improvements include, but are not limited to, landscaping, sidewalks, curbing, street furniture, ornamental lighting and relocating overhead utilities in the Mystic section of Groton, and

WHEREAS, these construction activities are identified herein as State Project Nos. 58-283 and 58-294, and Federal-aid Project Nos. HPP-H018 (8) and TCSP-TCSP (11), respectively, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, be, and hereby is, authorized to sign an agreement entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Groton for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of Mystic Streetscape Utilizing Funds from the High Priority Projects Program and the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot

Program".

**A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**2005-0186**

**Revised Job Descriptions**

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS

WHEREAS, the Director of Administrative Services and staff have reviewed several existing job descriptions and have recommended that the Town Council approve certain revisions and updates, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Appointments Committee has found that revisions appear to be in order, reflecting title changes and/or reallocated duties, and

WHEREAS, only the position of Manager of Recreation Services will entail additional salary, which was included in the FYE 2006 budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following nine job descriptions, dated May, 2005, are approved:

Manager of Labor Relations/Risk Management, Administrative Services  
 Treasurer/Accounting Manager, Finance Department  
 Librarian, Groton Public Library  
 Library Associate - Children's Services, Groton Public Library  
 Library Associate - Technical Services, Groton Public Library  
 Assistant Librarian - Circulation, Groton Public Library  
 Library Assistant - Circulation, Groton Public Library  
 Manager of Recreation Services, Parks and Recreation Department  
 Inspector II - Code Enforcement, Planning and Development Services

**A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Councilor Bartinik stated that he is in favor of enforcement of the parliamentary rule that allows each member of a body to speak a maximum of twice on any item.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*As Mayor Watson announced earlier, the Consent Calendar was voted on at this point in the meeting.*

**Passed The Consent Calendar**

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

*Councilor Skrmetti recognized the donations made to special trust funds as cited in the Consent Calendar.*

*Councilor Kolnaski read the minutes of the Town Council/Board of Education/RTM Liaison Committee held on May 18. The minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's office.*

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. was made by Councilor O'Beirne, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Barbara Tarbox, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*

*Janet L. Downs, Deputy Town Clerk*