



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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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, October 19, 2010

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

There was no quorum of Town Councilors present, so an informal discussion with representatives from Stonington was initiated at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Town Manager Mark Oefinger.

Stonington Representatives: Ed Habarek, George Crouse, and Glee McAnanly

3. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0009

Joint Meeting with Stonington Board of Selectmen (2010 Standing Referral)

Discussed

In the absence of a quorum, those present held an informal discussion about the Mystic and Noank Library funding. Mr. Habarek stated he would like to form a subcommittee to establish a formula for funding. Councilor Flax noted that any formula would require the Town of Stonington to increase its contribution to the library.

Councilor Sheets arrived at 6:27 p.m. and a quorum was declared. A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, seconded by Councilor Flax, to appoint Councilor Monteiro Chairman pro tem. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman pro tem Monteiro called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Sheets
Members Absent: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Kolnaski and Councilor Watson

Discussed

Discussion continued on establishing a committee to develop a funding formula for Stonington and Groton contributions to the Mystic and Noank Library. The consensus was to establish a committee consisting of one Town Councilor, two RTM members, one Selectman, and one Finance Board member.

It was felt that addressing library funding would lead to a discussion of ambulance and pump out boat funding.

Other issues discussed included an update on the Mystic streetscape and bridge projects, upgrades to the Stonington animal shelter, and Groton dispatch services being provided to Stonington Ambulance.

Councilor Johnson arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Members Absent: Mayor Streeter and Councilor Kolnaski

Discussed

The status of the North Stonington Road and Route 184 bridge repairs was discussed as well as the state's requirement that towns collect sales tax on commercial solid waste accounts, regionalization of the Probate Court, and joint grant opportunities.

The consensus of the group was to conduct the next joint meeting in Stonington.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.