



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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Mayor Patrice Granatosky, Councilor David Atwater, Councilor Conrad F. Heede, Councilor Rachael Franco, Councilor Lian Obrey, Councilor Juliette Parker, Councilor Rita Schmidt, and Councilor Joe Zeppieri

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Granatosky called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Granatosky, Councilor Atwater, Councilor Franco, Councilor Heede, Councilor Obrey, Councilor Parker, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Zeppieri

Also present was Town Manager John Burt.

3. Calendar and Communications

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

2018-0135 Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2019)

Discussed

Mayor Granatosky noted receipt of a memo from Director of Finance Cindy Landry. Ms. Landry provided a brief overview of the budget from the Town Manager to Town Council to RTM. The proposed mill rate increase is .54 mills (2.3%). No Fund Balance will be used. Ms. Landry explained her reasons for not using Fund Balance including the increase in ECS attributable to designation as an Alliance District. She also mentioned the Town's policy increasing the undesignated Fund Balance and upcoming increases in the debt service associated with the school project.. Other concerns are the reduction in state grants.

Ms. Landry reviewed the impacts of using various amounts from Fund Balance on the mill rate, taxes, and unassigned Fund Balance. Town Manager Burt recommended using no Fund Balance but stated he would not be upset with using \$250,000 of Fund Balance.

Councilors expressed their opinions on the use of Fund Balance.

A motion was made by Councilor Obrey, seconded by Councilor Heede, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0136 Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 2019)

A motion was made by Councilor Parker, seconded by Councilor Heede, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0137 Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 2019)

A motion was made by Councilor Atwater, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Parker, seconded by Councilor Zeppieri, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.