



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, April 27, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.

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

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Executive Assistant Nicki Bresnyan.

II. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0095 Resolution Approving Budgets for FYE 2011

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011

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 2011 cash revenues except FYE 2011 property taxes which will be estimated for budget purposes by separate resolution when the FYE 2011 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
Connecticard Fund
Sewer District Fund
Capital Reserve Fund
Fleet Reserve Fund
Computer Replacement Fund
Human Services Assistance Fund

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0096 Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2011)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2011 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 27, 2010 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$118,262,013 and estimated cash revenues

exclusive of FYE 2011 property taxes totaling \$42,358,048 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 18.58 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 (including allocation to a "Reserve Fund for Capital and Non Recurring Expenditures"): \$118,262,013

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/10: \$955,879.

General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes: \$42,358,048

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$74,948,086

Amount computed as follows:

\$74,948,086 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$4,111,040,224 divided by 98.1% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 18.58 mill rate.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0097

Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2011)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2011 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE MUMFORD COVE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 27, 2010 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$20,787 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2011 property taxes totaling \$30, be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.279 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: \$20,787

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$30

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$20,757

Amount computed as follows:

\$20,757 divided by net assessed valuation of \$74,562,644 (before Board of Assessment adjustments) divided by 99.7% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.279 mills.

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

Councilor Sheets disclosed that she is a resident of Mumford Cove.

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0098

Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2011)

RESOLUTION COMPUTING A TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR FYE 2011 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 27, 2010 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$1,502,786 and estimated cash

revenue exclusive of FYE 2011 property taxes totaling \$38,124 be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.29 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: \$1,502,786

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/10: \$705,765.

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$38,124

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$758,897

Amount computed as follows:

\$758,897 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,645,990,737 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excludes motor vehicles) divided by the 98.9% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.29 mills.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0094

Amended Resolution for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Grant - Senior Center

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the Town Council approved resolution #2009-0031 authorizing Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to submit an Application for Capital Assistance for Private Nonprofit Organizations and Local Public Bodies to Provide Transportation Services for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the final resolved clause of #2009-0031 authorized the Town Manager to execute all such other reports and certifications required as a condition of receiving such capital assistance grant, and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager is further authorized to sign and execute agreements and contracts related to such capital assistance grants, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, to sign and execute agreements and contracts, along with all necessary agreements/contract documents, on behalf of the Town of Groton with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, and hereby approves and ratifies any prior actions taken by said Town Manager with respect to said agreements/contract documents.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2010-0078

Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) Request for Endorsement of Hazelnut Hill Land Purchase

RESOLUTION ENDORSING GROTON OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) has requested the Groton Town Council's endorsement of an application for grant funds to purchase a parcel of land at 245-255

Hazelnut Hill Road commonly referred to as the "Sheep Farm," and

WHEREAS, members of the Town Council have walked the property and received information on the site's features from GOSA members, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council endorses GOSA's application to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program regarding 245-255 Hazelnut Hill Road.

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

Councilor Sheets expressed a desire to see a more "robust" resolution. Councilor Monteiro feels that the resolution is sufficient as written, considering the Council does not unanimously support it.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 5 - Councilor Flax, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

Opposed: 4 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski and Councilor Peruzzotti

2010-0107

Steelworkers Contract

RESOLUTION APPROVING UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, LOCAL UNION 9411 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, Local Union 9411, reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the parties have worked diligently to arrive at a variety of cost savings measures for the Town, and

WHEREAS, the economic package contained in the one year tentative agreement includes no wage increase, an increase in the employee co-pay for medical visits and a change to bi-weekly pay, and the agreement also includes certain non-economic language changes, and

WHEREAS, the bargaining unit membership voted to approve the agreement, and

WHEREAS, approval is recommended by the Town's negotiators, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Groton Town Council hereby approves agreement and the expenditure of funds necessary to implement the agreement between the Town and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, Local Union 9411.

A motion was made by Mayor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Nicki Bresnyan, Executive Assistant