



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes Town Council

*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter*

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Harry Watson.*

Members Present: Mayor Watson, Councilor Bond, Councilor Brown-Tracy, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Streeter

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent, and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.*

#### II. NEW BUSINESS

##### 2008-0100 Resolution Approving Budgets for FYE 2009

RESOLUTION COMPUTING TAX RATE FOR FYE 2009 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 22, 2008 a General Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$118,918,251 and estimated cash revenues exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes totaling \$45,123,003, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 19.70 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter VIII 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"): \$118,918,251

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/08: \$2,289,704

General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes: \$45,123,003

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$71,505,544

Amount computed as follows:

\$71,505,544 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$3,700,023,473 divided by 98.1% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 19.70 mills.

**A motion was made by Mayor Watson, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

##### 2008-0101 Computation of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2009)

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General Fund cash receipts exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes: \$45,123,003

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$71,505,544

Amount computed as follows:

\$71,505,544 divided by the new assessed valuation (before Board of Assessment adjustments) of \$3,700,023,473 divided by 98.1% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 19.70 mills.

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2008-0102**

**Computation of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove (FYE 2009)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING TAX RATE FOR FYE 2009 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 22, 2008 a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$10,743 and estimate cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes totaling \$50, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.162 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter VIII of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Mumford Cove District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$10,743

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/08: \$330

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$50

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$10,363

Amount computed as follows:

\$10,363 divided by net assessed valuation of \$64,039,770 (before Board of Assessment adjustments) divided by 99.9% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.162 mills.

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2008-0103**

**Computation of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2009)**

RESOLUTION COMPUTING TAX RATE FOR FYE 2009 TO PAY EXPENSES (APPROPRIATIONS) APPROVED IN THE GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted on April 22, 2008 a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget providing for expenditures, appropriations or expenses totaling \$1,020,485 and estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2009 property taxes totaling \$126,886, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a tax rate of 0.33 mills is hereby determined as required by Chapter VIII of the Groton Town Charter and based on the following computations:

Total Groton Sewer District Fund appropriations per budget approved by Council: \$1,020,485

Less estimated amount to be appropriated from unreserved fund balance of 6/30/08: \$157,248

Less Cash Receipts exclusive of property taxes: \$126,886

Amount to be raised from property taxes: \$736,351

Amount computed as follows:

\$736,351 divided by net assessed valuation of \$2,258,467,524 (before Board of Assessment adjustments and excluding motor vehicles) divided by the 98.8% collection rate multiplied by 1,000 = 0.33 mills.

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

**The motion carried unanimously**

### III. ADJOURNMENT

*A motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Schmidt and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Barbara Tarbox, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*

*Lori Watrous, Office Assistant*