



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Town Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340

Town Manager: 860-441-6630

Town Clerk: 860-441-6640

Mayor Patrice Granatosky, Councilor Portia Bordelon, Councilor Aundré Bumgardner, Councilor Rachael Franco, Councilor Conrad Heede, Councilor Juan Melendez Jr., Councilor Lian Obrey, Councilor Juliette Parker, and Councilor Joe Zeppieri

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

6:30 PM

Via Zoom Meeting

Recorded for GMTV

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARE QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Granatosky called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Town Clerk read the roll. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Zeppieri. Mayor Granatosky declared a quorum was present.

Also present were Town Manager Burt, Director of OPDS Reiner, and Town Clerk Moukawsher.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

Town Clerk Moukawsher led the Salute to the Flag.

III. RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

None.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IV.1. 2020-120 - 3 William Seely School Property

Mayor Granatosky opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Town Clerk Moukawsher read the call to the Public Hearing.

John Suarez, 166 Grove Avenue, stated that he attended the informational meeting that was held earlier in the year. He stated that his main concern to be the additional traffic for Walker Hill Road, Grove Avenue, and Fairview Avenue. He stated that he was also concerned with who would be the site or apartment manager. He asked if the property would be cared for or would it decline. He stated that many of the big complexes in the area start off nice and then decline.

Thomas W. Potter, 154 Walker Hill Road, asked three questions; one to Mr. Burt asking if the Town has current estimate for the demolition and restoration of the William Seely School building. He would also like to know if the proposal to sell the 14 acres to Don Mar Corporation for \$1.00, represents an "arms-length transaction"? He thanked Mr. Reiner for the copy of the March 7, 2019 proposal that Don Mar received from Standard Demolition Services, Inc. with an estimate of \$2,099,235 for the demolition and restoration of the property. He asked if the Town Council had been made aware of this proposal, as he can find no reference in their minutes. He stated that the proposal from Standard Demolitions lists 14 exclusions. He would like to know the meaning of exclusions. He was told by a Don Mar representative that this was just standard language. He asked Councilor Franco if she

knew about the base bid submitted by Standard Demolition Services when she made comments during a Town Council or Committee of the Whole stating that the demolition and restoration work would be substantial; would make justification for selling the property the \$1.00. He questioned whether Councilor Franco understood exactly why the town was basing the \$1.00 selling price.

Lynn Gaul, 35 Blevins Street, stated that she attended the information meeting held in February and viewed the site plans. She stated her concern with the increased traffic on Grove Avenue. She stated that if the plans are followed, it may be beneficial. She is concerned with the maintenance of the property once the project is completed and the traffic.

Gretchen Chipperini, 87 Phoenix Drive, she asked the Council to have another Public Hearing after the COVID-19 crisis is over. She asked questions regarding the validity of approving apartment construction. She mentioned the noise from the current level of traffic. She included a number of questions regarding the aesthetics of the preferred developer's plans. She stated that the proposed Mystic Oral School property project is better suited for the William Seely School property. She mentioned the Camoin housing study that the Town commissioned. Ms. Chipperini's statement is on file.

Robert Bailey, 179 Michigan Drive, submitted a statement listing his opinion why the school property should be open space with no development. Town Clerk Moukawsher read the statement for the record.

Cindy Fortner, 45 Prospect Street, Mystic, submitted a statement regarding affordable housing and the need for additional opportunities in Groton. Town Clerk Moukawsher read the statement for the record.

Town Manager Burt reported receiving the following correspondences for the record:

Mr. Potter submitted two (2) letters.

Linda Gaudet, 160 Walker Hill Road, submitted an email asking to postpone the hearing.

Nancy Kenyon, 14 Hamilton Avenue, submitted an email opposed to the project.

John Scott, 674 Cow Hill Road, Mystic, submitted an email supporting the project.

Groton Conservation Commission submitted a letter in support of the project, and asking that any remaining open space be protected and available to the public.

Gretchen and George Gauthier submitted an email in support of the project.

Laura and Thomas Cotto, 55 Grove Avenue submitted an email requesting postponement of the Public Hearing.

Mr. Burt stated that the Public Hearing was about selling the property. He stated that the actual DonMar agreement will be later in the agenda. He stated that Jon Reiner will speak at that point and may be able to answer some questions.

Mayor Granatosky closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

V. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS , COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Thomas W. Potter, 154 Walker Hill Road, stated that Groton has three additional school properties being readied for sale. He stated his surprise to find, through a FOIA, that there are no documents available that pertain to the marketing study of the Seely School property performed by Goman and York. He stated that Mr. Reiner included this study as part of the deliberative process for choosing the preferred developer. He asked to be informed of the current process for the other three schools, in terms of a marketing consultant selection; if an RFP has been issued and any responses; any interviews by a selection committee. He asked to be informed of the exact status for the three school properties.

VI. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Responses to Citizens' Petitions, Comments and Concerns

Councilor Bumgardner mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Cotto's concerns regarding safe play areas for children in the Willam Seely School neighborhood.

Councilor Heede responded to the Public Hearing – the proposed development will be managed by Don Mar and the traffic study has not been completed.

Councilor Franco stated that she had read all of the correspondences and that she is aware of the concerns. She stated that this is an opportunity for our community to have economic development. She stated that this is an option agreement with the preferred developer, not the final sale. She stated that this is one of many steps required with this project. She assured the community that they will have other opportunities to speak to the developer.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

VII.1. 2020-236 March 3, 2020 Minutes & March 10, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 3, 2020 and the Town Council Special Meeting of March 10, 2020 are hereby accepted and approved.

Moved by: Aundré Bumgardner		Seconded by: Rachael Franco		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X			
Portia Bordelon	X			
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	lost connection			
Juliette Parker	X			

VII.b. 2020-225 Special Trust Fund Contributions - March

Mayor Granatosky read and thanked the people and organizations for their generous contributions.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Donor Name	Donation Amount	Trust Fund Name
LEE VINCENT	\$50.00	Social Services Discretionary
BOB STATCHEN	\$135.00	Beautification Committee
SAMANTHA TRAMANTANA	\$20.00	Parks and Rec Revolving
ELIZABETH HOGAN	\$6.00	Parks and Rec Revolving
JOELLEN ANDERSON	\$7.00	Parks and Rec Revolving
DAN CAHILL	\$10.00	Library Miscellaneous
SHEA CAHILL	\$10.00	Library Miscellaneous
STEPHEN & MARSHA DIETRICH	\$200.00	Groton Utilities Energy Assistance I
PUPPIES BEHIND BARS	\$14,000	Police Service Dog
ASHWORTH, ROBERT & LINDA	\$250.00	Social Services Discretionary
VINCENT, LEE	\$50.00	Social Services Discretionary
WARDLE, BONNIE	\$12.00	Parks and Rec Revolving

VIII. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

VIII.1. Town Councilors

Mayor Granatosky introduced Town Manager Burt to give a Town Hall update.

Mr. Burt gave a report on the status of the Town's continued preparation and actions related to the COVID-19 epidemic. He stated that Town tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, playgrounds, the hockey rink, and skate park have been closed to the public as of April 7, 2020. He stated currently the Town has 13 positive cases of COVID-19. Town Hall is open by appointment only for limited services. He stated that the Town is working with Physician One to conduct mobile screening throughout the Town. He stated that they are offering to travel to homes that have been prescreened. Information regarding the prescreening will be available soon. He reported that employees who are able to work from home are doing so. He reported that flexible schedules are also being offered in order to keep people separated as much as possible. He reported that the Town Police are

encouraging citizens to practice social distancing when they see groups of people congregating. He referred to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S, which states municipalities may offers options for 90 day deferrals or 3% interest reductions programs for taxpayers. More information was expected. He stated that any program that the Town adopts will affect the City of Groton, Groton Long Point and all Fire Districts. The State will only accept 169 applications. He announced that Stanley and Barbara White donated \$5,000.00 to the Groton Food Locker. He stated that this was an amazing donation.

Mayor Granatosky thanked Mr. Burt for the report and she thanked the Whites' for their generous donation.

Councilor Bumgardner thank Mr. Burt for the update and the entire Town staff for their hard work and dedication. He thanked all of the Town's First Responders and all medical personnel for their dedication and hard work during the COVID-19 crisis. He mentioned that the Hillary Company in Groton has been donating molded nose pieces for protective facemasks.

Councilor Parker mentioned receiving all of the same emails mentioned earlier. She thanked all essential workers and the business that are still open to keep everything going along.

Councilor Franco reported that she watch the April 4th RTM Committees budget deliberations. She reported receiving a number of emails regarding the William Seely School property and emails regarding the COVID-19 virus. She reported her concern regarding unemployment. She stated that the Groton Food Locker is excepting food and monetary donations and to please help out, if you can. She thanked the Whites for their generous donation to the Groton Food Locker.

Councilor Heede stated that he shares the same concerns as the other Councilors and he added a special thank you to the employees at Big Y for being on the front line. He also received the same emails and watched the RTM budget deliberations through Zoom.

Councilor Obrey reported that the Groton and Mystic Rotaries are making substantial donations to the Groton Food Locker. She stated that she would be glad to meet with Mr. Potter to explain the process for selling the William Seely School property.

Councilor Bordelon seconded everything that has been said and mentioned friends and neighbors who are always helping others, may now need assistance. She mentioned that a few of her co-workers have been laid off and the difficulties surrounding unemployment. She stated that we all need to help our neighbors, especially the elderly who may be house-bound. She suggested that a simple call or offering may be needed. She reported that she attended the RTM Committees budget meeting. She reported that during her work with Ledge Light Health, she is finding an increase in food insecurities. She asked people to donate non-food items as well. She thanked all of the people who have being so generous with the time and donations.

Councilor Melendez recognized the Police Department for their efforts and for being at the forefront of the issues. He thanked them for keeping our citizens safe and updated on the best practices to stay safe from COVID-19.

Councilor Heede stated that proper disposal of personal protective equipment is essential and to please place your discarded face-masks and rubber gloves in a waste bin; not a

parking lot or roadside.

Mayor Granatosky reported on the April 6, 2020 Golf Advisory Board meeting where they considered changing the seasonal membership dates. She stated that their funds are approximately \$60,000 ahead of last year funds. They are working on some social media promotions where the return on the dollar is noted. They stated concern with the cuts to their Capital Investment Projects for FYE2021, but she explained that the projects are only postponed and will be review again next year. The Board discussed a six week PGA program titled Get Golf Ready. She encouraged all golfers to maintain their six feet social distancing. She stated that the Town would like the golf course to remain open.

Mayor Granatosky made stated as a teacher; we are still in our classrooms. She wanted to offer encouragement to all of the other teachers, but mainly to all of the students in Groton. She stated that this is all new, to all of us. She encourages students to do their best and to reach out to their teachers if they need help with anything; they will do their best to help; we will get through this.

Councilor Franco stated that Councilor Heede has been performing road-side cleanups around town. She thanked him and his assistants for their efforts. As Beautification Chair, she encouraged people out walking to bring a bag and help clean up Groton.

Councilor Obrey mentioned that there is a shortage of blood donations and encourage anyone able to donate, to do so, as the need is more desperate now.

VIII.b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Moukawsher reported that the RTM has started the budget process for FYE2021; all sub-committees met on April 4, 2020 consecutively. She stated that the process went well and she congratulated Moderator Ebbin for running a smooth Zoom meeting. She announced that the regular RTM meeting for April 8, 2020 will be a Zoom meeting and it will be televised through GMTV. She announced that Saturday, April 11, 2020 will be the Annual Meeting, via Zoom, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

VIII.c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Moukawsher reported that the Town Clerk's office is closed to the public, but open by appointment for Funeral Directors and to issue Marriage Licenses. She reported that her staff is down two employees. She reported that the Secretary of the State has postponed the Presidential Preference Primary until June 2, 2020. She reported that the Secretary of the State has petitioned the Governor to lift the restriction for issuing absentee ballots. She stated that she had not received word that the Legislature plans to take this matter up.

VIII.d. Town Manager

Mr. Burt stated that he had nothing more to report.

VIII.e. Department Heads, Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education

No report.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX.a. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Granatosky

No report.

IX.b. Temporary Rules - Chairman Obrey

Councilor Obrey stated that the Temporary Rules Committee will be meeting on April 14, 2020, via Zoom.

IX.c. Personnel and Appointments - Chairman Melendez

Councilor Melendez reported on the most recent activity.

IX.d. Rules - Chairman Heede

No report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

X.1. 2020-120 - 4 Seely School Property - Option Agreement

Town Manager Burt stated that Director of Planning and Development Services Reiner and Economic Development Manager Bronk will make a brief presentation. He stated that Town Attorney Callahan and Anthony DiGiola from DonMar Development Corporation were available for any questions, and Mike Goman and Rob Montesi from Goman and York were also in attendance.

Mr. Reiner stated that the Town had been working with the real estate marketing firm Goman and York, marketing the former William Seely School property. He stated that the Seely School property is the only property that the Town is working with an independent real estate firm. He stated that all of the other schools are under staff guidance to market these properties. He stated that the William Seely School property was a little different, so they needed the firm of Goman and York. Mr. Reiner explained the process including the interview committee membership. He stated that when the interview committee makes a recommendation for a preferred developer, that firm maintains the preferred developer status. The committee uses a criteria in reviewing proposals; the developer's experience; the financial benefit to Groton; the developer's ability to finance the project; their ability to execute the agreement; take the project through the Planning and Zoning regulatory process; and the schedule for the building. He stated that DonMar offered the best quality product and benefit to Groton, through all the responses from bidders. In comparison to the demolition of the Noank School, the William Seely School is 58,740 sq. ft. with a full basement and Noank was only 32,500 sq. ft. with a 1,660 sq. ft. basement. The size alone would compensate for the \$2.1 million demolition fee. William Seely has asbestos, lead paint and air borne molds. He stated that the Town is not in the practice of validating demolition estimates; the marketing firm reviewed the proposal to insure that it was realistic. He stated that the Town Public Works Department prepared a rough estimated to be about \$1.470 million. He stated that DonMar will have to compare bids for the demolition, should the purchase agreement be approved. The process is to obtain the best product, the desired product that best fits the needs of the Town. The price offered for the purchase for the land; the amount of tax abatement they have requested; and the likely tax revenue may

lead to a positive impression. The purchase price may produce a low ask on the tax abatement. He mentioned the other bids had requests for substantial tax abatements of at least 7 to 10 year, of the full value tax abatement. He stated that the other bids offered similar projects as DonMar. Mr. Reiner commented on the responsiveness shown by DonMar through this portion of the process. He stated that he thinks that they will build a high quality product in Groton and DonMar plans to manage the property.

Economic Development Manager Bronk added a comment regarding the demand for housing. He stated that they had heard from Electric Boat, Pfizer, and others that there is a demand for contemporary housing for new employees. He stated that this project is amenity rich and attractive to a young aged workforce and empty nesters.

Town Manager Burt stated that the RTM must approve any sale of Town owned land. Mayor Granatosky stated that there will be plenty of opportunities for the public to comment during the approval process.

Mr. Reiner stated that before the project is submitted to the regulatory commissions, the Council will need to agree to the project.

In response to Councilor Franco, Mr. Reiner stated that he had run some initial estimates for tax revenue and estimated \$750,000 a year in tax revenue after completion.

Councilor Franco stated that they considered the demolition costs versus the sales price and the tax abatement requests, along with the value to the community. She stated that consideration of the demolition cost should matter for the sales price. In response, Mr. Reiner stated that they will be looking at all of the elements for the traffic study and his staff and Public Works would be making sure to keep the area as safe as possible. Councilor Franco suggested a right turn only at the Walker Hill Road exit, which would direct traffic to Route 12.

Mayor Granatosky directed discussion back to the motion.

In response to Councilor Bumgardner, Mr. Reiner stated that in DonMar's conceptual site plans, they were looking for ways that they could have trails to connect to roadways and other neighborhoods. He stated that these decisions will be made through the regulatory process. The Town will require the developer to leave the ability to connect the two abutting properties. He stated that this is a conceptual design and parking will be consistent with requirements. They will be required to adhere to the storm water standards that are in the Town regulations.

Councilor Obrey stated that she is very excited about this project. She reminded the Council that one of their objectives was to bring the empty school back to the tax rolls.

In response to Councilor Bordelon, Mr. Reiner stated that the Town retains ownership of the property until it is sold.

In response to Councilor Heede, Mr. Reiner stated a tentative outline for the preferred developer. He expects that the Council will see this project again within the next three months or less and then time for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Wetlands Agency.

In response to Mayor Granatosky, the best way for the public to keep up with the process

would be to email jreiner@groton-ct.gov and through the Triton Square website for direct contact with the developer.

Councilor Bordelon asked for the links to be readily available on the Town website.

Councilor Bumgardner stated his concern with the probable increased traffic and harming pedestrian safety; suggested increasing pedestrian safety by installing sidewalks.

Mr. DiGiola, of DonMar Construction, stated that he responded to Mr. Potter explaining that some of the language in the demolition quote is considered standard industry practice to exclude certain items like permit fees, taxes, disconnect fees, and safety fencing.

In response to Councilor Franco, Mr. DiGiola stated that the conceptual drawing is similar to what the project will look like, but some things may change. He referred to the website www.seelyschool.com as having several pictures providing more detail. He stated that they plan to conduct a feasibility study to determine the optimal mix-use for the units. The study may change the design of the buildings to suit the optimal use.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DON MAR FOR THE WILLIAM SEELY SCHOOL PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton owns excess buildings and properties that are no longer needed for public uses or that have been acquired through foreclosures due to unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been marketing the William Seely School property for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been working with the selected preferred development team, Don Mar as the purchasing entity, on a proposal for the site; and

WHEREAS, an option to purchase for the eventual purchase of the property has been prepared by the Town Attorney, and is ready to be signed by Don Mar and the Town Manager after authorization by the Town Council, and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into an option to purchase agreement with Don Mar for the William Seely School property.

Moved by: Parker, Juliette		Seconded by: Heede, Conrad		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X		X	
Portia Bordelon		X		
Aundré Bumgardner				
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

X.2. 2020-159 - 1 13 Fort Hill Road - Land Transfer

RESOLUTION REFERRING THE TRANSFER OF 1,329 SF OF LAND TO 13 FORT HILL ROAD LLC TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER CGS SECTION 8-24

WHEREAS, in October 1992 the Town of Groton transferred a small parcel of land on the south end of the Poquonnock Bridge Volunteer Fire Company property at 13 Fort Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Poquonnock Bridge Volunteer Fire Company sold the 13 Fort Hill Road property and the strip of land automatically reverted to town ownership; and

WHEREAS, the owners, 13 Fort Hill Road, LLC have asked the Town to quit claim the land to them, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to sell or transfer public land must be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission per CGS 8-24 now be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the transfer of this property to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review per CGS 8-24.

Moved by: Franco, Rachael		Seconded by: Heede, Conrad		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X	X		
Portia Bordelon	X			
Aundré Bumgardner	X			
Rachael Franco				
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

X.3. 2020-160 - 1 Appointment of Other Attorneys

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OTHER ATTORNEYS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, at 8.2.2, provides that the Town Attorney may, with the approval of the Town Council, appoint attorneys to perform specialized services or otherwise to assist the Town Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney is empowered by the Charter to recommend the terms of employment of such attorneys, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of Town Attorney Duggan, the following attorneys may be appointed and continue to serve in the assignments indicated, under terms prescribed by the Town Attorney, until such time as their replacements may be approved by the Town Council:

Board of Education Attorneys (from Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C.)

Floyd Dugas
 Paula Anthony
 Eric Barba
 John Khalil
 Jennifer Jasensky
 Rebecca Goldberg
 Michelle Laubin
 Chris Sugar
 Christine Sullivan

Bond Counsel (from Day Pitney, LLP)

Judith Blank
 Doug Gillette
 Namita Shah
 Richard Wasserman
 Glenn Rybacki
 Emily Kagan
 Kristin Burgess

Moved by: Heede, Conrad		Seconded by: Franco, Rachael		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X			
Portia Bordelon	X			
Aundré Bumgardner	X			
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

X.4. 2020-175 - 1 Children First Groton Collaborative Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL FOR PHILANTHROPY AND GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,600 AND REFER THE MATTER TO THE RTM 6.5.3.

WHEREAS Children First Groton and School Readiness Council were recently awarded grant funding in the amount of \$20,600.00 from the CT Early Childhood Funder Collaborative, and

WHEREAS the grant will assist in focusing on the expansion of the Children First Groton and School Readiness Council Collaborative leadership group to be more diverse and broaden the representation reflective of the community, and

WHEREAS by successfully partnering with under-represented groups such as parents, military families and faith-based members, along with increasing the number of residents participating, Children First Groton and School Readiness Council will strengthen the

effectiveness, depth and scope of the work, resulting in a collaborative that represents the diverse population of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mike Graner to execute the contract agreement between the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, as the fiscal sponsor for the CT Early Childhood Funder Collaborative, and the Groton Public Schools, as the fiscal sponsor for the Children First Groton/School Readiness Council Collaborative, and to receive the grant funding in the amount of \$20,600.

Refer to the RTM 6.5.3.

Moved by: Heede, Conrad		Seconded by: Parker, Juliette		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X			
Portia Bordelon	X			
Aundré Bumgardner	X			
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

X.5. 2020-188 - 1 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act

Public Hearing is set for May 5, 2020.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROPOSALS FOR THE BILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, EASTERN CONNECTICUT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, SACRED HEART SCHOOL, GROTON HOUSING AUTHORITY, FAIRVIEW, and AVERY-COPP MUSEUM.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has received proposals from the Bill Memorial Library, Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities, Sacred Heart School, Groton Housing Authority, Fairview, and Avery-Copp Museum for the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Department of Planning and Development Services received a proposal from the each of these entities to achieve tax credit savings on energy efficiency and energy conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Office of Planning and Development Services supports the proposals from each of these entities and acknowledges that the post program review will be their responsibility, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a public hearing on the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act applications on May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Town Council supports the proposals from each of these entities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the proposals for the Bill Memorial

Library, Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities, Sacred Heart School, Groton Housing Authority, Fairview, and Avery-Copp Museum for the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Moved by: Obrey, Lian		Seconded by: Bumgardner, Aundré		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X			
Portia Bordelon	X			
Aundré Bumgardner	X			
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

X.6. 2020-189 - 1 Affordable Housing Plan Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR PLANNING GRANT FUNDS TO PREPARE AND ADOPT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Department of Housing (DOH) offers competitive funding for municipalities under 50,000 persons to apply for planning grant funds to prepare and adopt an Affordable Housing Plan under the provisions of State Statute 8-30j, and

WHEREAS, the program is an opportunity to receive a maximum of \$15,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town is obligated by State Statute to produce a plan prior to 2022, and

WHEREAS, Town staff recommends undertaking a proactive planning process to establish a strategy for meeting the housing needs of existing and future residents of the Town, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager John Burt or his authorized representative to submit an application to the State Department of Housing for the Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Grant.

Moved by: Franco, Rachael		Seconded by: Bumgardner, Aundré		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X			
Portia Bordelon	X			
Aundré Bumgardner	X			
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Bumgardner, Aundré		Seconded by: Parker, Juliette		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Patrice Granatosky	X			
Portia Bordelon	X			
Aundré Bumgardner	X			
Rachael Franco	X			
Conrad Heede	X			
Juan Melendez, Jr.	X			
Lian Obrey	X			
Juliette Parker	X			

Mayor Granatosky adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Attest:

Betsy Moukawsher
Groton Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council