



# 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**

The following minutes meet all requirements of the CT FOIA Statutes for Public Meetings

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

Live on GMTV and YouTube

#### I. ROLL CALL/DECLARE QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Granatosky called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Town Clerk Moukawsher read the roll call and stated that 8 members were in attendance. She stated that Council Zeppieri was excused.

#### II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Obrey.

#### III. RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

2021-409 2021 Pride Month Proclamation

Councilor Melendez read this proclamation for the permanent record.

#### IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS – No Public Hearings

#### V. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS , COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

1.) Rebecca Welt, 32 Boulder Court, stated her true opposition for the Respler Homes proposed project at the Mystic Oral School and she thanked Portia Bordelon for listening to the concerns that had been shared by residents and for trying to answer the questions we have raised. She stated her hope that a true dialog can be held between the Town Council and residents regarding this proposal.

2.) Beth Tillman, 925 River Road, Mystic, commented on the well run and well attended Downtown Mystic Parking meeting. She stated that several comments were made to the consultant and had not been considered in this plan. The consultant added these ideas to his plan. She stated that this type of community meeting should have been offered for the Mystic Oral School. She stated that the Council should have had made an opportunity for the public to share their ideas of what they believe would be the appropriate use of this property. She stated that the comments from the residents of this Town have been trivialized, as a cancel culture. She stated that we find ourselves now, in with a developer who had been convicted in 2004-2005 of serious charges, and again in 2016 for zoning violations, proving that he has not changed his ways. She stated that the Town Council has not required the developer to meet any of the required benchmarks that are in the development agreement or takes any of the steps delineated in the agreement, further his plan has gone from 750 units to 931 units with a hotel and maybe more. She stated that we should have taken a considered approach to this

project a long time ago.

In response to Council Franco's Point of Clarification, Mayor Granatosky asked Town Manager Burt to address this question after the citizens have had a chance to speak.

2.) Linda Vogel, 358 Pequot Avenue, stated that she supports the statements made by Ms. Tillman. She stated that she is concerned about the Town's trivializing Mr. Respler's civil background. She opined that if he was convicted of a zoning violation in 2016, then she doesn't see the relevance if the conviction was civil or criminal. She stated that the problem for the community is that the developer wants to change the zoning from RU 80 to a different zoning. She stated that Mr. Respler has a history of not complying with requirements, of bribery, and of paying off Town Officials. She shares another stated concern, that there has been no Public Hearing for the residents of the Town of Groton regarding this huge development.

3.) Van Brown, 925 River Road, Mystic, asked for the Council to hear them, not just endure them. He read from a prepared statement regarding his concerns with the proposed development at the Mystic Oral School. His statement is included with the permanent record of this meeting.

4.) Rosanne Kotowski, 24 Ann Avenue, Mystic, stated that Respler Homes proposed development at the Mystic Oral School should be abandoned by the Town. She stated her displeasure with some Town Councilors and some Town staff. She stated that after the discovery of Mr. Respler's criminal history, she thought that the Town Council would have acted in the best interest of the Town and terminate the agreement. She stated that an independent financial investigation must be made in order to determine how much this project will cost the taxpayers and what the actual revenue will be. She stated that Respler will need \$160,000,000 in loans and \$33,000,000 in TIF money from the Town. She stated that this information was gathered through FOI, because Town staff withheld the documents. She stated that this information should have been made public. She stated that Town staff should only support development that is in character of the area and is good for the community. She stated that the Respler's proposal is neither. She announced contact information for the Mystic Oral School Advocates group.

5.) Genevieve Cerf, 6 Pearl Street, Mystic, stated that she is a former Town Councilor and she served three terms on the RTM. She stated that she understands the stress of the Council in addressing economic development. She stated that they must compromise and maintain the character of Mystic, otherwise they will ruin it. She stated that Mr. Respler's misdeeds are not minor in nature. He was found guilty and fined \$1,000,000. She stated that he is not a responsible developer. She stated that she respects the Council and would like to work with them to find a solution.

6.) Scott Westervelt, 7 Boulder Court, Mystic, stated his displeasure with the proposed development of the Mystic Education Center/Oral School. He stated that it has been pointed out on numerous occasions that the developer has not met any of his benchmarks. Nothing that he has done has come in on time or has even been submitted at this point. He labeled these actions as disingenuous to the Town. The most recent lapse of a deadline was in him not meeting the requirements in the purchase agreement with the State within the 18 month window. He quoted the purchase agreement "Section 8(b) If purchaser is unable to obtain all of the purchaser approvals within 18 months of the effective date of this agreement, either party shall have the right to terminate this agreement, upon 10 days prior written notice to the other party." Mr. Westervelt stated that we are beyond the 18 month mark. He asked who

within the Town is responsible for telling the State that we have had enough. The Town can tell the State that they have a legal out now. He reported that the State had said that they were legally bound to sign the agreement and court the developer. He stated that this agreement is no longer valid. He stated that someone within the Town should contact the State and tell them that enough is enough. He thanked the Council for all of their efforts and he stated his appreciation for them listening to the citizens. He stated that there is nothing personal, but they just want what is best for the area. He stated that the construction of the 931 unit apartment complexes and the destruction of the wooded areas and the potential for disruption of neighboring home wells and septic systems are examples of why this proposal is wrong for this area. He stated that these neighborhoods need the Council to look out for them.

7.) Kris Kuhn, 104 Irving Street, expressed serious reservations about the proposed Mystic River Bluffs project on the site referred to as the Oral School and the Mystic Education Center. She cited concerns not as a neighbor, but as a member of the larger Mystic community. She takes issue with the implied characterization in The Day Editorial of May 28, 2021 that those who oppose the project have the perspective sometimes negatively referred to as "Not in My Backyard". She stated that direct neighbors have the most at stake, but greater Mystic has much to lose if this proposal goes through. Promoters of this project call it Smart Growth. On the contrary, she is concerned with the size and density in relation to the site and all that it may mean for the surrounding area. She stated concern with the potential for project creep. She stated that the initial proposal from Respler Homes, LLC called for 700 units. Mr. Respler has since purchased adjoining properties in hopes of addressing road access and the number of units swelled to 931. She stated that Mr. Respler, faced with the citizen's concerns, committed to start by building 300 units, but with no commitment to renovate the Oral School and Pratt buildings. She listed salient issues as, no clear plan has been presented to Groton residents or to the Planning and Zoning Commission; not met numerous deadlines set out in the Development Agreement; prospective financial arrangements with the Town could end up obligating Groton taxpayers to shoulder major costs associated with the project. She stated that the developer has a criminal history that has only recently come to light, raising further questions as to his trustworthiness. She stated that these red flag markings indicate that this project is fatally flawed. She stated that she would like to see the local government act on behalf of the community by preserving the character and quality of life that makes Mystic a place where people want to live and visit.

8.) Penny Miller, 56 Hancock Drive, Mystic, stated that she had previously addressed the Town Council with her opinion that the proposed Mystic River Bluffs mega-development and the resulting increase in population and traffic would have a disastrous effect on the surrounding rural and historic neighborhoods and on scenic River Road.

## VI. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Councilor Franco stated that it had been noted that the developer had a conviction in 2016, which would state that he would be in a criminal proceeding. She stated that she was under the impression that this issue was a civil matter. She asked Town Manager Burt to respond, which he stated that she was correct and that it was a civil matter and therefore there would not be a conviction.

Councilor Franco thanked the citizens for attending the meeting. She stated that she had shared information on social media to clear up misinformation. She stated that everyone is waiting for Planning & Zoning Commission to make a decision on text amendment changes. She stated that there are some contractual deadlines that are at stake. She stated that we will not do a Pratt lease or a TIF agreement if we don't even know what the future holds. She

stated that she has previously requested that the Town Manager and staff have a community meeting in order to get information out to the community. She stated that we need to do a better job of sharing information with the public. She explained that her shared information should not be considered a dismissal of the concerns of the public. She stated that she is just trying to share her knowledge and that she is listening.

Councilor Obrey thanked the public who attended the meeting. She agrees that it's time for a public meeting and that COVID may have stalled any meetings that may have been planned. She commented on the difficulties that she encountered when trying to address questions. She stated that she is no longer responding to these questions by email because of the insults and accusations she received. She restated that the Planning & Zoning Commission has work to complete before anything can go forward. She stated that their concerns are heard and she hopes that a public informational meeting can be arranged soon. She praised the efforts of the Town Manager and staff for their efforts.

Councilor Bordelon stated that she hears the concerns of the public and she stands with them in addressing their concerns. She stated that with any development in town, the people impacted by the development need to have a seat at the table, to have a say and to have a hand in the development decisions in order to achieve a consensus and an agreement for the community at large. She agrees that an informational meeting should have been arranged, stating that Zoom meetings have been taking place all along. She stated that she still has concerns and that we need to make sure that we are vetting our prospective developers and include in our agreements that if there is any criminal background discovered, that we are able to withdraw. She voiced other concerns. She stated that she is not supportive of a zone change stating that we should not change the regulations to fit a development. She stated her hope that changes can be made to this project so that she can support it, but that she doesn't support it as it stands.

Councilor Bumgardner thanked the citizen speaker from this meeting and from all of the other meetings. He encouraged citizens to continue voicing their concerns regarding the proposed development at the Mystic Oral School. In response to Councilor Bumgardner, Town Manager Burt stated that the additional property that Respler purchased is separated from the RFP, that would likely change matters. He stated that Planning & Zoning will determine what is required for buffers. Councilor Bumgardner stated that the Council has voted on various agreements, the development agreement and the fixed tax agreement. He stated that he had been intimately involved and interested in this project and it was assured that the Council will continue monitoring the progress.

Town Manager Burt announced that the Planning & Zoning Department will be presenting an update at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. He stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission is planning a couple of workshops over the next couple of weeks to discuss the zoning regulations. He stated that the Planning Department will schedule something live for the public once the Commission has completed their work.

Mayor Granatosky stated that the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and she is working to find a location to hold live meetings soon. She thanked the citizens for their comments and she encouraged citizens to contact the Council by email.

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## VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

The items listed in the Consent Calendar were voted separately.

VII.1. 2021-403 May 4, 2021 Minutes

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 4, 2021 are hereby accepted and approved.

Moved by: Bumgardner, Aundré		Seconded by: Obrey, Lian		
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			
ADOPTED				

VII.2. 2021-273 - 1 Various Appointments/Reappointment - April & May

Councilor Franco made a motion to remove the nomination of John Goodrich as an alternate member position for the Historic District Commission from this list, seconded by Councilor Melendez.

In response to Mayor Granatosky, Councilor Melendez stated that he believes that all appointments should be made with a unanimous vote. He wanted to hear Councilor Franco's rationale for disapproving of this appointment.

Councilor Franco stated that she made the request because Mr. Goodrich has repeatedly shared misinformation and incorrect information in our community and on social media and has done this time and time again. She stated that she doesn't believe he would serve our Town well from what she has witnessed of his actions in our community. She stated that this position is not an elected position and the Council chooses who gets on these committees. She stated that he will not represent the Town in the best light.

Councilor Bordelon received confirmation from Councilor Melendez that the vote in committee was unanimous for appointment of Mr. Goodrich. She stated that in the future, appointments should be voted individually. She stated that Councilors may wish to abstain from a vote. She stated that the committee reviewed each applicant and looking at the list of candidates, this is a great non-partisan group of people. She stated that we shouldn't assume that the votes will be unanimous.

Councilor Obrey suggested that this appointment be referred back to the Committee for further review.

The vote to remove John Goodrich's appointment as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission from the agenda failed with Councilors Franco, Heede and Melendez voting in favor; Councilors Bordelon, Bumgardner, Parker and Granatosky opposed; and Councilor Obrey abstained from voting.

Councilor Obrey recommended that this appointment be sent back to the Personnel & Appointments Committee for further review. She further stated that Councilor Franco should submit her concerns regarding Mr. Goodrich to the committee. Councilor Melendez, Personnel & Appointments Chair, relayed the actions of the Personnel &

Appointments Committee with respect to Mr. Goodrich. He stated that a concern has been raised. He prefers that all appointments and reappointments be approved unanimously, if possible. He stated that he is amenable to reviewing this appointment again, to hear all the concerns.

Councilor Bordelon stated that all of the appointments and reappointments in the packet have been recommended unanimously by committee. She stated that it is hard sometimes and if you want to change your mind that's a part of democracy. She stated that Councilor Franco brought this up to consider, but this was not discussed prior to this meeting. She stated that the appointment practice is confusing and that there needs to be a better practice in place. She stated that these people are volunteers. She referred to the meeting when Town Council Rules came to the Town Council for approval. She stated that Councilors were told that they couldn't change anything after the committee's recommendations.

Councilor Franco stated that items have come to the Town Council and had been referred back to committee. She stated her preference is to send this item back to committee.

Councilor Heede explained the basic process in which the Personnel & Appointment Committee reviews applicants. He stated that the committee tries to match people with an appropriate ABC in accordance with their preference and propensity.

Councilor Obrey stated that this item should be referred back to committee in order to discuss the issues that have been raised.

Councilor Bumgardner made statements regarding the process of appointments.

The vote to send this item back to committee failed with Councilors Obrey, Melendez and Franco voting in favor; and Councilors Bumgardner, Bordelon, Heede, Granatosky and Parker opposing.

The main motion was adopted with 5 Councilors in favor and 3 Councilors opposed, Councilors Franco, Melendez and Obrey.

#### RESOLUTION MAKING THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORIZED AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES (ABCs)

RESOLVED, that the Town Council appoints the following individuals to the Authorized ABCs as noted:

APPT or REAPPT	NAME	ADDRESS	ABC	TERM EXPIRATION
APPT (Member)	Danielle Turrell (U)	60 Charles Street	Fair Rent Commission	7/1/2024
APPT (Alternate)	Paula Zeppieri (D)	31 Palmer's Cove Drive	Planning and Zoning Commission	12/31/2021
APPT (Alternate)	Matthew Dion (R)	169 Ridgewood Drive, Mystic	Board Assessment of Appeals	12/31/2023
APPT (Alternate)	John Goodrich (R)	1315 River Road, Mystic	Historic District Commission	12/31/2025

REAPPT	Zell Steever (D), Chair	81 Main Street	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023
REAPPT	Sarah Kelly (D), Vice-Chair	73 High Meadow Lane, Mystic	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023
REAPPT	Jessie Stratton (D), Secretary	31 Spring Street	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023
REAPPT	W. Frank Bohlen (R)	1 Scott Lane, Mystic	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023
REAPPT	Victor Villagra (D)	76 River View Avenue	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023
REAPPT (Alternate)	Maggie Jones (U)	62 Skyline Drive	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023
REAPPT (Alternate)	Howard Weiss (D)	17 Godfrey Street, Mystic	Resilience & Sustainability Task Force	3/05/2023

Moved by: Parker, Juliette		Seconded by: Granatosky, Patrice		
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			
ADOPTED				

VII.3. 2021-250 - 1 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments  
 RESOLUTION MAKING THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS AND  
 AD HOC COMMITTEES  
 RESOLVED, that the Town Council appoints the following individuals:

APPT or REAPPT	NAME	ABC	TERM EXPIRATION
REAPPT	Rita Schmidt	Cable Television Advisory Committee	12/1/2021
REAPPT	Mark Oefinger	SEAT	12/1/2023
REAPPT	Stacey Leitch	SCRARRA	4/16/2024

Moved by: Franco, Rachael	Seconded by: Heede, Conrad
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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			
ADOPTED				

VII.4 2021-404 Special Trust Funds - May

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Last Name	First Name	Amount	Trust Fund
Manson-Young	Rosalie	\$20.00	Parks and Recreation Revolving
Martin	April	\$20.00	Parks and Recreation Revolving

Moved by: Heede, Conrad		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			
ADOPTED				
Mayor Granatosky called for a 5 minute recess at 8:48pm.				

VIII. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

VIII.a. Town Councilors

Town Councilors reviewed the events and meetings that they recently attended.

VIII.b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Moukawsher reviewed the upcoming meetings of the RTM.

VIII.c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Moukawsher reminded the Town Council that it is Dog Licensing Month. She reviewed the procedure.



## VIII.d. Town Manager

Town Manager Burt reported that he attended the Pride Flag raising event; he mentioned that the Mystic parking presentation is available on the Town website; he stated that they are still waiting for more info regarding the American Rescue Plan; he reported that some graffiti was painted over at the Mystic Education Center main building. Councilor Bordelon reported that the graffiti was racial slurs and it is important that we address this issue. Mr. Burt stated that this is private property and that Mr. Respler is responsible.

In response to Councilor Bordelon, Mr. Burt stated that the Community Meals will no longer be served at the Senior Center. He stated that he will follow-up with the Council at a later date. He stated that he intends to have any new development agreements going forward to include a withdrawal clause.

In response to Councilor Franco, Mr. Burt stated that the police make an entry in the police log every time they do a patrol check and there have been over 300 entries for the Mystic Education Center property, including at least 5 break-ins. He stated that State Police may have been contacted because this is state property.

In response to Councilor Franco, Mr. Burt stated that the shooting incident at a local business will be addressed when the Committee of the Whole reviews the BYOB Ordinance.

Mayor Granatosky stated that Chief Fusaro was notified of the hateful graffiti. She has asked the Town Attorney to look into safeguards that the Council can use to protect the community.

Councilor Bordelon stated that the BYOB business is not the only problem along that strip of businesses. She mentioned a murder and other shootings up and down that strip. She hopes to look for ways to minimize that danger.

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

No report.

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## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## IX.a. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Granatosky

No report.

## IX.b. Personnel and Appointments - Chairman Melendez

No report.

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## IX.c. Rules - Chairman Obrey

No report.

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## IX.d. Public Safety - Chairman Bumgardner

No report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

X.1. 2021-407 - 1 Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2022)

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND TAXES DUE ON JULY 1, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a General Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$137,644,367, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimates cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2022 current property taxes will total \$38,979,828, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$2,851,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2021 to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2022 General Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$95,813,539 is the amount that needs to be raised from property taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due July 1, 2021 is hereby established at 25.98 mills per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to raise \$95,813,539 ( $\$95,813,539 \div \$3,739,661,429 \div 98.6\% \times 1,000 = 25.98$  mills).

Moved by: Obrey, Lian		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			
ADOPTED				

X.2. 2021-408 - 1 Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 2022)

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR MUMFORD COVE DISTRICT DUE JULY 1, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Mumford Cove District Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$21,180, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2022 current property taxes will total \$0, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$0.00 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2021, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2022 Mumford Cove District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Mumford Cove District Fund on July 1,

2021 is hereby established at 0.33 mills per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to raise \$20,180 ( $\$21,180 \div \$63,601,987 \div 99.5\% \times 1,000 = 0.33$  mills).

Moved by: Melendez, Jr., Juan		Seconded by: Bordelon, Portia		
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			
ADOPTED				

X.3. 2021-410 - 1 Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District (FYE 2022)  
**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT DUE JULY 1, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Groton Sewer District Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$1,396,418, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2022 current property taxes will total \$6,200, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$500,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2021, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2022 Sewer District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Groton Sewer District Fund on July 1, 2021 is hereby established at 0.37 mills per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to raise \$890,218 ( $\$890,218 \div \$2,418,453,161$  (excluding motor vehicles)  $\div 99.4\% \times 1,000 = 0.37$  mills).

Moved by: Bumgardner, Aundré		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			
ADOPTED				

X.4. 2021-405 - 1 Cable Television Advisory Council of SECT 2021 Grant Program  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT (CTACSC)**

WHEREAS, Groton Municipal Television will replace and upgrade video recording equipment in Groton Public Library Community Meeting Room to record and televise programs and

meetings,

**WHEREAS**, the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut (CTACSC) is open to its five member towns of Groton, Ledyard, North Stonington, Stonington and Voluntown, and has funds available to support local public, education and government capabilities,

**WHEREAS**, Groton citizens will benefit from these GMTV equipment upgrades and enhancements at the library, providing the community with improved quality and greater access to programs and meetings,

**RESOLVED** that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to apply for and receive grant funding in the amount of \$3,500.00 from the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut (CTACSC), which will allow Groton Municipal Television (GMTV) to upgrade video recording equipment at the Groton Public Library.

Moved by: Parker, Juliette		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			
ADOPTED				

X.5. 2021-360 - 1 FYE 2021 Suspense List  
 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUSPENSE LIST

WHEREAS, State law requires that once a year a list shall be compiled of taxes that should be suspended, and

WHEREAS, the accounts which have been determined as uncollectible have been contacted multiple times with no response, and

WHEREAS, placing uncollected items on the Suspense Lists helps avoid waste of money and staff time, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers remain liable for all amounts that are placed on the Suspense List, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be added to the Suspense List as reported to the Town Council:

Town:	\$339,344.71
Sewer District:	\$ 240.74
Mumford Cove	\$ 3.99
Total	\$339,589.44

Moved by: Franco, Rachael		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			
ADOPTED				

X.6. 2021-177 - 4 Neighborhood Assistance Act  
 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT  
 PROPOSALS FOR THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL, RIVERFRONT CHILDRENS CENTER,  
 FAIRVIEW, and AVERY-COPP MUSEUM.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has received proposals from the Sacred Heart School, Riverfront Children’s Center, Fairview, and Avery-Copp Museum for the 2021 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 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act applications on May 4, 2021; 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 Sacred Heart School, Riverfront Children’s Center, Fairview, and Avery-Copp Museum for the 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act.

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			
ADOPTED				

X.7. 2021-387 - 1 Sandy Hollow Road Resurfacing

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON RESURFACING OF SANDY HOLLOW ROAD

WHEREAS, on September 5, 1989, by resolution, the Groton Town Council designated Sandy Hollow Road as a scenic road according to Town ordinances, Sec. 13.5-121 to 13.5-124, and

WHEREAS, Town of Groton Public Works Director has requested to resurface Sandy Hollow Road, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed resurfacing of Sandy Hollow Road on July 6, 2021.

Moved by: Obrey, Lian		Seconded by: Bordelon, Portia		
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			
ADOPTED				

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XI.2. 2020-894 - 5 Open Agenda Item Review - June

Councilors discussed open agenda items that will be reviewed through committee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Granatosky adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Attest:

Betsy Moukawsher  
Groton Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council

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