

**CITY OF GROTON
SPECIAL GROUP II
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:30 PM**

FINANCE

A special meeting of the **Finance Committee** was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Members present: Deputy Mayor Hedrick, Councilor Ilvento and Councilor Sheffield
Also present: Finance Director Ron Yuhas

REFERRAL ITEM # 26 PROPOSED CHANGES TO RETIREMENT PLAN 9/3/13

Discussion: They discussed the financial impact of reducing the retirement age from 62 to 60 for non-union employees. The current cost to the City for 25 personnel would be \$38,300.00 for the pension and \$58,800.00 for the OPEB for a total of \$91,200.00.

Action: Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to maintain the current retirement age for non-union employees at age 62 and move to the July 27, 2015 Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

REFERRAL ITEM # 28 REVIEW OF CITY BIDDING PROCESS **8/18/14**

Discussion: Discussion on the Stonington ordinance which gives bidding preference to local businesses or non-town based businesses. There was concern they might potentially exclude businesses outside of Groton. There was discussion regarding benefits to the City. Preference would be given based on monetary thresholds and the ability of the local business to conduct the work and meet the low bid.

Action: Finance Director Yuhas will provide a draft revised ordinance to the City's existing ordinance to include language from the Stonington bid policy. The Finance Director will contact the Stonington Finance Director to discuss any issues they had with the ordinance.

Correspondence from Jay Dempsey regarding OPEB, pension, benefits, HSA and COLA was reviewed and discussed.

REFERRAL ITEM # 9 GROTON ESTATES PLAYGROUND **11/3/03**

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

REFERRAL ITEM #12 SALARY DISCUSSION **12/20/04**

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

REFERRAL ITEM # 17 MANAGEMENT SALARIES

10/01/07

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

REFERRAL ITEM # 20 SEWER USAGE FEES FOR ORGANIZATIONS NOT PAYING PROPERTY TAXES 3/7/11

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

REFERRAL ITEM #22 MOTHER BAILEY HOUSE

6/4/12

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

REFERRAL ITEM #23 FEE STRUCTURE FOR BULKY WASTEPICKUP

11/5/12

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

REFERRAL ITEM # 25 REVIEW OF CURRENT ORDINANCE IMPOSED FINES

11/5/12

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Ivento seconded by Councilor Sheffield to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Keith Hedrick