

**CITY OF GROTON
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 2, 2014
7:00 PM**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and presided.. There were 14 electors present.

City Clerk Patrick read the call of the meeting and the warning to electors.

Mayor Galbraith read the totals of the General Fund Anticipated Revenues and Proposed Appropriations.

GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Property taxes (at 4.822 mills), Interest and Lien Fees	\$6,223,689
Intergovernmental Revenues	5,236,452
Licenses and Permits	330,000
Intradepartmental Revenues	3,715,741
Miscellaneous Revenues	272,812
Operating Transfers In	0
Service Charge	152,800
Utilization of Fund Balance	<u>658,750</u>
Total General Fund Anticipated Revenues	\$16,590,244

GENERAL FUND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	\$2,225,662
Police Department	4,608,627
Fire Department	2,593,375
Public Works Department	3,132,104
Pollution Abatement	1,762,123
Parks and Recreation Department	1,165,290
Non-Departmental	173,377
Debt Service	814,686
Contingency	<u>115,000</u>
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$16,590,244

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Item 1. To authorize the Water and Electric Departments to provide, at the discretion of the Utilities Commissioners, the following free services from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

- a. Water and electricity to Fort Griswold Park and Groton Monument House - Approximately \$3,600.00.
- b. Water and electricity to Bill Memorial Library – Approximately \$7,500.00.
- c. Illumination of the United States Flag during hours of darkness at the Groton Monument – Approximately \$250.00.
- d. Water and electricity to Washington Park – Approximately \$22,450.00.
- e. Water and electricity to Avery Copp Carriage House and Museum – Approximately \$1,500.00

Mayor Galbraith read Item 1 and asked for a motion.

Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocumb Terrace moved Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street seconded a motion to approve Item 1. Motion carried.

Item 2. To appropriate for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 the sum for the accounts and purposes set forth in the proposed annual budget as published in The Day on May 26, 2014 and in full on the City of Groton website at www.cityofgroton.com.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 2 and asked for a motion.

Keith Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway moved Lawrence Gerrish, 5 Round Hill Road seconded a motion to approve Item 2. Motion carried.

Item 3. To authorize the Mayor and Council to apply to the foregoing budget any excess of revenue over expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and any anticipated revenues from other sources.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 3 and asked for a motion.

Hali Keeler, 45 Ramsdell Street moved Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocumb Terrace seconded a motion to approve Item 3. Motion carried.

Item 4. To authorize the Water and Electric Departments to transfer to the City of Groton the sum of Three million six hundred seven thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars and no cents (\$3,607,996.00) to apply to the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and to provide for the reimbursement for services furnished to the Utilities as set forth in the foregoing budget.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 4 and asked for a motion.

Robert Zuliani, 23 Cushman Street moved Keith Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway seconded a motion to approve Item 4. Motion carried.

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Item 5. To levy a tax, based on current list, sufficient when combined with the funds noted in Items 3 and 4 hereof, and other incomes to cover the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, said tax to be collected July 1, 2014. Note: It is the opinion of the Mayor that a four point eight two two (4.822) mills tax would be sufficient, when combined with funds noted in Items 3 and 4 hereof, to finance the appropriations contained in Item 2 of the Call, and said Mayor recommends a **four point eight two two mills tax**.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 5 and asked for a motion.

Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street moved Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue seconded a motion to approve Item 5. Motion carried.

Item 6. To authorize the Finance Director of the City of Groton to borrow monies in anticipation of tax receipts, as required, for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 6 and asked for a motion.

Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace moved Robert Zuliani, 23 Cushman Street seconded a motion to approve Item 6. Motion carried.

Item 7. To authorize the Mayor and Council to transfer any surplus funds from one account to another as prescribed in Article V, Section 3 of the Charter, as may be warranted in their discretion for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, provided that such transfer of funds does not result in exceeding the total amount of the appropriations made at this meeting.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 7 and asked for a motion.

Jay Dempsey, 22 South Prospect Street moved Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street seconded a motion to approve Item 7. Motion carried.

Item 8. To approve the minutes of the following meetings:

City of Groton Annual Budget meeting minutes of June 3, 2013; Special Freeman's meeting minutes of October 21, 2013 and February 3, 2014.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 8 and asked for a motion.

Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street moved Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace seconded a motion to approve Item 8. Motion carried.

Item 9. To take any action on any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 9.

There being no other business Mayor Galbraith asked for a motion to adjourn.

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II. ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace moved stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**