

**CITY OF GROTON
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 1, 2015
7:00 PM**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 18 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 the General Fund Proposed Appropriations.

GENERAL FUND ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Property taxes (at 5.868 mills), Interest and Lien Fees	\$6,989,126
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,908,733
Licenses and Permits	269,600
Interdepartmental Revenues	4,200,791
Miscellaneous Revenues	190,850
Operating Transfers In	0
Service Charge	193,500
Utilization of Fund Balance	<u>650,000</u>
Total General Fund Anticipated Revenues	\$17,402,600

GENERAL FUND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	\$1,875,365
Police Department	4,774,277
Fire Department	2,807,237
Civil Preparedness	11,459
Public Works Department	2,954,912
Public Buildings	213,800
Pollution Abatement	1,783,139
Parks and Recreation Department	1,134,875
Non-Departmental	140,000
Debt Service	762,244
Contingency	<u>945,292</u>
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$17,402,600

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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, 2015 to June 30, 2016:

- a. Water and electricity to Fort Griswold Park and Groton Monument House - Approximately \$3,650.00.
- 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 \$1,550.00

Mayor Galbraith read Item 1 and asked for a motion.

David Rose, 75 Baker Avenue 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016 the sum for the accounts and purposes set forth in the proposed annual budget as published in The Day on May 25, 2015 and in full on the City of Groton website at www.cityofgroton.com.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 2 and asked for a motion.

Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocumb Terrace moved Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue 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, 2015, and any anticipated revenues from other sources.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 3 and asked for a motion.

Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street moved Keith Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway 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 Four million one hundred eighty thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars and no cents (\$4,180,291.00) to apply to the appropriations approved at this meeting for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, 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.

Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue moved Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street seconded a motion to approve Item 4. Motion carried.

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, 2015 to June 30, 2016, said tax to be collected July 1, 2015. Note: It is the opinion of the Mayor that a five point eight six eight (5.868) 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 **five point eight six eight mills tax**.

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Mayor Galbraith read Item 5 and asked for a motion.

Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue moved Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace seconded a motion to approve Item 5.

Mayor Galbraith explained the increase was initially .34 but was increased to .703 due to the decision by the Town of Groton to cut the Highway budget. She said \$830,000.00 is being moved from contingency to cover the cut in funding necessitating the increase in the mill rate. 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 6 and asked for a motion.

Keith Hedrick, 156 Shennecossett Parkway moved Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016, 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.

Stephen Sheffield, 17 Denison Avenue moved Andrew Ilvento, 36 Slocomb Terrace 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 2, 2014; Special Freeman's meeting minutes of March 16, 2015.

Mayor Galbraith read Item 8 and asked for a motion.

Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street moved Stephen Sheffield 17 Denison Avenue 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. There being no other business Mayor Galbraith asked for a motion to adjourn.

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 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Debra Patrick, City Clerk