

CITY OF GROTON PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Galbraith called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Marian Galbraith, Deputy Mayor William Jervis, Councilors Andrew Ivento, Jay Dempsey, Stephen Sheffield, Keith Hedrick, Lawrence Gerrish and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

Mayor Galbraith gave an opening statement with highlights from the proposed budget. She explained the slight increase in the proposed mill rate and the financial impact on taxpayers. She thanked the department heads who carefully scrutinized their requests and in some cases were reduced. She said there are no cuts in services to residents. She highlighted the areas where there is new funding. The Mayors full message on the budget and the summary are available at the City Clerk's office and the proposed budget in its entirety is on the City of Groton web site, www.cityofgroton.com.

Mayor Galbraith asked if there was anyone who wished to speak.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Zuliani, 13 Cushman Street asked about the return on investment on page 3 in the right hand column.

Mayor Galbraith said it stays constant by resolution from Groton Utilities. She said there are other things such as HR, Finance and janitorial services they pay for and those show up in the budget as well.

Mayor Galbraith thanked the department heads for their hard work in preparing their budgets. She said they were able to work on getting the retirement pension to 96.7% funding and will be continuing to keep the pension funded with the new regulations that are in effect.

Mr. Zuliani thanked Mayor Galbraith for her hard work in preparing the budget.

Shirleyann Dunbar-Rose, 75 Baker Avenue wanted to clarify the LLHD funding is reimbursed and asked if it goes back to the general Fund once the funding comes back to the City.

Mayor Galbraith said it is reimbursed from the Town of Groton and does go into the account in the General Fund.

Mayor Galbraith asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak.
There being no further comments she asked for a motion for adjournment.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Dempsey seconded a motion to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Mayor Galbraith adjourned the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**