

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8:00 PM**

Mayor Popp called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Paul Duarte, Councilors David Hale, Hubert Poppe, Celeste Duffy, Marian Galbraith, Michael Street, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Scott Martin.

Mayor Popp introduced guest speaker The Honorable Susan Bysiewicz, Secretary of the State.

Secretary Bysiewicz thanked Mayor Popp and the Council for their kind invitation. She went on to say that tonight was a celebration of democracy and public service. She thanked the elected officials for their commitment and their families for supporting them as they give their valuable time to the community. She asked anyone who was a veteran to stand and thanked them for their service to our country.

She closed with a quote by Martin Luther King Jr.; Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.

III. OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Mayor Dennis Popp. They were joined at the podium by his wife Karen, daughter Stacy and son William.

IV. OATH OF OFFICE FOR CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to City Clerk Debra J. Patrick. They were joined at the podium by her husband Michael, daughter Tory and son Ryan.

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to City Treasurer Janice Waller Brett. Her family joined them at the podium as well.

V. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILORS

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Councilor Paul A. Duarte joined by his wife Liz.

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Councilor Celeste G. Duffy with her family joining them.

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Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Councilor Marian K. Galbraith joined by her husband Ken.

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Councilor David L. Hale joined by his son Tim.

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Councilor Hubert H. Poppe joined by his family.

Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath to Councilor Michael E. Street.

Each elected official was presented with a State of Connecticut lapel pin. Mayor Popp was also presented with a Connecticut Blue Book.

VI. REMARKS FROM MAYOR POPP

Mayor Popp thanked Secretary Bysiewicz for her remarks and for being here tonight. He thanked the electors for their vote of confidence by re-electing the entire slate. He thanked the members of the Council, City Clerk and Treasurer for their dedication. He thanked Liz Duarte for her tireless efforts to get the entire slate re-elected. He thanked the many volunteers who staffed headquarters throughout the campaign and on election day. He closed with saying that he looks forward to continuing the good work over the next 2 years.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Councilors David Hale, Hubert Poppe, Paul Duarte, Celeste Duffy, Marian Galbraith, Michael Street, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett, Finance Director Tony Timpano and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

R-07-5-38 RESOLUTION SELECTING PAUL A. DUARTE AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GROTON

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article III, Section 1 of the City of Groton Charter, the Council will choose, by a majority vote, at the first meeting following the regular election, a Deputy Mayor of the City of Groton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by a majority vote of the City Council, Paul A. Duarte is selected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Groton to serve until the next regular election.

Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Street** seconded a motion to approve **R-07-5-38**.
Motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilor Duarte abstaining.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Popp invited all those present to join him and the Council in the auditorium for refreshments and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City clerk**