

CITY OF GROTON
SPECIAL MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:45 PM

Mayor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Marian Galbraith, Councilors David Hale, Lisa M. Luck, Celeste Duffy, William Jervis, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett, Finance Director Michael Hillsberg and City Clerk Debra Patrick. Excused: Councilor Keith Hedrick.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Popp.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Councilor Duffy recognized the Fitch swim team on the members who made it to the States and were named as All Americans. She also congratulated Coach Ken Berg for being named Coach of the Year.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Galbraith moved **Councilor Jervis** seconded a motion to approve the March 1, 2010 Mayor and Council minutes. **Motion carried.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Hale had no report.

Councilor Luck attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC last week. She said she had the chance to talk with our Congressmen and Senators.

Councilor Jervis attended the Ledgelight Health District symposium at L&M Hospital where they talked about STD's and the occurrences by town. He said he would bring the materials to a future meeting. He attended the Board of Education budget meetings with the Town Council and RTM.

Councilor Duffy had no report.

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Deputy Mayor Galbraith attended the NLC in Washington DC and took full advantage of the sessions being offered in education, water issues, municipal law, incubating business and diversity. She said she learned a great deal and looks forward to implementing some of the ideas here in our community. She thanked the City for allowing her to attend. She attended the final City cabaret of the season March 7th and thanked Frank Winkler and Mary Hill for putting it together. She is looking forward to the Summer concert series.

Mayor Popp attended the NLC in Washington DC. He said the final Family Swim at Avery Point was this past Sunday and looks forward to being able to offer it again in the Fall. He participated at Read Across America at Branford House at Avery Point reading to pre-school students and at Kolnaski School. He attended the Pack 41 Pinewood Derby on March 5th and the Pioneer Hose company Annual Banquet on March 20th. He attended the NLC Conference in Washington DC and said it was good to meet with our Congressmen to discuss local issues.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-10-03-26 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR DATA STORAGE HARDWARE, VIRTUALIZATION SERVERS, VIRTUALIZATION SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO GOTHAM TECHNOLOGY GROUP, LLC, 4 RESEARCH DRIVE, SHELTON, CONNECTICUT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY-TWO CENTS (\$208,446.22) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE RESTRICTED FUND ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AT ITS JULY 26, 2006 MEETING

WHEREAS, the Information Technology (IT) Department has reviewed options and opportunities in the areas of server consolidation and network data storage as part of the IT Department's ongoing plan to improve and enhance the existing Information Systems' infrastructure and data storage capacities; and

WHEREAS, the IT Department completed its review and has concluded there is a need for server virtualization and increased storage capacity for the entire City of Groton / Groton Utilities network; and

WHEREAS, at its special meeting held on March 3, 2010, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to authorize Management to issue purchase orders for data storage hardware, virtualization servers, virtualization software and professional services to Gotham Technology Group, LLC, 4 Research Drive, Shelton, Connecticut for a total amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$208,446.22)

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to be paid from funds available in the Restricted Fund established and approved by the Utilities Commission at its July 26, 2006 meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue purchase orders for data storage hardware, virtualization servers, virtualization software and professional services to Gotham Technology Group, LLC, 4 Research Drive, Shelton, Connecticut for a total amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$208,446.22) to be paid from funds available in the Restricted Fund established and approved by the Utilities Commission at its July 26, 2006 meeting.

Councilor Hale moved **Deputy Mayor Galbraith** seconded a motion to approve **R-10-03-26**.
Motion carried.

R-10-03-27 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIALLY APPROVE “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON OLD BUDDINGTON ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE POQUONNOCK RESERVOIR, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$500,000.00) TO BE PAID FROM THE 1995 WATER DIVISION BOND FUND PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, as part of the approved 1995 Water Division Bond Fund Program, Land Acquisition – Adjacent to Reservoir was included as a project line item in the amount of \$840, 737.98 for the proposed purchase of property that would offer continued protection of the water supply in the Poquonnock Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on February 25, 2009, the City of Groton Utilities Commission authorized Groton Utilities Management to enter into negotiations for the proposed purchase of property located at 822 Old Buddington Road, adjacent to the Poquonnock Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the property would increase gravel sales due to the amount of gravel and loam above the water line and over time, increase the reservoir’s total water storage to near 3 billion gallons; and

WHEREAS, at its special meeting held on March 3, 2010, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to approve the purchase of a parcel of land located on Old Buddington Road, adjacent to the Poquonnock Reservoir, for a total cost not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$500,000.00) to be paid from funds available in the approved 1995 Water Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, this purchase of this real estate was referred to the City of Groton Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 8-24 for consideration and was approved at its regular meeting held on March 16, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, said parcel is more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land situated on Old Buddington Road, in the said Town of Groton, beginning at a point along Old Buddington Road, said point marking the northwesterly corner of the herein described parcel and the southwestery corner of land formerly belonging to Howard Doyle, et al.;

thence, running in a southerly direction by and along the easterly line of Old Buddington Road, 50.8 feet, to a point marking the southwestery corner of the herein described parcel and the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Edwards;

thence, running easterly, by and along said Edwards' land, 175.5 feet to a corner;

thence, running southerly and slightly easterly by and along said Edwards' land, 67 feet to a corner;

thence, running easterly by and along said Edwards' land, 75 feet to a merestone, and lands now or formerly of the Borough of Groton;

thence, running southerly and easterly, by and along said Groton Borough property, 500 feet to a merestone;

thence, running northerly and easterly, by and along said Groton Borough property, 525 feet to a merestone;

thence, running northerly, by and along said Groton Borough property, 245 feet to a point, said point marking the northeasterly corner of the herein described parcel and the southeasterly corner of land of one Friedman;

thence, running in a westerly direction along wall and fence, by and along the southerly line of said Friedman's property, 865 feet, to a point, said point marking the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Edwin B. Foster, et al.;

thence, in a southerly direction, by and along the easterly line of said Foster land, 150 feet, to a point, said point marking the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Howard Doyle, et al.;

thence, in a southerly direction, by and along land of said Doyle, 100 feet to a point marking a corner of land of said Doyle;

thence, in a westerly direction, by and along land of said Doyle, 72 feet, to a point marking a corner of land of said Doyle;

thence, in a southerly direction, by and along land of said Doyle, 75.1 feet, to a point marking a corner of land of said Doyle;

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thence, in a westerly direction, by and along land of said Doyle, 128 feet, to the point and place of beginning.

Containing 10.0 Acres of land, more or less.

Reference is hereby made to a plan, on record at the Land Records of the Town of Groton, entitled "PLAN SHOWING LAND IN THE TOWN OF GROTON, CONN., FORMERLY A PART OF THE GILBERT O. BUDDINGTON FARM, LATELY OWNED BY CARL B. CAPMAN, NOW PROPERTY OF MINNIE D. HILL, JUNE 1940, SURVEYED FOR P. B. McNAMARA, 55 HIGH ST, GROTON, CONN.", L. E. Daboll – Civil Engineer, New London, Connecticut.

Being the same premises, conveyed in two tracts, by Warranty Deed of Carl F. Brooks and Helen M. Brooks to Robert N. Wassell and Bertha C. Wassell, dated and recorded July 25, 1945 in Volume 113 at Page 571 of the Town of Groton Land Records. Reference is also made to a Title Affidavit dated June 14, 2007, and recorded June 18, 2007 in Volume 982, Page 1072 of the Town of Groton Land Records. The Affidavit states that Robert N. Wassell died March 28, 2007.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council **initially** approve "An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a parcel of land located on Old Buddington Road, adjacent to the Poquonnock Reservoir, for a total cost not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$500,000.00) to be paid from the 1995 Water Division Bond Fund Program".

Councilor Luck moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to approve **R-10-03-27. Motion carried.**

Mayor Popp reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing on the budget at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29th at the Senior Center.

Deputy Mayor Galbraith urged people to come and speak in support of the budgets for our Police and Highway Departments.

X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Galbraith moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with just the Mayor and Councilors. **Motion carried.**

Executive Session commenced at 8:14 p.m.

Councilor Hale moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to exit Executive Session. **Motion carried**

Executive session ended at 8:35 p.m.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at **8:35 p.m.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**