

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:30 PM**

Mayor Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marian Galbraith, Deputy Mayor Keith Hedrick, Councilors Andrew Ilvento, Stephen Sheffield, Lawrence Gerrish, Finance Director Ron Yuhas and City Clerk Debra Patrick.
Excused: Councilor Conrad Heede.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Galbraith.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to suspend the rules to move resolution R-15-9-127 up on the agenda after Recognitions, Awards and Memorials and to renumber resolutions R-15-9-135 to end and to add resolution R-15-9-143 to the agenda.
Motion carried.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Mayor Galbraith said since the last Mayor & Council meeting there have been 2 very sad events, Former Councilor and former Deputy Mayor Bill Jervis had passed away. She said Bill served from 2009 until this year and was a great defender and advocate for the City. She said he was an advocate of doing what was right and just. She said he will be dearly missed. She said last week City Attorney Matt Shafner passed away. Matt Shafner served as the City Attorney for more than 25 years. She said he not only served the City but fought for what was right and just for those he defended. She asked for a moment of silence. She extended deepest condolences to the families of Bill Jervis and Matt Shafner on behalf of the City of Groton.

R-15-9-127 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BEARDSLEE, 47 BETHEL ROAD, GRISWOLD, CONNECTICUT, AS A FIREFIGHTER/EMT IN THE CITY OF GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a full time firefighter position in the City of Groton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Richard Beardslee, 47 Bethel Road, Griswold, Connecticut, has successfully passed all testing requirements: Written, physical agility, background investigation, personal interviews and medical evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Beardslee has been recommended by Fire Chief Nicholas DeLia and Mayor Galbraith to be appointed to fill this position in the City of Groton Fire Department; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the residency requirement and approve the appointment of Richard Beardslee, 47 Bethel Road, Griswold, Connecticut, as a firefighter/EMT in the City of Groton Fire Department effective September 8, 2015.

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-127.

Chief Nick Delia said it was his pleasure to present Richard Beardslee to the Council for consideration and made the following remarks:

Richard Beardslee began as a Junior Member in the North Stonington Fire Department, was a part time member in the Preston Fire Department and was a full time firefighter with the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department. He went to the Fire Academy and is certified in Fire Fighter I & II. When he left the PBFD he went to work with the Electric Boat Fire Department. Chief Delia said Mr. Beardslee scored at the top throughout the hiring process and passed all requirements. He said he comes highly recommended.

Motion carried.

City Clerk Patrick administered the oath to Firefighter Beardslee.

His daughter Alena pinned his badge on him.

Mayor Galbraith called a 5 minute recess.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve the August 3, 2015 Mayor and Council meeting. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Councilor Ilvento abstaining.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve the August 24, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Councilor Sheffield abstaining.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Ilvento met with Mayor Galbraith to get caught up on council business after an extended vacation and participated in City Day August 7th. He thanked City Clerk Deb Patrick and City of Groton staff for all they did to put City Day together. He attended the Council Group II Finance Committee meeting August 10th and reported the Beach & Parks Committee didn't meet August 12th.

Councilor Sheffield participated in City Day August 7th.

Councilor Gerrish participated in City Day August 7th and attended the Boogie in the Backyard at the Elks and the concert at Eastern Point Beach August 16th.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick attended City of Groton Economic Development Commission meetings August 5th and September 2nd. He participated in City day August 7th and again congratulated Jim Streeter for the well deserved Jacqueline Nixon Community Service Award he received. He attended the Council Group II Finance Committee meeting August 10th and on August 14th he attended the Keep 45 Alive commemoration for World War II veterans at Fort Griswold. He attended the concert at Eastern Point Beach August 16th, the airport walking tour August 19th and the USS Groton meeting August 26th. He attended the muster at Fort Griswold September 5th and the wreath laying September 6th.

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Mayor Galbraith thanked City Clerk Deb Patrick for all she did to put City Day together. She said there was a great turnout and enjoyed watching all the children enjoy the activities on the softball field. She said it was one of the largest turnouts in years. On August 14th she had the pleasure of sailing into the New London harbor on the Barque Eagle, later that day attended the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWI at Fort Griswold and represented the City of Groton that evening in New London at a reception. She attended the concert at Eastern Point Beach August 16th. She attended numerous meetings for the USS Groton and Thames River Heritage Park and water taxi. She attended the Conservation Commission meeting August 1st and noted member Kim Estep received her wetlands certification. She said members don't just attend monthly commission meetings but also attend training sessions. She attended the Battle of Groton Heights commemoration at Fort Griswold September 6th. She noted the Harvest Development Group had done a feasibility study to determine if there was enough support for fundraising for the USS Groton and to honor the men and women who design, build and serve on submarines. The results of the study show there is support and now the next phase will begin. She said funding is needed and asked if the council could support the City contributing some seed money towards this end. She asked if they could support up to \$17,500.00.

Councilor Gerrish and Deputy Mayor Hedrick said they would.

Councilor Ilvento asked where the money would come from.

Mayor Galbraith said it would come from the Community Development undesignated funds, it is are non-taxpayer money from the 50 In 5 generator funds. She said she would have more information for them when a resolution comes to them. She said the SITC activities are coming to a close with the Thames Street Block Party Sunday, September 13th. She said it will take place in the Puffins parking lot and Puffins will be unveiling submarine cookies that will be brought out fresh from the oven each hour. She said there will numerous vendors there and many activities.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

**R-15-9-128 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FINALLY APPROVE
“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,284,209 AND AUTHORIZING ITS
EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FOR THE 2015-
2016 ELECTRIC BOND FUND PROGRAM (BOZRAH LIGHT POWER)”**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:

Consistent with the recommendation of the Commissioners of the City of Groton Department of Utilities, the sum of \$1,284,209 is appropriated and authorized to be expended by the Department of Utilities for the costs of the 2015-2016 Electric Bond Fund Program which will provide for improvements to Bozrah Light and Power, and for engineering, administrative, printing, legal and financings costs related thereto as follows:

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Gager Road Reconductor	422,737
Scott Hill Road Reconductor	106,149
SCADA - Device Installation and Upgrade	<u>81,599</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,284,209</u></u>

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council finally approve “An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,284,209 and Authorizing its Expenditure by the Department of Utilities for the 2015-2016 Electric Bond Fund Program (Bozrah Light and Power)”.

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-128. Mayor Galbraith said this was discussed at the COW and approved at the first reading in August. It was approved at the Freeman’s meeting earlier this evening and is now having its 2nd reading. Motion carried.

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**R-15-9-130 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FINALLY APPROVE
“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$8,869,721 AND AUTHORIZING ITS
EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FOR THE 2015-
2016 ELECTRIC BOND FUND PROGRAM”**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:

Consistent with the recommendation of the Commissioners of the City of Groton Department of Utilities, the sum of \$8,869,721 is appropriated and authorized to be expended by the Department of Utilities for the costs of the 2015-2016 Electric Bond Fund Program which will provide for improvements to the City of Groton Electric System, and for engineering, administrative, printing, legal and financings costs related thereto as follows:

1410 Line Resag/Pole Replacement	\$	266,488
400 Line Resag/Pole Replacement		266,489
Transmission Line Pole Replacement		478,500
35 kV Potential Transformers		313,828
Buddington S/S 5 – 35 kV Breaker Replacements Bus #1		121,301
Buddington S/S Upgrade Relaying Design		740,000
Replace Electro Mechanical Relays Pleasant Valley S/S		71,059
SCADA Field Device Controllers		64,500
SCADA Replace IED Buddington S/S		57,550
Buddington S/S 400 Line 69 kV Breaker Replacements		63,920
Traffic Light Upgrade Smith & Thames Streets		135,680
Distribution Pole Replacements		879,675
Route 12 13.8 kV Tie Line		677,005
Pleasant Valley S/S Transformer Replacement		1,986,089
Traffic Light Upgrade School & Thames Street		129,726
Traffic Light Upgrade Broad & Thames Street		122,014
XLP UG Cable Replacement		257,782
323 Line Distribution Pole Replacement		338,311
Single Phase 15 kV Upgrade Military Highway		204,195
Three Phase 15 kV Upgrade		199,787
Three Phase 15 kV Re-conductor		356,565
Newtown Road Re-conductor		122,366
Three Phase 15 kV Upgrade Starr Hill & Lestertown Road		452,545
Groton Long Point Recloser		70,565
Upgrade Radio Communication		157,450
Municipal Building ATS Replacement		86,331
Network Infrastructure Upgrade		250,000
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Total	\$	<u>8,869,721</u>

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Councilor Sheffield moved Councilor Gerrish seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-130. Mayor Galbraith said this was discussed at the COW and approved at the first reading in August. It was approved at the Freeman’s meeting earlier this evening and is now having its 2nd reading. Motion carried.

R-15-9-131 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER KIRSTEN EDWARDS FROM THE CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2015

WHEREAS, Police Officer Kirsten Edwards has informed the Mayor and Police Chief Thomas Davoren that effective October 17, 2015 she intends to leave her position with the City of Groton Police Department and terminate her current employment with the City of Groton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept and approve the resignation of Police Officer Kirsten Edwards from the City of Groton Police Department effective October 17, 2015.

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-31. Mayor Galbraith said she is leaving the area. Chief Davoren said she is getting married and her fiancée is in the Air Force and stationed in New Mexico. Mayor Galbraith wished her the best and is glad she was able to serve the City. Motion carried.

R-15-9-132 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE LIEUTENANT BRUCE LOWE FROM THE CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

WHEREAS, Police Lieutenant Bruce Lowe informed the Mayor of his intent to leave his position with the City of Groton Police Department by reason of retirement effective September 30, 2015;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept and approve the retirement of Police Lieutenant Bruce Lowe from the City of Groton Police Department effective September 30, 2015.

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-132. Mayor Galbraith said Lieutenant Lowe has served the City for 25 years and wished him the best in his retirement.

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Chief Davoren said Lieutenant Lowe has met all the requirements for normal retirement. Mayor Galbraith said she first met Lieutenant Lowe at WSMS when he would go help in the special needs classroom. Motion carried.

R-15-9-133 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND APPROVE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,932.17 (TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS) AND THAT MAYOR MARIAN GALBRAITH BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, created the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 in order to provide critical resources to state and local law enforcement to enhance law enforcement safety; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance administers the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and has awarded the City of Groton Police Department 48.8207% matching funds for the purchase and/or replacement of bulletproof vests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department is a criminal justice agency which has demonstrated a need to acquire additional bulletproof vests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council accept and approve a grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$2,932.17 (Two thousand Nine hundred thirty-two dollars and seventeen cents) and that Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute said agreement.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-133. Chief Davoren said this is a grant that is done yearly and while the amount has diminished it still helps with the purchase. Motion carried.

R-15-9-134 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES TO SERVICELINK, AGENT FOR MARSHALL G & PATRICIA PARSONS, 400 CORPORATION DRIVE, ALQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$914.35 (NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS)

WHEREAS, excessive payment of property taxes must be refunded to the individuals; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1992, the Mayor and Council approved R-92-12-153 authorizing the Finance Director to approve refunds of property taxes up to \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars) as recommended by the Groton Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, amounts that exceed \$500.00 must be approved by the Mayor and Council; and

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WHEREAS, the Groton Tax Collector has recommended that refunds be made as follows:

 Servicelink, Agent for Marshall G & Patricia Parsons
 400 Corporation Drive
 Alquippa, PA 15001

 Amount to be refunded: \$914.35

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the refund of Property taxes to Servicelink, Agent for Marshall G & Patricia Parsons, 400 Corporation Drive, Alquippa, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$914.35 (Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents).

Councilor Sheffield moved Deputy Mayor Hedrick seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-134. Mayor Galbraith said it was for an overpayment. Finance Director Yuhas said it was a duplicate payment. Motion carried.

R-15-9-135 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH CHARLES PASTERYAK JR. INCORPORATED, 20 NORTH BURNHAM HIGHWAY, LISBON, CONNECTICUT FOR BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND MILLING AS REQUIRED OF MERIDIAN STREET AND MORGAN COURT AS OUTLINED IN THE FY2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE QUOTED PRICE OF \$426,789.00 (FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) AND AN ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$469,467.90 (FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TOWN OF GROTON BOND FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department has identified the need for improvements to the above listed streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department and the City Purchasing Agent recommend Charles Pateryak, Jr., Incorporated utilizing the state contract # 14PSX0309;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the contract with Charles Pasteryak Jr., Incorporated, 20 North Burnham Highway, Lisbon, Connecticut for bituminous concrete pavement and milling as required of Meridian Street and Morgan Court as outlined in the FY2016 for the quoted price of \$426,789.00 (Four Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and No Cents) and an additional contingency for a total expenditure not to exceed \$469,467.90 (Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents) to be paid from previously approved Town of Groton Bond Funds.

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-135. Mayor Galbraith asked Public Works Director Tim Umrysz if he wished to add anything. Director Umrysz said he would be happy to answer questions. Councilor Sheffield asked if this is the ongoing construction on Meridian Street. Director Umrysz said it is.

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Finance Director Yuhas said it is part of the Town of Groton road bond and will be paid for through the bond funds.

Councilor Gerrish asked if this was previously approved.

Director Yuhas said it was.

Councilor Sheffield asked what the approximate time for completion was.

Director Umrysz said weather permitting, this week.

Motion carried.

R-15-9-136 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BID REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH NATALE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, 109 WEST DUDLEY TOWN ROAD, SUITE E, BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT FOR EXTRUDED CONCRETE/MOUNTABLE CURB AS REQUIRED OF MERIDIAN STREET AND MORGAN COURT AS OUTLINED IN THE FY2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE QUOTED PRICE OF \$10,200.00 (TEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) AND AN ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$11,220.00 (ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TOWN OF GROTON BOND FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department has identified the need for improvements to the above listed streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department and the City Purchasing Agent solicited quotes and recommend Natale Concrete Construction, LLC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bid requirements and authorize and approve the contract with Natale Concrete Construction, LLC, 109 West Dudley Town Road, Suite E, Bloomfield, Connecticut for extruded concrete/mountable curb as required of Meridian Street and Morgan Court as outlined in the FY2016 for the quoted price of \$10,200.00 (Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents) and an additional contingency for a total expenditure not to exceed \$11,220.00 (Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars and No Cents) to be paid from previously approved Town of Groton Bond Funds.

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-136.

Director Umrysz said this is the same project.

Motion carried.

R-15-9-137 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the following donations have been received by the City of Groton:

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**Summer in the City - Community Development and Beautification, Thames Street Block Party , \$90.00;
Richard and Toni McGirr – Police Department, Youth Programs, \$50.00;
Marian Galbraith – Community Development and Beautification, \$95.00**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept donations.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-137.
Motion carried.

R-15-9-138 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CONSULTING ENGINEERS GROUP, ONE CHARLESVIEW ROAD, HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$66,000.00 (SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) FOR TESTING OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED 38KV BREAKER AT BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED 2012 ELECTRIC BOND FUND

WHEREAS, as part of the 38 kV breaker replacement project underway at Buddington Substation, Management recommended hiring a testing company to perform various testing procedures of the newly installed breaker prior to placing into service; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 26, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Consulting Engineers Group, One Charlesview Road, Hopedale, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 (Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents) for testing of the newly installed 38kV breaker at Buddington Substation to be paid from funds available in the approved 2012 Electric Bond Fund and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Consulting Engineers Group, One Charlesview Road, Hopedale, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 (Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents) for testing of the newly installed 38kV breaker at Buddington Substation to be paid from funds available in the approved 2012 Electric Bond Fund

Councilor Sheffield moved Councilor Gerrish seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-138.
Utilities Director Gaudet said this was approved by the Utilities Commission and is the purchase order for their approval to hire the engineering firm to perform the testing.
Motion carried.

R-15-9-139 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PROVISIONALLY AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES' MANAGEMENT TO AWARD AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES INCLUDING RESIDENT ENGINEERING AND STARTUP FOR THE

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**WATER TREATMENT PLANT REBUILD PROJECT TO FAY,
SPOFFORD
AND THORNDIKE, 5 BURLINGTON WOODS, BURLINGTON,
MASSACHUSETTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,198,508.02
(FOUR MILLION, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE
HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS) AS PART OF THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING
FUND PROJECT NO. 2013-0140, AND THAT MAYOR MARIAN
GALBRAITH BE AUTHORIZED TO THEN EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2015, the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) authorized Groton Utilities to award an engineering agreement for Construction Phase Services, including Resident Engineering and Startup, for the Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project to Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Burlington, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$4,198,508.02 as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City attorney; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 26, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to authorize Groton Utilities Management to award an engineering agreement for Construction Phase Services including Resident Engineering and Startup for the Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project to Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$4,198,508.02 (Four Million, One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Two Cents) as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project No. 2013-0140, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorize to then execute the agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council provisionally authorize Groton Utilities Management to award an engineering agreement for Construction Phase Services including Resident Engineering and Startup for the Water Treatment Plant Rebuild Project to Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$4,198,508.02 (Four Million, One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Two Cents) as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project No. 2013-0140, and that Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to then execute the agreement.

Councilor Gerrish moved Deputy Mayor Hedrick seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-139. Director Gaudet went over the necessary steps to move forward with the project, the funding and the loan forgiveness the State may provide. Motion carried.

**R-15-9-140 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE
BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE
CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2015 CHEVROLET
SILVERADO 1500 4WD TRUCK FOR THE POLLUTION ABATEMENT**

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FACILITY FROM MCGILL CHEVROLET, 106 WEST BROAD STREET, PAWCATUCK, CONNECTICUT FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$25,375.00 (TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID BY CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOLUTION R-15-8-115 WILL BE RECINDED UPON PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the current 2000 Chevrolet K3500 Pickup truck is experiencing mechanical problems that are nearing an emergency state and is scheduled to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, PAF personnel do not believe the current vehicle is reliable enough to wait for a truck ordered from the factory to arrive; and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent was able to find a suitable replacement locally at slightly less, when General Motors Municipal Incentives are included, than the State of Connecticut contract pricing; and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent believes that this purchase is in the best interest of the City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bidding requirements and authorize and approve the City of Groton to purchase one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD truck for the Pollution Abatement Facility from McGill Chevrolet, 106 West Broad Street, Pawcatuck, Connecticut for a total price of \$25,375.00, (Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents) to be paid from current year Capital Reserve appropriations and Resolution R-15-8-115 will be rescinded upon passage of this Resolution.

Councilor Ilvento moved Deputy Mayor Hedrick seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-140. PAF Operator Scarpa said the original truck was not going to be available for 4-8 months and they needed a truck much sooner due to the condition of the current on call vehicle. Director Yuhas said the original plan was for a vehicle that is smaller and more economical than this one but due to the delay in getting one the Purchasing Agent found a vehicle locally at a cost that is consistent with the State bids. Motion carried.

R-15-9-141 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE CONNECTICUT SUBMARINE CENTURY INTITATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FOR BY UNDESIGNATED FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION FUND

WHEREAS; the Naval Submarine Base New London is celebrating two milestones in the coming months; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1915 the first flotilla was stationed at the Subase and June 21, 2016 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Submarine School at Naval Submarine Base New London; and

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WHEREAS, the City wishes to celebrate and support the history of the Subbase and the strong connections of this community to the submarine force;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of funds for the Connecticut Submarine Century Initiative program budget at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents) to be paid for by Undesignated Funds available from the Community Development and Beautification fund.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Gerrish seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-141.
Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Sheffield seconded a motion to amend by substitution and read the substituted resolution (see below).

R-15-9-141 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TOWARD MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CONNECTICUT SUBMARINE CENTURY INITIATIVE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) TO BE PAID FOR BY UNDESIGNATED FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION FUND

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WHEREAS, the City wishes to celebrate and support the history of the Subbase and the strong connections of this community to the submarine force;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of funds toward marketing and communications for the Connecticut Submarine Century Initiative at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents) to be paid for by Undesignated Funds available from the Community Development and Beautification fund.

Motion for substitution carried.

Mayor Galbraith gave some background on the creation of the Naval Submarine Base New London. She said the Town of Groton and the City have agreed to share costs in the celebration and the funds will be used for marketing and communication in various forms.

Councilor Gerrish asked if the town has approved their funding.

Mayor Galbraith said it is on their COW agenda this evening.

Main motion carried.

R-15-9-142 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BID REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH SERVICE STATION EQUIPMENT, INCORPORATED, 33 LEFFINGWELL ROAD, UNCASVILLE, CONNECTICUT FOR

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**INSTALLATION OF A CONVAULT TANK AND FUELMASTER 2500
FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE QUOTED PRICE OF
\$82,940.11 (EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY
DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department has identified the need for replacement of the urgently deteriorating fuel tank and fuel dispensing system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department and the City Purchasing Agent solicited quotes and were the lowest responsible quote received and recommend Service Station Equipment, Incorporated as they are on the state bid list for repairs and maintenance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bid requirement authorize and approve the contract with Service Station Equipment, Incorporated, 33 Leffingwell Road, Uncasville, Connecticut for installation of a Convault Tank and Fuelmaster 2500 Fuel Management System for the quoted price of \$82,940.11 (Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars and Eleven Cents) to be paid from Capital Funds.

Councilor Sheffield moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-142. Director Umrysz explained the new tank must be replaced within a year and noted the reasons why they wish to waive the bidding process. He said the above ground tank would be placed in a different location so as to not interfere with the satellite dishes in the back of the building. There was discussion on whether there might be new regulations to ensure an above ground tank is secured for extreme weather.

Director Yuhas said they got the quote and the lead time to get the tank. He said the underground tank had some issues in July.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick asked if the quote includes any abatement issues for removal of the old tank.

Director Umrysz said it doesn't. He said they will get the new tank installed and then work on the removal. He said they have the price for that as well. Motion carried.

R-15-9-143 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GROTON UTILITIES' MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS, 450 NORTH GALLATIN AVE, UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$70,000.00) FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE EXISTING SENSUS FLEXNET SYSTEM, PENDING FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT COSTS AND STATEMENT OF WORK, TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 RETAINED EARNINGS

WHEREAS, Groton Utilities has an urgent need to upgrade the existing Sensus FlexNet system in order achieve compatibility with a recent shipment of Sensus AMI meters intended for immediate installation on a major project in the Groton service territory; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 26, 2015, the City of Groton Utilities Commission voted to authorize Groton Utilities' Management to issue a purchase order to Sensus Metering Systems, 450 North Gallatin Ave, Uniontown, Pennsylvania in an amount not to exceed

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Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00) for the upgrade of the existing Sensus FlexNet system, pending final approval of the project costs and Statement of Work, to be paid from funds available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Retained Earnings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council authorize Groton Utilities' Management to issue a purchase order to Sensus Metering Systems, 450 North Gallatin Ave, Uniontown, Pennsylvania in an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00) for the upgrade of the existing Sensus FlexNet system, pending final approval of the project costs and Statement of Work, to be paid from funds available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Retained Earnings

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-143. Director Gaudet said this is to install 1200 meters in the Balfour Beatty housing development due to incompatibility of the existing meters for the solar project. Motion carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Mayor Galbraith asked for the Councilors indulgence to allow for communications from City Clerk Patrick and Finance Director Yuhas.

Clerk Patrick thanked the many volunteers, City of Groton staff, the City Councilors, Parks & Recreation Director Mary Hill and her staff for all they did to assist her in making City Day a success. She thanked the residents who came out to enjoy the evening and Groton Utilities for their financial assistance to provide all the fun activities for the children.

Finance Director Yuhas said they have been closing out the FEMA grants and the bulkhead project have been approved.

There was some discussion on the bulkhead completion.

Director Yuhas said he believed the resolution R-15-9-129 was incorrect, it should have been for the water bond.

There was discussion on the resolution that should have been included and how to rectify.

Councilor Gerrish moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add resolution R-15-9-144 as a new business item. Motion carried.

R-15-9-144 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE \$5,525,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION OF \$5,525,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES 2015-2016 WATER BOND FUND AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. To meet the appropriation of \$5,525,000 for the Department of Utilities 2015-2016 Water Bond Fund Program which will provide for improvements to the City of Groton Water System, and for engineering, administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto, as follows:

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Walker Hill Standpipe Replacement	\$3,500,000
Meter Replacement	<u>2,025,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$5,525,000</u></u>

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on August 6, 2015 and August 7, 2015;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the electors and qualified citizens authorize \$5,525,000 Bonds of the City to meet the Appropriation of \$5,525,000 for the Department of Utilities 2015-2016 Water Bond Fund and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for such Purpose.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-15-9-144, upon approval will rescind R-15-9-129. Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**