



City of Groton, Connecticut

**City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340**

**Committee of the Whole
Minutes**

Council Chambers

Monday, June 27, 2022

6:00 PM

**Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Lisa McCabe,
Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza and Councilor Stephen Sheffield
City Clerk Edward Jacome**

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Stephen Sheffield, City Clerk Edward Jacome

Excused: Councilor Christine Piazza **Late Arrival:** Councilor Rashaad Carter arrived at 6:06pm

II. REFERRALS:

1 APPOINTMENTS

5/14/01

ERIC COUTURE (EPHDC)

6/27/22

Mayor Hedrick explained that Eric Couture will be filling an alternate seat for the Eastern Point Historic District Commission with the term expiring February 1, 2023.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Norris.

All in favor. Motion carried.

KIERAN FLANNERY (BOZRAH UTILITIES COMMISSION)

6/27/22

Mayor Hedrick explained that Kieran Flannery has been recommended by the Town of Lebanon to fill a vacancy for Bozrah Utilities Commission as a regular member, term to expire May 31, 2025.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Norris.

All in favor. Motion carried.

SEYMOUR ADELMAN (BOZRAH UTILITIES COMMISSION)

6/27/22

Mayor Hedrick explained that Seymour Adelman has been recommended by the Town of Bozrah for reappointment as a regular member to the Bozrah Utilities Commission, term to expire April 30, 2025.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Norris.

All in favor. Motion carried.

561 GROTON UTILITIES FINANCIALS

9/24/15

Mayor Hedrick explained due to the excused absence of Finance Director Ron Yuhas there will be no presentation of the Groton Utilities Financials until next meeting.

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742 GROTON UTILITIES 2/21/19
ELECTRICAL POWER PRODUCTS 6/27/22

Joshua Rehrig Certified Project Manager explained that this is for the purchase of electrical equipment to construct four new relay panels in support of Buddington Substation. The total request is for \$205,608.00 including a 30% contingency due to supply chain issues.

Councilor Norris inquired about the precedent of planning contingency for projects.

Joshua Rehrig stated that prior to his arrival the standard contingency was 10%. The industry norm is 25% to 40%. While we do not want to get up to the 40% staying around 25% contingency prevents last minute mishaps.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor McCabe.
All in favor. Motion carried.

CHEMICALS 6/27/22

Joshua Rehrig explained this is a combined package contract for all chemicals for the Water Treatment and Waste Water facilities for a period of two years.

There was discussion from the council about seeing a quantity breakdown. Joshua Rehrig stated that he would provide that to the council.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor McCabe.
All in favor. Motion carried.

WESCO 6/27/22

Joshua Rehrig explained this is a routine transformer order. Due to supply chain issues there have been four times increase in cost and eleven times increase in time to delivery (Usual: 4-9 weeks delivery, Currently: 42 weeks delivery).

Councilor McCabe inquired on the minimum requirement of supplies especially with the current supply and demand climate.

Both Joshua Rehrig and Mayor Hedrick clarified that there is a minimum high and low materials in stock at all times.

Councilor Norris asked if WESCO is a sole provider or if there were other bids.

Joshua Rehrig clarified that WESCO is a manufacturing representative and that they had reached out to Howard the preferred company in the past but they chose not to bid.

Councilor Sheffield inquired on how many transformers were being purchased.

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Joshua Rehrig stated that seventeen transformers of various sizes are being purchased.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor McCabe.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Hedrick entertained a motion to move R-22-06-85 DIS-TRAN (below) onto the agenda.

Motion to move R-22-06-85 DIS-TRAN onto the agenda made by Councilor McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.

All in favor. Motion carried.

DIS-TRAN

6/27/22

Joshua Rehrig explained that the \$315,265.50 including 10% contingency will be used for materials in constructing Buddington Substation high side terminal as part of the 2022 ECT Bond Fund, and is PTF reimbursable.

Mayor Hedrick stated that if this passed it will go to a special Groton Utilities Commission meeting July 1, 2022 and come back to the council on July 5, 2022 Regular Mayor and Council meeting.

Councilor Norris inquired on what type of materials are being purchased.

Joshua Rehrig clarified that it includes minor materials such as nuts, bolts and lightning arresters.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Councilor Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**773 PARKS AND RECREATION
 HONKERS LLC**

7/27/20

6/27/22

Director of Parks of Recreation Mary Hill explained the continuation of the Honkers LLC contract, which is the company hired for geese control. The weekly cost has increased \$155.00 weekly for a total of \$600.00 per week. There has been a search for other companies but none with better pricing.

Councilor Norris inquired if these services are needed in the winter. Director Hill stated they are as the geese do not leave the area.

Deputy Mayor Depot inquired if this was calculated beforehand into the next fiscal year budget. Director Hill clarified that it was taken into account.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting July 5, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Norris.

All in favor. Motion carried.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Councilor McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.

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All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.