



**City of Groton, Connecticut**

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

**Committee of the Whole  
Minutes**

**Council Chambers**

**Monday, July 25, 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**

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Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Stephen Sheffield and City Clerk Edward Jacome

**Excused:** Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Paul Norris and Finance Director Ron Yuhas

**II. REFERRALS:**

**1 APPOINTMENTS**

**5/14/01**

Mayor Hedrick invited those up for appointment/reappointment and in attendance to come forward and answer questions from the council.

**-COLTON JENKINS (P&Z)**

**7/25/22**

**-MARIE CARMENATI (P&Z)**

**7/25/22**

**-JASON RUSK (P&Z)**

**7/25/22**

Jason Rusk was in attendance.

Councilor McCabe asked Mr. Rusk if he would remain on the Economic Development Commission (EDC) if approved to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

Mr. Rusk stated if he became a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission he would not remain on the Economic Development Commission.

Deputy Mayor Depot asked why he would like to move from the Economic Development Commission to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Rusk stated his experience in planning and execution with a deep understanding of requirements and regulations would be a better fitted on Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Hedrick entertained a motion to move all three names together.

Motion to move Colton Jenkins, Marie Carmenati and Jason Rusk to Mayor and Council Meeting August 1, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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Public Works Director William Robarge stated that he looks at price and environmental impact when ordering winter salt. Director Robarge explained the ingredients of the Morton Salt, and informed the council that a specific ingredient has received the Environmental Protection Agency's designation of design for the environment.

Councilor Piazza thanked Director Robarge for the information to her question. She stated a possible concern the salt could have on pets. Director Robarge acknowledged her concern and will keep residents informed as the winter approaches.

This was a response only. No action was taken.

**-TRIMBLE STORMWATER PHASE 2**

**7/25/22**

Director Robarge explained the Trimble proposal. Phase two funding will generate a new computerized maintenance management system called CityWorks, which will streamline maintenance tasks.

Councilor Sheffield inquired on when phase two would begin.

Director Robarge stated phase two would begin within the month of August.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting August 1, 2022 made by Councilor Sheffield, second by Councilor Piazza.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**-BRANDEGEE AVENUE/MITCHELL STREET PAVING**

**7/25/22**

Director Robarge stated due to inflation on petroleum based products, prices have increased, and new proposals with Charles Pasteryak, Jr, Incorporated are required. The new paving of Mitchell Street R-22-07-94 will rescind R-21-08-138 and the new paving of Brandegee Avenue R-22-07-93 incorporated utilizing the state contract #22PSX0008. Work is expected to start on Monday, August 15, 2022.

Councilor Sheffield asked if the current price of the projects are locked in.

Director Robarge stated that Charles Pasteryak, Jr, Incorporated are watching prices week to week and the best they can do is lock in the price the day the project starts, which is expected to be Monday, August 15, 2022.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting August 1, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor McCabe.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**773 PARKS AND RECREATION**

**7/27/20**

**-VENTRAC TRACTOR PURCHASE**

**7/25/22**

Parks and Recreation Director Mary Hill explained the necessity of purchasing a ventrac tractor. She stated that the tractor has multiuse capabilities (equipment sold separately) that would greatly

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improve the maintenance at Lake George, Birch Plain Creek and Groton City fields.

Deputy Mayor Depot inquired if there are other Parks and Recreation Departments that use similar equipment and if staff time would be saved with this equipment.

Director Hill stated that Enfield and Pfizer have similar equipment and that many days' worth of staff time could be saved with this purchase.

Councilor McCabe asked for clarification on if the ventrac tractor would come with the equipment to clear up Lake George and Birch Plain Creek.

Director Hill clarified that it would not be purchased at this time, but has the intentions of ordering the necessary parts in the future separately.

Motion to move to Mayor and Council Meeting August 1, 2022 made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn by Councilor McCabe, second by Councilor Piazza.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.