



City of Groton, Connecticut

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

7:30 PM

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

Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilors Rashaad Carter, Councilor Lisa McCabe (via Zoom), Christine Piazza, Stephen Sheffield, and Finance Director Ron Yuhas

Excused/Late Arrival: Councilor Paul Norris, City Clerk Edward Jacome

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

None.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Receipt of Citizens' Petitions is the portion of the Council meeting where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. To address the Council, please sign the sheet on the table at the front of the meeting room. When you are recognized, please approach the podium. Clearly state your name and address. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit emailed or written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to the City of Groton. City Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the meeting.

Ian Thomas, 24 Jefferson Drive – Mr. Thomas is an RTM representative for recently redistricted two (2). He commented on the Branford Manor situation. Noting a May 10, 2016 Groton Town and City Council meeting, Related Affordable executives stated their intent to purchase Branford Manor and was committed to rehabilitation of the housing development. Related Affordable requested the Groton Housing Authority to approve tax exempt bonds in the amount of \$50M, so the funds could be returned to them and various for profit companies. Related Affordable stated one third of the loan used to renovate Branford Manor, approximately \$18.5M. Despite the promises made Branford Manor continues to be riddled with defects and hazardous conditions. Branford Manor Management ignores legitimate requests for repairs and only making superficial updates. HUD projects there are 901 current health and safety violations. There are 442 units on the premises, which is approximately two violations per unit on average. Related Affordable's is only responsible for 47% of tax liability of \$911,793.00. Mr. Thomas continued by stating the promises of community services such as a food pantry, career counseling, and money management education, have not come to fruition as agreed upon.

Mr. Thomas sent an email last Friday to the Mayor and Town Manager looking for documentation of the investments made with the \$18.5M. He would like to see how the money was spent and what it was spent on.

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V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Depot – Thanked Mr. Thomas for speaking. She believes the Mayor's office is doing a good job. The Fire Department and Building Department are completing their own inspections. She has interest in the contract and feels the Mayor is doing a good job at not interfering with the contract. Deputy Mayor Depot has full confidence that the Mayor has the right people and departments involved to move forward to have the residents living in a safe and healthy place.

Mayor Hedrick stated that last week John Burt and he toured 8 units that filed complaints, some were mold and other issues. Compared information on mold complaints with the mold inspection and Ledge Light. Branford Manor has a mold inspection of all 144 basements. During the tour, active leaks were found and some maintenance performed without a permit. Joe Summers has sent a letter with his findings. Building Inspector Summers inspected a unit at the request of an attorney and will send out his findings tomorrow. Two open houses at Branford Manor with Lauren, Branford Manor Project Manager, who will be overseeing the mold remediation and coordination of tenants during remediation. Requested notice of quits to be stopped due to being arbitrary and retaliatory in nature.

Basements are of huge concern and provided a recommendation. He further stated the basements will be turned over to the residents with an addendum signed by the residence noting appropriate use of the basements. Monthly inspections performed by management with the resident present. Mayor will contact Project Manager to get the specific remediation plan. Mayor Hedrick responded to the request of information from Mr. Thomas, information will be available but specific requests should be made.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Committee of the Whole, June 21, 2022

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council, June 21, 2022

Motion made by Councilor Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole, June 27, 2022

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.
All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Sheffield attended the July 4th Parade. He noted it was a wonderful day out with the Council. He congratulated Lisa McCabe on her promotion at Electric Boat.

Councilor Piazza attended the Farmers Market, Concert in the Park and the July 4th Parade
Councilor Carter – Nothing to report.

Councilor McCabe commented that summer is her favorite time in Groton because of the Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park.

Deputy Mayor Depot joined the Mayor on June 29th for a meeting at Branford Manor. Some Branford Manor residents have volunteered to take the reins and speak on behalf of the neighbors, do not hesitate to reach out to them. She volunteered at Groton Little League

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Concession stand and noted there is a need for volunteers. She enjoyed meeting the players, coaches and parents. Thanked Rachel Franco for her facilitation of volunteers. She commented that more candy needs to be purchased for July 4th Parade. Lastly, Deputy Mayor Depot inquired about an email she received regarding the Bailey House.

Mayor Hedrick addressed the Bailey House. Currently the City of Groton is working with attorneys to get records filed (deeds) and post an RFP to sell the Bailey House. There will not be a minimum bid listed; however, the assessed value will be in the RFP. The only restriction is that the house cannot be torn down due to historic value. The wrought iron fence will be donated to the Bill Memorial Library to go around the headstones at the Library. Once the fence is restored it will be brought to the Council to ask the Council to gift the fence to the Library.

Councilor Carter inquired if the fence is a part of the sale to retain the historical integrity.

Mayor Hedrick noted the fence has already been removed.

Councilor Sheffield questioned if repairs to the property will be made prior to the sale.

Mayor Hedrick stated the Bailey House is being sold as is. The City of Groton Freeman voted to not spend any more money on the house. The City is eager to get the property back on the tax rolls.

Councilor Piazza inquired if the assessed value included the fence.

Mayor Hedrick stated the assessed value is the house and the land only.

Mayor Hedrick thanked the Chief's for escort during the July 4th Parade.

Mayor Hedrick addressed Branford Manor. There is a tenant's organization and a Facebook group. He encourages the tenants to join as there is more power together than as individuals.

Mayor Hedrick reminded the Council to gather their Top 5 and Bottom 5 for ARPA.

Finance Director Yuhas – Nothing to report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Councilor Sheffield questioned if ARPA discussions should be referred to Committee Group Meetings. Mayor Hedrick would prefer the discussion be during Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-22-06-78 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC COUTURE, 160 SHORE AVENUE, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER, EASTERN POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, Ordinance #75, Section 3(e) states, "Appointments shall be made by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council"; and

WHEREAS, Eric Couture, 160 Shore Avenue, Groton, Connecticut term expires on February 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Eric Couture, 160 Shore Avenue, Groton, Connecticut, has been recommended for appointment and desires to serve as an alternate member, Eastern Point Historic Commission;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Eric Couture, 160 Shore Avenue, Groton, Connecticut as an alternate member, Eastern Point Historic District Commission, term to expire on February 1, 2023.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-79 RESOLUTION TO THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KIERAN FLANNERY, 62 CARRIAGE DRIVE, LEBANON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER, BOZRAH UTILITIES COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 31, 2025

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for the regular member to the Bozrah Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, Kieran Flannery, 62 Carriage Drive, Lebanon, Connecticut has been recommended by the Town of Lebanon and desires to serve as a regular member of the Bozrah Utilities Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Kieran Flannery, 62 Carriage Drive, Lebanon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Bozrah Utilities Commission, term to expire on May 31, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-80 RESOLUTION TO THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SEYMOUR ADELMAN, 38 BOZRAH STREET, BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER, BOZRAH UTILITIES COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON APRIL 30, 2025

WHEREAS, the term of Seymour Adelman, 38 Bozrah Street, Bozrah, Connecticut as a regular member, Bozrah Utilities Commission expired on April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Seymour Adelman, 38 Bozrah Street, Bozrah, Connecticut has been recommended by the Town of Bozrah and desires to continue to serve as a regular member of the Bozrah Utilities Commission and has been recommended for reappointment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Seymour Adelman, 38 Bozrah Street, Bozrah, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Bozrah Utilities Commission, term to expire on April 30, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Piazza, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-81 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAIVE THE BID REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CONTRACT

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**EXTENSION WITH HONKERS LLC, 14 DIMMOCK ROAD,
WATERFORD, CONNECTICUT FOR SERVICE FROM JULY 1, 2022 TO
JUNE 30, 2023 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF GOOSE CONTROL
SERVICE AT CITY PARKS FOR A COST OF \$600.00 PER WEEK**

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Parks & Recreation Department utilized Honkers LLC in past years for a very successful goose control program in its parks, especially at Eastern Point Beach, Thames View Park and Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Parks & Recreation Department solicited other quotes for this very specialized service and received only one other at an increased cost over Honkers LLC and outside of our service area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council waive the bid requirement and authorize and approve the contract extension with Honkers LLC, 14 Dimmock Road, Waterford, Connecticut for service from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for the continuation of goose control service at City Parks for a cost of \$600.00 per week.

Motion made by Councilor Carter, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-82 RESOLUTION THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ELECTRICAL POWER PRODUCTS, 4240 ARMY POST ROAD, DES MOINES, IOWA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$205,608.00) INCLUDING A THIRTY PERCENT (30%) CONTINGENCY, TO CONSTRUCT FOUR NEW RELAY PANELS IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION UPGRADE PROJECT TO BE PAID BY THE TRANSMISSION LINES 1410/1280/400/BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION FY 2022 BOND FUND PROJECT

WHEREAS, Electrical Power Products is the same vendor that Eversource used when ordering their relay panels; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Groton Utilities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eversource allowing the use of shared resources to purchase materials, and to perform construction including drilling, civil work, vegetation management, and clearing, to save money; and

WHEREAS, the Price breakdown is as follows:

Four Relay Panels	\$158,160.00
30% Contingency	\$47,448.00
Total Request	\$205,608.00

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WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on June 15, 2022, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Electrical Power Products, 4240 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa, for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$205,608.00) including a thirty percent (30%) contingency, to construct four new relay panels in support of the Buddington Substation Upgrade Project to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project ; 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 Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Electrical Power Products, 4240 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa, for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$205,608.00) including a thirty percent (30%) contingency, to construct four new relay panels in support of the Buddington Substation Upgrade Project to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project.

Motion made by Councilor McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-83 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ENTER INTO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS WHICH HAVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS WITH A TWO YEAR RENEWAL OPTION, WITH A SPEND NOT TO EXCEED THE CONTRACTED AMOUNT AS BUDGETED, FOR CHEMICALS LISTED FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND FOR CHEMICALS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO BE PAID FROM THE FUNDS IN THE FY 2022-2023 AND SUBSEQUENT FY 2023-2024 WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATING BUDGETS

WHEREAS, Management Solicited bids and bids were opened on May 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals are as follows:

Chemical Company	Address	Chemical Name	FY 2022-23 Cost
Univar Solutions	200 Dean Stievers Place Morrisville, PA	Sodium Hypochlorite	\$85,945.61 Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Sixty One Cents
Holland Company, Inc.	153 Howland Avenue Adams, MA	Polyaluminum Chloride	\$144,461.81 One Hundred Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One Dollars and Eighty One Cents
Shannon Chemical Corp.	PO Box 376 Malverne, PA	Blended Phosphate	\$164,064.03 One Hundred Sixty Four

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			Thousand Sixty Four Dollars and Three Cents
Bordon and Remington	63 Water Street Fall River, MA	Hydrofluosilicic Acid	\$22,146.38 Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents
Bordon and Remington	63 Water Street Fall River, MA	Caustic Soda aka Sodium Hydroxide	\$60,996.88 Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Eighty Eight Cents

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals are as follows:

Chemical Company	Address	Chemical Name	FY 2022-23 Cost
Polydyne, Inc.	1 Chemical Plant Road Riceboro, GA	Polymer	\$11,868.00 Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and No Cents
Univar Solutions	200 Dean Stievers Place Morrisville, PA	Sodium Hyochlorite	\$54,804.75 Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Four Dollars and Seventy Five Cents

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on June 15, 2022, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to enter into the following contracts which have an initial term of two years with a two year renewal option, with a spend not to exceed the contracted amount as budgeted, for chemicals listed for the Water Treatment Plant and for chemicals at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be paid from the funds in the FY 2022-2023 and subsequent FY 2023-2024 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets, 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 Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into the following contracts which have an initial term of two years with a two year renewal option, with a spend not to exceed the contracted amount as budgeted, for chemicals listed for the Water Treatment Plant and for chemicals at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be paid from the funds in the FY 2022-2023 and subsequent FY 2023-2024 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.
All in favor. Motion carried.

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R-22-06-84 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WESCO DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, 15 EXECUTIVE BOULEVARD, ORANGE, CONNECTICUT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$135,705.00) INCLUDING A TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) CONTINGENCY, TO PURCHASE TRANSFORMERS TO BE PLACED IN STOCK TO BE PAID FROM ELECTRIC NON BONDED CAPITAL

WHEREAS, Management recommends purchase from this vender after proposal evaluation was completed; and

WHEREAS, Multiple companies were solicited in accordance to the Groton Utilities Policy 1004, *Policy and Procedures Governing the Purchasing Practices of Groton Utilities*, for proposals for transformers; and Wesco provided the best overall proposal; and

WHEREAS, cost breakdown is as follows:

Transformer Price	\$108,564.00
25% Contingency	\$27,141.00
Total Request	\$135,705.00

WHEREAS, with delayed lead times, Management recommends placing this order to avoid depleted stock; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on June 15, 2022, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Wesco Distribution Company, 15 Executive Boulevard, Orange, Connecticut for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$135,705.00) including a twenty five percent (25%) contingency, to purchase transformers to be placed in stock to be paid from Electric Non Bonded Capital, 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 Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Wesco Distribution Company, 15 Executive Boulevard, Orange, Connecticut for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$135,705.00), including a twenty five percent (25%) contingency, to purchase transformers to be placed in stock to be paid from Electric Non Bonded Capital.

Motion made by Councilor Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Depot.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-85 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO PROCEED WITH A PURCHASE NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN

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THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$315,265.50) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY TO DIS-TRAN PACKAGED SUBSTATIONS LLC, 4725 HIGHWAY 28E, PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA, FOR MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION CONVERSION PROJECT TO BE PAID BY THE TRANSMISSION LINES 1410/1280/400/BUDDINGTON SUBSTATION FY 2022 BOND FUND PROJECT

WHEREAS, this work is approved as part of the FY 2022 Electric Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, Management solicited quotes directly from multiple vendors and Dis-Tran Packaged Substations, LLC was the only company to respond; and

WHEREAS, the cost breakdown is as follows:

Bill of Materials	\$286,605.00
10% Contingency	\$28,660.50
Total request	\$315,265.50; and

WHEREAS, this quote will expire in ten (10) days from issue date (July 7, 2022); and

WHEREAS, at its Special Meeting held on July 1, 2022, the Groton Utilities / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to proceed with a purchase not to exceed Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$315,265.50) including a ten percent (10%) contingency to Dis-Tran Packaged Substations, LLC, 4725 Highway 28E, Pineville, Louisiana, for materials needed for the construction of the Buddington Substation Conversion Project to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project; 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 Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to proceed with a purchase not to exceed Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$315,265.50) including a ten percent (10%) contingency to Dis-Tran Packaged Substations, LLC, 4725 Highway 28E, Pineville, Louisiana, for materials needed for the construction of the Buddington Substation Conversion Project to be paid by the Transmission Lines 1410/1280/400/Buddington Substation FY 2022 bond fund project.

Motion made by Councilor Piazza, second by Councilor Sheffield.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-86 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE THE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SPECIALIZED TRAINING RELATED TO HB 6004 ON DISRUPTING BIAS & RESPONDING TO MICROAGGRESSIONS FROM KJR CONSULTING LLC, 1239 EDGELL ROAD, SUITE LL, FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701 FOR AN ESTIMATED

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COST OF ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$11,480.00) AND AN ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,148.00) FOR A TOTAL AUTHORIZATION NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$12,628.00) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS ENCUMBERED IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2022 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut passed House Bill 6004 regarding police accountability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department must conduct Implicit Bias Training; and
WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department has conducted a search for a consulting service and identified KJR Consulting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, KJR Consulting, LLC has a partnership with Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) and University of Connecticut (UCONN),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the City of Groton to purchase the consulting services for specialized training related to HB 6004 on Disrupting Bias & Responding to Microaggressions from KJR Consulting LLC, 1239 Edgell Road, Suite LL, Framingham, MA 01701 for an estimated cost of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$11,480.00) and an additional contingency of One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,148.00) for a total authorization not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,628.00) to be paid from funds encumbered in the approved Fiscal Year 2022 Police Department Operating Budget

Motion made by Councilor Carter, second by Councilor Piazza.

Chief Jenkins addressed the Council about the mandated training. The academy has no trainings posted so it was decided to have the consultant come to the City of Groton to train and can provide training to 25 officers at a time. He recommends the training and can include surrounding towns. Deputy Mayor Depot would like to see surrounding towns included.

Councilor Sheffield inquired how often the training is required and wanted to clarify wording of the resolution.

Chief Jenkins noted it is every three years and will be a part of their required training. He clarified it is Microaggressions not macroaggressions. Mayor Hedrick noted the change will be made in the resolution.

Councilor Piazza asked how long the training is.

Chief Jenkins noted it is four (4) hours long. There will be three sessions.

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-06-87 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) SETS OF

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MORNING PRIDE TAILS STRUCTURAL TURNOUT GEAR FROM MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES 172 CROSS ROADS, WATERFORD, CT. 06385 FOR A COST OF THIRTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$33,952.00) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS ENCUMBERED IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2022 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Fire Department must maintain structural turnout gear for its members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Fire Department has done its due diligence in investigating new and improved structural turnout gear from multiple vendors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Fire Department has choosing Morning Pride TAILS structural turnout gear as best fitting its needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the City of Groton to purchase eight (8) sets of Morning Pride TAILS structural turnout gear from Municipal Emergency Services, 172 Cross Road, Waterford, CT 06385 for a cost of Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Zero Cents (\$33,952.00) to be paid from funds encumbered in the approved Fiscal Year 2022 Fire Department Operating Budget.

Motion made by Councilor McCabe, second by Councilor Piazza.

Chief Tompkins noted that he budgets at least three (3) sets of gear a year. Each staff member will have two (2) sets of turn out gear. They meet NFPA standards. He further commented that the color of the gear is switching from tan to black.

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-22-07-88 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GROTON TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR TREATED ROAD SALT TO MORTON SALT, INCORPORATED, 444 W LAKE STREET, SUITE 300, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$58,000.00) TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS ENCUMBERED FROM THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2022 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Highway Department purchases treated salt for the treatment of roads and streets within the City during times of inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and participated in their bid process for Treated Road Salt; and

WHEREAS, Morton Salt, Incorporated was the lowest qualified bidder;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the City of Groton to issue a purchase order for treated road salt to Morton Salt, Incorporated, 444 W Lake Street, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$58,000.00) to be paid from funds encumbered from the approved fiscal year 2022 Highway Department Operating Budget.

Motion made by Councilor Depot, second by Councilor Sheffield.

Finance Director Yuhas stated the Salt supply was run low during the replacement of the Salt Shed roof. Morton Salt, Incorporated is on the state bid list and will be delivered prior to salt season. Councilor Piazza inquired about the composition of the salt. If there is a difference in quality from the last company and if it will be damaging to the new pavement or water ways.

Finance Director Yuhas said it is comparable.

Councilor Carter commented on his displeasure that there is no highway department representative to answer Councilor Piazza's question and believes the department head or representative should be here.

Councilor McCabe inquired where the Salt will be delivered from since the address is in Chicago. Finance Director Yuhas believes it will be delivered from either Providence or New Haven. Chicago is their headquarters.

Councilor Piazza would like answers to her questions.

Mayor Hedrick noted it was an equivalent and will provide answers.

Finance Director Yuhas noted a specification sheet was provided with the bid and will provide via email to the Councilors.

All in favor. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.