



City of Groton, Connecticut

Mayor and Council MINUTES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

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 and Councilor Stephen Sheffield
City Clerk Megan Peters

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Stephen Sheffield via Zoom and City Clerk Megan Peters.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Mayor Keith Hedrick presents a Proclamation naming July 2021 Parks and Recreation month. Director Mary Hill accepts the proclamation and mentions that the Municipal Building will have lawn games available from July 12th – July 16th on the front lawn for all to come and celebrate Parks and Recreation Month.

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.

Bryon Niemann, 76 Allen St., came to discuss the former Garbo Lobster property and the needed maintenance in regards to the overgrowth of the lawn and weeds. He also states the safety concerns with the Electric Boat traffic on the side streets.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

Councilor Rashaad Carter agrees with the concern for Garbo Lobster and the maintenance of the grounds.

Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot thanks the citizen for coming forward to notify the Council of both concerns.

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Councilor Christine Piazza thanks the citizen for coming forward with the traffic concerns and also mentions that she lives on one of the streets in concern and she agrees.

Councilor Lisa McCabe inquires about the bench on the Garbo Lobster property.

Mayor Keith Hedrick states that the Garbo property has already been referred to the blight officer. The owner of the property has been notified and the City is currently waiting on response. A “Clean and Lien” is a possible option for the Garbo Lobster property. In this type of option, the City would go in and clean the property for a fair price and then a lien for that price would be put on the property.

Mayor Keith Hedrick also states that the speed and safety concerns have been passed on to the Chief of Police and these concerns are being addressed with more police presence, if further action needs to be taken they will proceed with more enforcement.

Mayor Keith Hedrick lastly responds to the question of the bench. That is part of a program to ensure that all people have Coastal Area Access in the State of Connecticut.

Councilor Christine Piazza questions the change at Electric Boat versus the sixties with traffic. Mayor Keith Hedrick states that the City is trying to encourage the use of the main thruways versus the side streets.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 7, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Lisa McCabe attended the Farmer’s Market today and stated that it was a lot of fun and there were a lot of available goods.

She also has attended the Summer Concerts and they have been a lot of fun.

Councilor Paul Norris attended the Economic Development Resiliency Workshop. There will be multiple workshops throughout the next few months and he encourages all residents to join.

Councilor Christine Piazza recently had a Community Development Meeting and the topic of City Murals was included on her agenda. She is doing research on locations and artists for possible City Murals.

She also attended and walked in the parade which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Lastly she attended the Farmer’s Market and the recent Concerts in the Park.

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Councilor Rashaad Carter walked in the parade and had a great time. He made mention that he missed the Parks and Recreation team participation with the kids, but hopes to see them next year.

Councilor Stephen Sheffield Economic Development Commission Meeting on June 6th.

Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot attended the Project O Revolution Wind Announcement on June 17th.

She also attended the PACT Committee Meeting on June 17th, walked in the 4th of July parade and attended the Farmer's Market.

City Clerk Megan Peters attended the parade as well. She mentioned what a great event this was.

Mayor Keith Hedrick mentioned the following upcoming events and encouraged all interested to attend or participate-

Mobile Food Pantry – Friday, July 23rd at St. Johns Christian Church.

Groton City Brew Run – Sunday, September 12th at Eastern Point Beach.

Coffee with a Cop – Saturday, July 17th at the Bill Memorial Library

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-21-7-110 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH WELCHEL, 9 NORTH PROSPECT STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER, EASTERN POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for an alternate member, Eastern Point Historic District Commission; and

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

WHEREAS, Sarah Welchel, 9 North Prospect Street, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve as an alternate member, Eastern Point Historic Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Sarah Welchel, 9 North Prospect Street, Groton, Connecticut, as an alternate member, Eastern Point Historic District Commission, term to expire on February 1, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.

This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

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R-21-7-111 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL BENCH AT EASTERN POINT BEACH IN HONOR OF WARREN AND BETTY ANN CHAPMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF BEACH AND PARKS MEMORIALS, AS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Ron Yuhas has requested that a memorial bench be placed at Eastern Point Beach to honor his grandparents; and

WHEREAS, Warren spent many of his retired days laying on the rocks behind the Tyler House and he enjoyed swimming laps for hours out by the buoys; and

WHEREAS, Betty Ann grew up in the City and after a short hiatus from Connecticut she and her husband returned to purchase their home in the City of Groton, where she currently resides; and

WHEREAS, the request was made to the Director of Parks and Recreation and has received the approval of the Beach and Parks Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the request for a memorial bench at Eastern Point Beach in honor of Warren and Betty Ann Chapman in accordance with the Procedures for Consideration of Beach and Parks Memorials, as approved by the Mayor and Council.

Motion made by Councilor Paul Norris, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-112 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL BENCH AT EASTERN POINT BEACH IN HONOR OF ROSE AND FRANK SCHEETZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF BEACH AND PARKS MEMORIALS, AS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Lorraine Scheetz has requested that a memorial bench be placed at Eastern Point Beach to honor her parents; and

WHEREAS, Frank was in the submarine service and brought the Submarine Croaker to the City of Groton. He also built many homes and well as businesses in the City; and

WHEREAS, Rose & Frank raised 6 children in Groton. Rose worked the election polls in the City, was a Justice of the Peace and volunteered to work at City Day from its inception; and

WHEREAS, the request was made to the Director of Parks and Recreation and has received the approval of the Beach and Parks Committee;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the request for a memorial bench at Eastern Point Beach in honor of Rose and Frank Scheetz in accordance with the Procedures for Consideration of Beach and Parks Memorials, as approved by the Mayor and Council.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Paul Norris.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-113 RESOLUTION THAT THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT THE FARM CREDIT EAST FARMERS MARKET GRANT AWARD TO THE CITY OF GROTON FARMER'S MARKET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 (TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS) TO BE USED FOR MARKET ENHANCEMENTS, INCREASE MARKETING EFFORTS AND/OR PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES OR IMPROVE ACCESS TO FRESH, LOCAL FOOD

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Parks & Recreation Department applied for the Farm Credit East Farmers Market Grant through the Farm Credit System, a nationwide agriculture network, and was awarded \$250.00; and

WHEREAS, City of Groton community will benefit from a robust social media campaign, new market signage and the cost of a recipe program for seasonal ingredients found at the Market, printed in both English and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Farmer's Markets provide an important channel for Northeast producers to market and sell their products as well as connect to consumers across the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the grant award does not require a match;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept the Farm Credit East Farmers Market Grant award to the City of Groton's Farmer's Market in the amount of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents) to be used for Market enhancements, increase marketing efforts and/or programs to support disadvantaged communities or improve access to fresh local food.

Motion made by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-114 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH NEVCO SPORTS, LLC, 301 EAST HARRIS AVENUE, GREENVILLE, IL FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING SCOREBOARDS ON FIELD #1 AND FIELD #3 AT WASHINGTON PARK FOR A TOTAL COST OF

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\$11,156.17 (ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Scoreboards on Field #1 and Field #3 at Washington Park are not operating properly and will require removal and replacement; and

WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted for the project in the current year; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks and Recreation Director reached out to the existing company, Nevco Sports to perform the replacement; and

WHEREAS, Nevco Sports #050819_NVC works with Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing contract, and is judged by the Parks & Recreation Director to be the most advantageous pricing for the City; and

WHEREAS, the replacements will be LED Scoreboards with Amber/Red Digits, with wireless hand held control units; the scoreboard for Field #3 will also include a non-illuminated outdoor sign, naming the field after Roger Bidwell, as approved on March 1, 2021 in R-21-3-56. This additional sign will be financed by the University of Connecticut Avery Point;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve a contract with Nevco Sports, LLC, 301 East Harris Avenue, Greenville, IL 62246-2151 , for the removal and replacement of the existing scoreboards on Field #1 and Field #3 at Washington Park for a total cost of \$11,156.17 (Eleven Thousand, one hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventeen cents) to be paid from Capital Reserve Funds.

Motion made by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-115 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BHI ENERGY - D AND D POWER, 40 SEQUIN DRIVE, GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$173,275.30) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF OLD, DAMAGED WIRE AS PART OF THE EXPRESS FEED THAT TIES TO AVERY POINT TO BE PAID FROM THE FY 2022 ELECTRIC NON-BONDED CAPITAL BUDGET

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WHEREAS, Groton Utilities has entered into a Master Service Agreement (MSA) with BHI Energy, and D and D Power is a subsidiary of BHI Energy; and

WHEREAS, this issue occurred over one year ago and circuits were modified to work around the failure until the situation could be addressed properly; and

WHEREAS, due to hazard concerns, Groton Utilities decided to outsource the work due to concerns with asbestos; and

WHEREAS, at Its regular meeting of the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16. 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to BHI Energy - D and D Power, 40 Sequin Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut, for the amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$173,275.30) including a ten percent (10%) contingency for the removal and replacement of old, damaged wire as part of the express feed that ties to Avery Point to be paid from the FY 2022 Electric non-bonded capital budget 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 BHI Energy - D and D Power, 40 Sequin Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut, for the amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$173,275.30) including a ten percent (10%) contingency for the removal and replacement of old, damaged wire as part of the express feed that ties to Avery Point to be paid from the FY 2022 Electric non-bonded capital budget.

Motion made by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-116 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WOODARD AND CURRAN, 35 BROAD STREET, ONE WEYBOSSETT HILL, FLOOR 7, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$17,700.00) TO REPLACE FOUR (4) OBSOLETE PROGRAM LOGIC CONTROLLERS FOR SCADA CONTROL, LOCATED WITHIN FOUR GROTON UTILITIES/LEDYARD LOCATIONS, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER AVAILABLE CASH AS A NON-BONDED CAPITAL EXPENSE

WHEREAS, the twenty year old units are obsolete and are no longer supported; and

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WHEREAS, radio upgrade for SCADA Control requires Ethernet communication and the current units work off serial communication; and

WHEREAS, the serial communication platform is unreliable; and

WHEREAS, units will be located at the GU/ Ledyard Water Meter Building on Route 12, Bailey Hill Standpipe Control Valve Chamber, Brandagee Standpipe Vault, and Fort Hill Standpipe; and

WHEREAS, at Its regular meeting of the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16. 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Woodard and Curran, 35 Broad Street, One Weybossett Hill, Floor 7, Providence, Rhode Island, for an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$17,700.00) to replace four (4) obsolete Program Logic Controllers for SCADA Control, located within four Groton Utilities/Ledyard locations, to be paid from the Water available cash as a non-bonded capital expense 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 Woodard and Curran, 35 Broad Street, One Weybossett Hill, Floor 7, Providence, Rhode Island, for an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$17,700.00) to replace four (4) obsolete Program Logic Controllers for SCADA Control, located within four Groton Utilities/Ledyard locations, to be paid from the Water available cash as a non-bonded capital expense.

Motion made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-117 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO AAIS CORPORATION, 802 BOSTON POST ROAD, WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$198,754.20) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY FOR PHASE II; COMPLETION OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) REMEDIATION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS REQUIRED BY EPA TO BE PAID FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 WATER NON BONDED CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, PCB remediation is a requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

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WHEREAS, this project is part of Phase II, and will complete PCB remediation at the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, AAIS Corporation has completed previous PCB remediation at the Water Treatment Plant; and because of work experience, and for consistency, Management recommends hiring AAIS Corporation; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on June 16, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to AAIS Corporation, 802 Boston Post Road, West Haven, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$198,754.20) including a ten percent (10%) contingency for Phase II; completion of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) remediation of the Water Treatment Plant as required by EPA to be paid from the Fiscal Year 2022 Water non bonded capital budget 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 AAIS Corporation, 802 Boston Post Road, West Haven, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$198,754.20) including a ten percent (10%) contingency for Phase II; completion of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) remediation of the Water Treatment Plant as required by EPA to be paid from the Fiscal Year 2022 Water non bonded capital budget.

Motion made by Councilor Paul Norris, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-118 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO KELTIC PAINTING, LLC., 189 HILL ROAD, THOMPSON, CONNECTICUT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NINETY FOUR CENTS (\$112,755.94) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY FOR PHASE II PAINTING OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT VARIOUS ROOMS, STAIRWAYS, AND CONTAINMENT AREA TO BE PAID FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 WATER NON-BONDED CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, room at the Water Treatment Plant will require painting following completion of PCB remediation; and

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WHEREAS, Keltic Painting has completed the previous painting projects related to PCB remediation at the Water Treatment Plant; and because of work experience, and for consistency, Management recommends hiring Keltic Painting, LLC., and

WHEREAS, at Its regular meeting of the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16. 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Keltic Painting, LLC., 189 Hill Road, Thompson, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Ninety Four Cents (\$112,755.94) including a ten percent (10%) contingency for Phase II painting of the Water Treatment Plant various rooms, stairways, and containment area to be paid from the Fiscal Year 2022 Water non-bonded capital budget 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 Keltic Painting, LLC., 189 Hill Road, Thompson, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Ninety Four Cents (\$112,755.94) including a ten percent (10%) contingency for Phase II painting of the Water Treatment Plant various rooms, stairways, and containment area to be paid from the Fiscal Year 2022 Water non-bonded capital budget.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Paul Norris.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-119 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO PROVISIONALLY APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 21 FROM R. H. WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED, 41 CENTRAL STREET, AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS, WHICH INCLUDES A CREDIT AND REVISIONS TO THE EXISTING PLAN AS PART OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROJECT NO. 2013-0140, PENDING FINAL APPROVAL BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY TWO CENTS (\$39,494.32) AND MAYOR KEITH HEDRICK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CHANGE ORDER NO. 21 UPON FINAL APPROVAL BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DPH

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WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017, Groton Utilities received authorization to award a construction contract under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to R.H. White in the amount of \$43,901,043 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Water Treatment Facility Improvements program is an approved State of Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017, Groton Utilities received authorization to award a construction contract under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to R.H. White in the amount of \$43,901,043 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017, Mayor Galbraith executed a Notice to Award; and

WHEREAS, at its Special meeting held on April 19, 2017, the Groton Utilities Commission approved awarding contract DWSRF 2013-0590011a for Water Filtration Plant Improvements including, but not limited to construction of a new DAF/GAC filter building, manganese contactors, intermediate and high lift pumping systems, water storage tanks, yard piping, utility piping, renovation of the existing Water Filtration Plant as described in the plans and specifications to R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts in its low bid amount of Forty-Three Million, Nine Hundred One Thousand, Forty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$43,901,043.00) and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute the contract award; and

WHEREAS, at its Special meeting held on April 24, 2017, the Mayor and Council awarded contract DWSRF 2013-0590011a for Water Filtration Plant Improvements including, but not limited to construction of a new DAF/GAC filter building, manganese contactors, intermediate and high lift pumping systems, water storage tanks, yard piping, utility piping, renovation of the existing Water Filtration Plant as described in the plans and specifications to R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, in its low bid amount of Forty-Three Million, Nine Hundred One Thousand, Forty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$43,901,043.00) a and Mayor Marian Galbraith be authorized to execute the contract award; and

WHEREAS, at its Special meeting held on April 24, 2017, the Mayor and Council further resolved to concur with the letter dated April 7, 2017, from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) approving an allocation of up to 10.1% contingency for the construction contract costs associated with the contract award with R.H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts in the amount not to exceed Four Million Four Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Dollars and No Cents (\$4,434,005.00); and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Financial Assistance Application Revised/Updated Project Costs Overview form as required by the State, it was requested the contingency amount be amended from 10.1% to 10.77% to cover the cost for unforeseen activities relating to environmental remediation and building rehabilitation work; and

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WHEREAS, in a letter dated June 30, 2017, the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) approved the amended construction contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the total project costs remain unchanged from the approved Fifty Four Million Dollars and No Cents (\$54,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on August 7, 2017, the Mayor and Council amended the construction contingencies for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project from 10.1%, as originally approved by Resolution R-17-4-81, to 10.77% in an amount not to exceed Four Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$4,728,330.00) to concur with a letter dated June 30, 2017 from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH); and

WHEREAS, the changes include relocation of the manganese contactor headwall, DAF parking lot changes, installation of a check valve in the filter to waste line, pump rental for the DAF startup, ledge removal, locker room revisions (credit), trap primer piping, electrical work in the Chemical Room, fire damper, continuous door hinge, overflow screen box alterations and low lift control panel modifications; and

WHEREAS, at Its regular meeting of the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to provisionally approve Change Order No. 21 from R. H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, which includes a credit and revisions to the existing plan as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140, pending final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) for an amount not to exceed Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$39,494.32) and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute the Change Order No. 21 upon final approval by the State of Connecticut DPH, 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 provisionally approve Change Order No. 21 from R. H. White Construction Company, Incorporated, 41 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, which includes a credit and revisions to the existing plan as part of the State of Connecticut, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 2013-0140, pending final approval by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) for an amount not to exceed Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$39,494.32) and Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute the Change Order No. 21 upon final approval by the State of Connecticut DPH.

Motion made by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Councilor Paul Norris.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

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R-21-7-120 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO HARRY H. STONE AND SON, INCORPORATED, 313 MAIN STREET, NORTH SOUTHBURY, CONNECTICUT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$140,000.00) FOR YEAR TWO RENEWAL OF THE THREE YEAR CONTRACT, FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF LIQUID SEWAGE SLUDGE AND SCUM AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF) TO BE PAID FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 SEWER OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, Management entered into a three (3) year contract with Harry H. Stone and Son, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, this purchase order is for the second year of this contract for sludge removal; and

WHEREAS, at Its regular meeting of the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16. 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Harry H. Stone and Son, Incorporated, 313 Main Street, North Southbury, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00) for year two renewal of the three year contract, for transportation and disposal of liquid sewage sludge and scum at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to be paid from Fiscal Year 2022 Sewer Operating Budget 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 Harry H. Stone and Son, Incorporated, 313 Main Street, North Southbury, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00) for year two renewal of the three year contract, for transportation and disposal of liquid sewage sludge and scum at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to be paid from Fiscal Year 2022 Sewer Operating Budget.

Motion made by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe.

This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-121 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO PIPING SERVICE, INC., 100W. COUNTY ROAD KK, KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN, AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND

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NINETY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$93,390.00) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY AS PART OF THE LOW LIFT PUMP STATION EEL MITIGATION PROJECT TO PURCHASE STAINLESS STEEL PIPING AND FLANGE PLATE TO PROTECT EEL INTAKE INTO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS PART OF THE LOW LIFT PUMP STATION PROJECT TO BE PAID FROM FY 2022 WATER CAPITAL BONDING

WHEREAS, The Low Lift Pump Station Eel Mitigation Project was approved by the Groton Utilities Commission and Mayor and Council on February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Low Lift Pump Station Screening Eel Mitigation Project is critical to address surface water intake protection including the intake of eels; and

WHEREAS, this equipment is necessary to prevent in influx of eels from entering into the Water Treatment Plant and there is time sensitivity for installation to be completed prior to the September 2021 silver eel migration season; and

WHEREAS, at its special meeting held on June 24, 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Piping Service, Inc., 100W. County Road KK, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, as a sole source provider for the amount not to exceed Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$93,390.00) including a ten percent (10%) contingency as part of the Low Lift Pump Station Eel Mitigation Project to purchase Stainless Steel Piping and Flange Plate to protect eel intake into the Water Treatment Plant as part of the Low Lift Pump Station Project to be paid from FY 2022 Water Capital Bonding 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 Piping Service, Inc., 100W. County Road KK, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, as a sole source provider for the amount not to exceed Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$93,390.00) including a ten percent (10%) contingency as part of the Low Lift Pump Station Eel Mitigation Project to purchase Stainless Steel Piping and Flange Plate to protect eel intake into the Water Treatment Plant as part of the Low Lift Pump Station Project to be paid from FY 2022 Water Capital Bonding.

Motion made by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

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R-21-7-122 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MACHNIK BROS, INC., 125 MILE CREEK ROAD, OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT, AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$307,750.00) INCLUDING A 25% CONTINGENCY TO INSTALL A HYDROBURST CLEANING SYSTEM, PIPING, NEW RAW WATER INTAKE SCREENS AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING LINK-BELT TRAVELING SCREENS TO PROTECT EEL INTAKE INTO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS PART OF THE LOW LIFT PUMP STATION EEL MITIGATION PROJECT TO BE PAID FROM FY 2022 WATER CAPITAL BONDING

WHEREAS, The Low Lift Pump Station Eel Mitigation Project was approved by the Groton Utilities Commission and Mayor and Council on February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Low Lift Pump Station Screening Eel Mitigation Project is critical to address surface water intake protection including the intake of eels; and

WHEREAS, this equipment is necessary to prevent in influx of eels from entering into the Water Treatment Plant and there is time sensitivity for installation to be completed prior to the September 2021 silver eel migration season; and

WHEREAS, at its special meeting of the Groton Utilities Commission Water /Pollution Control Authority Meeting held on June 16. 2021, the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Machnik Bros, Inc., 125 Mile Creek Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut, as a sole source provider for an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$307,750.00) including a 25% contingency to install a Hydroburst Cleaning System, piping, new raw water intake screens and removal of existing Link-Belt Traveling Screens to protect eel intake into the Water Treatment Plant as part of the Low Lift Pump Station Eel Mitigation Project to be paid from FY 2022 Water Capital Bonding 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 Machnik Bros, Inc., 125 Mile Creek Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut, as a sole source provider for an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$307,750.00) including a 25% contingency to install a Hydroburst Cleaning System, piping, new raw water intake screens and removal of existing Link-Belt Traveling Screens to protect eel intake into the Water Treatment Plant as part of the Low Lift Pump Station Eel Mitigation Project to be paid from FY 2022 Water Capital Bonding.

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Motion made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Councilor Christine Piazza inquired as to why the contingency was 25% versus the normal 10% contingency.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-123 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES TO EAN HOLDINGS LLC, 8 ELLA GRASSO TURNPIKE, WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$3,725.01)

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

WHEREAS, the Groton Tax Collector has recommended that refunds be made as follows:
EAN Holdings LLC, 8 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, Connecticut
Amount to be refunded: \$3,725.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the refund of Property taxes to EAN Holdings LLC, 8 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, Connecticut in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and One Cent (\$3,725.01).

Motion made by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe.
This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-124 RESOLUTION THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF GROTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM POLICY AND PROCEDURES, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF JULY 9, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Groton desires to be proactive in revitalizing commercial nodes by working with community stakeholders to identify, plan, and implement City projects geared to fostering development; and

WHEREAS, The City of Groton acknowledges the need for strategic investments to strengthen local businesses, attract private investment, and stimulate growth; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Groton Economic Development Grant program is an appropriate method to incentivize qualified existing and/or new businesses that attract and support private investment while also encouraging improvements that provide greater public benefits along commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Economic Development Grant Program is a reimbursement grant available for business soft costs associated with opening or expanding a business in the City of Groton and/or minor façade improvements costs associated with rehabilitating commercial facades for the purpose of improved placemaking to streetscape and store front designs, improved marketability, and positive visual impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Economic Development Grant Program Policy provides appropriate procedures to manage the grant program and collaborate with property/business owners; and

WHEREAS, small business owners and entrepreneurs typically require extra support understanding and navigating municipal, state, and federal requirements for operating a business. City of Groton staff seek to remove barriers to entry and systematic problems that obstruct the community's ability to grow and accelerate startups and place-based businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Economic Development Grant Program is incentive- based and geared towards small businesses, it compliments Groton's diverse incentive programs including Tax Increment Financing Districts, Opportunity Zones, and the Economic Assistance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the *2019 City of Groton Plan of Conservation and Development Section 2.3 Improved Placemaking* focuses on places such as: squares, plazas, parks, streets, and waterfronts that attract people because they are pleasurable or interesting. To enhance community character and "Sense of place" the City of Groton intends to focus on promoting activities and events that attract people to the City of Groton to experience the City for themselves and enhance streetscapes so the journey through the City to various destination is a pleasurable one; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Groton Economic Development Strategy's Goals include:

- Shape Groton's pockets of economic activity into places where people connect. Through the use of Placemaking City of Groton staff will collaborate with property owners and/or businesses to create a built-environment that allows synergy and shared experiences to occur among people by leveraging community assets and activities. The report identifies the following places in the City of Groton as priority areas: Thames Street/ Bridge Street, Five Corners District, and Avery Point.
- Grow and diversify existing and emerging opportunities by supporting existing industry and businesses to thrive and expand as well as attracting new industry and businesses to Groton. This will be accomplished by strengthening a welcoming business environment that provides a connected and amenity-driven place for residents and workers. By working with existing and potential new businesses Groton seeks to create diverse opportunities that allow adaptation to our increasingly changing economy.

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- Provide an environment that nurtures entrepreneurs and start-up companies. A robust entrepreneurial ecosystem, built on a culture of collaboration and mutual trust, drives innovation and economic growth by creating a system where entrepreneurs and small businesses can access the resources and information they need to advance their ideas, launch, and grow their business ventures. The City of Groton's role in this system is to support entrepreneurship and small business growth with efficient regulatory processes and incentives, as well as building community and connections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, that Mayor and Council approve the adoption of the City of Groton Economic Development Grant Program Policy and Procedures, to be effective on the date of July 9, 2021.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Christine Piazza. This was discussed at the June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

R-21-7-125 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICER BOBBY HARRIS FROM THE CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021

WHEREAS, Officer Bobby Harris has informed the Mayor of his intent to leave his position with the City of Groton Police Department by reason of retirement effective August 1, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council accept and approve the retirement of Officer Bobby Harris from the City of Groton Police Department effective August 1, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. Chief Eric Jenkins addresses the group in regards to the retirement of Officer Bobby Harris. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Enter into Executive Session pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6)(E), 1-210(9);**
- **To discuss Police Union Tentative Agreement**

Motion made to enter Executive Session by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

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XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor and Council exited Executive Session at 8:44 pm and returned to regular session.

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

All in favor, 6-0-0. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.