

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, April 03, 2023

6:45 pm

Present: Mayor Neville, Trustees Morey, Conger, Trustee Walpole via zoom(non voting) , Trustee Holl absent, Nancy Niswender - Clerk-Treas/Admin, Rich Cunningham, Thoma Dev., Lee Shurtleff, GFD.

Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 6:50pm
Pledge of allegiance.

The Village Board reviewed the list of 2023 Appointments of Committees & Commissioners, Chairpersons and other appointments made by Mayor Neville. (List attached)

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the appointments made by Mayor Neville, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

Mayor Neville made the following appointments (board approval not required).

- Deputy Mayor - Elizabeth Conger
- Alt. Deputy Mayor - Michael Holl
- Budget Officer - Nancy Niswender
- Safety Coordinator-Angela Conger

Trustee Morey made a motion to adopt a resolution to appoint Theodore Skibinski as the Village of Groton Representative to the Board of Directors of the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GROTON & NYCLASS are designated the official depositories for the official year, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Morey made a motion that the GROTON INDEPENDENT be designated the official Village newspaper for the official year, seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the third Monday of each month (except January & February, which will be the third Tuesday) be designated as the official meeting night for the Board of Trustees, with meeting time of 6:30pm for audit and 7pm for regular session, seconded by Trustee Morey, all in favor, carried. The meeting nights will be scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 17, 2023	Monday, August 21, 2023	Monday, December 18, 2023
Monday, May 15, 2023	Monday, September 18, 2023	Tuesday, January 16, 2024 *
Monday, June 19, 2023	Monday, October 16, 2023	Tuesday, February 20, 2024 *
Monday, July 17, 2023	Monday, November 20, 2023	Monday, March 18, 2024

Disclosure of possible conflicts of interest:

Mayor Neville - Neville Farm - straw sales and possible land use.

The annual review of accounting and investment policies was completed with the update to chapter 33-7 Designation of depositories in the past year, no other changes have been made.

Presentation and Discussion with Rich Cunningham from Thoma Development on possible grants.

CDBG grants could be due as early as the beginning of July. We should consider looking at documenting housing addition survey. This would be a full survey of our Village. This would be due around the end of July and could be up to \$50,000, this would help us to be in place for a future housing grant. We would most likely need a public hearing in June or July. This would be an exterior evaluation of the houses. Most multi unit properties are not included. Mr. Cunningham will prepare a proposal to apply for the grant for the survey.

NY Forward Grant - There will be a lot of work on our part. We need a committee - school, bank, community members. Put forth potential projects that are realistic. The Village will work on putting a committee together.

Public Hearing on the Budget

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:17pm and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Tentative Budget.

Clerk Niswender summarized the Notice of Public Hearing.

Lee Shurtleff had a discussion of Fire and Ambulance contracts.

At 7:29pm Trustee Conger made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm

Nancy Niswender
Village Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator