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**KITTERY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 18, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jeffrey Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introductory

Chairperson Thomson read the Introductory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Answering the roll were Councilors Frank Dennett, George Dow, Ann Grinnell, Glenn Shwaery, Vice Chair Judith Spiller and Chairperson Jeffrey Thomson. Also present were Town Manager Jonathan Carter, Harbormaster Bion Pike, members of the UNH Wood Island Study Team and members of the press and others. Councilor Beers was absent (excused).

5. Discussion by the public (only pertaining to item #6 below and three minutes per person) – No Public Spoke

6. a. (050209-1) The Kittery Town Council moves to hear a presentation from the UNH Project Team on the Wood Island Feasibility Study.

The Chairperson welcomed the students from UNH and their advisors and asked the Town Manager to introduce the project. The Town Manager gave a summary background on the Wood Island Feasibility Study undertaken through a State Planning Office grant and designed to use engineering students at the UNH Engineering College with professional supervision from Appledore and Waterfront Engineering. The Town Manager indicated the concept of the grant was overseen by a Wood Island Committee which Vice Chairperson Spiller and Councilor Grinnell serve on with Page Mead and Dr. Ken Fellows. The Town Manager introduced the lead student Krystian Kozlowski who was the student intern last summer to compile the history of Wood Island and undertook the initial conditions report. Krystian then introduced the other students and Jennifer Viarengo, P.E. from Appledore Engineering and commenced the Study presentation through the use of a power point presentation. Following the presentation, the Chairperson held a questions and answers period ending with the Council and those in

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attendance applauding the student's presentation. Jeremy D'Entremont, Friends of Portsmouth Lighthouse, spoke and congratulated the Town and Student Team for undertaking an excellent report that he hoped would lead to a preservation approach to the facility and perhaps further collaboration with Whaleback Light that they are assisting to maintain. The Town Manager indicated that the State Planning Office liked how the study model worked and has awarded Kittery through the Kittery Port Authority with a similar grant model entitled: Harbor Economic Feasibility Study - Approaches to sustainability and growth for Pepperrell Cove municipal facilities. Vice Chairperson Spiller asked that the working committee get back together to discuss the next steps with the study report.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. (050209-2) The Kittery Town Council moves to go into executive session to consider an application for a hardship abatements due to poverty or infirmity for applicant A, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §841(2).

Vice Chairperson Spiller moved to go into executive session to consider both applications for hardship abatements due to poverty or infirmity for applicants A and B, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §841(2). The motion was seconded by Councilor Shwaery. Roll Call: 6-0 in favor – Council entered Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

b. (050209-3) The Kittery Town Council moves to go into executive session to consider an application for a hardship abatements due to poverty or infirmity for applicant B, in accordance with 36 M.R.S. §841(2).

Council Reconvened from Executive Session 8:10 PM:

Vice Chair Spiller moved to have Council come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Grinnell. Roll Call: 6-0 in favor.

Motion by Councilor Dennett to approve Applicant A's Tax Hardship Abatement in the amount of \$297.50 for the 2008 taxes. Motion was seconded by Councilor Grinnell. Roll call: 0-6 against. Motioned failed.

Motion by Councilor Grinnell to approve Applicant B's Tax Hardship Abatement in the amount of \$1,654.60 for the 2007 taxes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Spiller. Roll call: 0-6 against. Motioned failed.

Chairperson Thompson requested decision letters to be sent to both applicants.

8. Adjournment

Councilor Dow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Spiller, with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 P.M.