

TOWN COUNCIL

WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

May 12, 2016

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, May 17th, Town Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, May 17th, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, May 18th, Town Council Committee of the Whole/Board of Education Joint Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Groton Senior Center
- Wednesday, May 18th, RTM Annual Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Groton Senior Center
- Thursday, May 19th, Permanent School Building Committee, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR2
- Thursday, May 19th, RTM Annual Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Groton Senior Center

GROTON SENIOR CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

The Groton Senior Center is beginning the Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease program on May 18th at either 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. for six weeks. This is an introductory exercise program that addresses the specific needs of individuals with low fitness levels and with joint health issues. This in-person community format will instruct participants how to safely make physical activity part of their everyday life with developing a walking plan, staying motivated, and managing pain. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Groton Parks Foundation.

The Groton Senior Center has two great trips to New York this month. On May 21st there will be a trip to the New York Botanical Garden Show – Impressionism: American Gardens on Canvas. This exhibit examines the art-historical and horticultural significances of the widely popular garden subjects in the United States between 1887 and 1917. The cost of this trip is \$97.00 for residents and \$107.00 for non-residents.

In addition, on Saturday, May 28th the center is sponsoring a trip to the World Stamp Show and New York City on your own. The cost for this trip is \$50.00 for residents and \$60.00 for non-residents. These trips are open to the public.

For more information on these or any other trip, call the Groton Senior Center at 860-441-6785.

CONNECTICUT SUBMARINE CENTURY LECTURE

The libraries of eastern Connecticut present “They Also Served: Submarine Spouses Then and Now” on May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Academic Building on the campus of the University of Connecticut, Avery Point.

Kathleen O’Beirne and Lisa Lahti will offer a presentation about the challenges and rewards of being the spouse of a submariner. Learn about the progress that has been made in the past 55 years as the connection between family readiness and military readiness and retention has been analyzed and appreciated.

Kathleen O’Beirne is the former Director of the Navy Family Service Center in Groton and wife of a former commanding officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia and Lisa Lahti is the wife of the immediate past commanding officer of Naval Submarine Base New London. Both presenters have been involved in nationwide efforts to study and improve the consequences of relocation and deployment on Navy families.

For more information, please contact the Groton Public Library at 860-441-6750.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. Office of Planning and Development (March):

- Long time Conservation Commissioner Gail Munn resigned.
- Economic Development staff has received Economic Assistance Fund applications from two expanding, existing businesses.
- The Planning Commission approved an addition to Mystic River Ambulance and approved modifications to Central Hall’s construction methods.
- Paige Bronk provided testimony to a Public Conveyance Legislative Committee regarding the transfer and use of Mystic Education Center land under the stewardship of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

- Staff has begun working with Great Blue Research, Inc. to develop a survey instrument to gauge consumer and business sentiment regarding the Groton market area.
- A second electric vehicle plug charging station grant was awarded. This additional charging station will be installed at the Town Hall.

2. Library (April):

- Staff attended several meetings to help plan the CT Submarine Century activities that will take place during the week of July 4th – July 9th.
- Staff communicated with the Trillium Garden Club to plan for placement of one of the subs from the Connecticut Sub Trail in the planter in front of the Library.
- About 800 people attended the author presentation by Bryan Stevenson for One Book on April 4th at Connecticut College.
- Over 100 people participated in the 10th annual Edible Book Festival on April 3rd.
- Staff prepared and submitted a Neighborhood Assistance Act application that proposes an energy-savings update to the lighting system in the GMTV studio.

3. Parks and Recreation (April):

- The Director continued discussion with the Mayor on plans for Submarine Century week events in Groton.
- The Director presented budget to the Town Council, RTM sub-committee and full RTM.
- Marketing staff unveiled the new design and name for the Senior Center newsletter, Discover 55+.
- The 2nd Annual Spring Karate Shiai was held at William Seely School with 79 participants.
- Staff hosted a Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Fitch High School with 75 participants.
- Shennecosset Golf Course was ranked 7th best public course in the state by Golfweek Magazine.
- The Senior Center provided 413 rides for 72 individuals.
- The Coastal Café provided 1,961 meals and generated revenue of \$8,665.15.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is notification from the Public Works Department to the residents of Avon Place, Hyde Pond Court and Packer Road of the upcoming road resurfacing projects. The projects will begin on June 6th and are expected to be completed within four weeks.

Attachments
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May 11, 2016

RE: Resurfacing of Avon Place

Dear Resident:

The Department of Public Works will soon resurface Avon Place. I have scheduled the project to begin on **06/06/2016** and expect completion within 4 weeks. So that you will know what to expect, I would like to describe the work process.

PHASE 1: In order to provide a good paving surface, a contractor hired by the Town will reclaim (grind up) the existing asphalt into a gravel base and then grade the roadway. This first stage will leave any catch basins exposed, which we will paint orange for visibility. The road surface will be compacted dirt, rough but travelable. Prior to this phase, you may notice crews replacing structures and cutting driveway aprons (the area where your driveway meets the road).

PHASE 2: After the pavement "reclamation" is complete, Town crews will subsequently return to apply two layers of asphalt to the street surface.

PHASE 3: After completion of resurfacing, our crews will return to install curbing, where needed and to resurface driveway aprons.

PHASE 4: Crews will backfill the area behind the new curbing with loam. Then they will hydro-seed the area with grass seed, fertilizer and mulch.

We ask that you do not park on Avon Place from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You **will always** have access to your driveway. However, when the equipment is directly in front of your driveway, access may be restricted for a **few minutes**. Please drive with caution during the course of this work.

If you have any questions please call our Administrative Office at 860-448-4083. When the crews are on site, please speak in person with the Paving Foremen, Dave Phillips and Jim Derusha, one will be on site. Thank you in advance for working with us during this resurfacing project.

Very truly yours,

Gary J. Schneider
Director of Public Works

Cc: Town Manager

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We ask that you do not park on Hyde Pond Court from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You **will always** have access to your driveway. However, when the equipment is directly in front of your driveway, access may be restricted for a **few minutes**. Please drive with caution during the course of this work.

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RE: Resurfacing of Packer Road (From Cow Hill Road East to Route 184)

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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

March 2016

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Long time Conservation Commissioner Gail Munn has resigned. Gail was on the Commission for 29 years, serving as secretary for a number of them. Staff will miss her dedication to conservation issues.

OPDS frequently receives requests for documents and other information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Occasionally, these requests expand and consume hours of staff time. In one case, staff has been responding to complex requests for information and materials from one citizen since 2011. Many of these requests are not subject to FOIA and the review of these demands has cost the Town nearly \$15,000 in Town Attorney time.

OPDS submitted its budget to the Town Manager. The department budget is currently pending before the Town Council for presentation and review. The OPDS budget keeps staffing at existing levels, and requests funding for special projects that would implement the findings of the market analysis and the regulatory audit. These one-time funding requests will provide for a complete re-write of our zoning and subdivision regulations, a new economic development website, a town wide signage program, and mixed-use design guidelines for the Poquonnock Bridge village.

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission approved an addition to the Mystic River Ambulance building on Allyn Street. The addition will provide a larger meeting room and another bedroom. A sidewalk along the Allyn Street frontage will be constructed as part of the project, adding another link in the developing network.

The Planning Commission approved modifications to Central Hall's construction methods. Hercules piles will be used rather than the traditional driven piles. The Hercules piles are screwed into the riverbed and then filled with concrete. This method should be less disruptive to the residents and businesses of Mystic. Staff expects construction to start on the platform next month.

Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission approved a regulation text amendment to allow an increased height for sheds in the WF zone provided they are used for construction, repair and storage of boats limited to a single floor. This amendment addresses the

changing needs of the marina industry and continues to place the highest priority on keeping water dependent uses on waterfront sites.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The division has received Economic Assistance Fund applications from two expanding existing businesses. The business owners are seeking funding for infrastructure required as a result of their expansion and relocation.

Division staff has begun working with Great Blue Research, Inc to develop a survey instrument to gauge consumer and business sentiment regarding the Groton market area. This survey will provide detailed data that complements the recently completed market analysis and will gauge consumer and business sentiment and preferences.

Paige Bronk provided testimony to a Public Conveyance Legislative Committee regarding the transfer and use of Mystic Education Center land under the stewardship of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. A small area of this land may be appropriate to include in a redevelopment of the site. The remainder would be used for passive open space purposes. This item was ultimately removed from a conveyance bill, mainly due to the misinterpretation of the town's plans for the land.

A second electric vehicle plug charging station grant was awarded. This charging station will be installed at Town Hall and will be in addition to those under construction at the Town Hall Annex and the Library.

Land Use Applications	This Month	*Fiscal Year to Date
Site Plans	2	16
Subdivisions	0	1
Inland Wetland Permits	2	7
Special Permits	0	0
Regulation/Map Amendments	0	1
Variances/Appeals	2	9
Cert. of Appr. of Location	0	1
Coastal Site Plans	1	4
Administrative Site Plans	3	17
Land Use Applications Submitted	10	56

INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Total building fees collected for FYE 2016 less reimbursements: \$304,523
- ◇ Fee income is up more than 150% this month due to an uptick in permits received including the following notable projects:
 - ◆ Reconstruction of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant located at 230 Route 12
 - ◆ Interior and exterior renovations at 40 High Rock Road
- ◇ A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the relocation of a laundromat at Cedar Groton Shopping Plaza on Long Hill Road. The move will allow for an addition and renovation to the vacant space to make way for an Aldi's Store.
- ◇ A sign permit was issued for a new massage therapy business located at 3175 Gold Star Highway.

ITEM	RECEIVED IN MARCH	FISCAL YEAR 2016 TOTAL
BUILDING PERMITS	52	456
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	32	264
PLUMBING PERMITS	25	116
MECHANICAL PERMITS	21	208
SPRINKLER PERMIT	0	7
MOBILE HOME PERMITS	1	4
ESTIMATED VALUE	6,689,728	
RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW	2	10
ESTIMATED VALUE	405,000	1,850,500
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS	31	340
NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS	0	2
COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS	3	43
SIGNS	1	12
POOL PERMITS	1	6
SHED PERMITS	0	19
SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED	2	26
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements)	69,905	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED	6	77
UNITS CONNECTED TO TOWN SEWER	1	17
HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS	3	41
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
SIGN VIOLATIONS	49	392
VEHICLES/WASTE	0	9
OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	1	15
PENDING LITIGATION	0	1
CASES RESOLVED	3	18

Groton Public Library
Monthly Report
April 2016

Library Activities

- About 800 people attended the author presentation by Bryan Stevenson for *One Book* on April 4 at Connecticut College.
- Volunteers were honored at a tea on April 13 where it was announced that volunteer Terry Ziegler was the winner of CLA's 2016 Edith B. Nettleton Award for outstanding volunteer service. She received the award at the annual conference on April 22. Ms. Ziegler's service was highlighted in *The Day* on 4/15/16.
- Over 100 people participated in the 10th annual Edible Books Festival on April 3. The event is jointly sponsored by the Friends' groups from Groton's three libraries.

Projects

- Attended several meetings to help plan the CT Submarine Century activities that will take place during the week of July 4 – 9.
- Participated in conference call to organize the panel for the "Surviving BRAC" presentation on May 4 at UConn Avery Point.
- Communicated with the Trillium Garden Club to plan for the placement of one of the subs from the CT Sub Trail in the planter in front of the Library. The Garden Club maintains the planter and has agreed to design plantings to complement the new addition.
- Attended meeting of the Advisory Council for Library Planning & Development in Middletown on April 13.
- Prepared and submitted a Neighborhood Assistance Act application that proposes an energy-savings update to the lighting system in the GMTV studio.

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - MONTHLY STATISTICS

	APRIL 16	APRIL 15
Number of Library Visits	20723	18740
Circulation Statistics		
Total	25169	26339
Adult print	12118	12680
Adult nonprint	5060	5471
Children print	6176	6309
Children nonprint	1094	1295
e Books and magazines	529	429
Downloadable audio	186	146
Downloadable video	6	9
Nonresident usage	7339	7668
Internet Use		
Public computers	4612	5187
Wireless	1396	1750
Public/Wireless Computer Prints	10245	16050
Web/Social Media Activity		
Library Home Page	17822	23283
Groton History Online	1480	3306
GMTV	1161	930
Facebook Friends	1788	1384
Interlibrary Loans		
Items received	264	390
Items loaned	387	512
New Patron Registration		
Adult	122	128
Children	32	35
Community Services		
Programs/Attendance	106/3254	84/2078
Adult	53/1688	46/776
Children	48/1502	32/1267
Young adult	5/64	6/35
Meeting Room		
Nonprofit	183	161
Profit	0	0
Materials Added to Collection		
Adult print	734	769
Adult nonprint	95	84
Children print	141	216
Children nonprint	21	31
Video Services		
Programs produced	17	16
Programming hours aired	562	495
Town/Library messages posted	67	53

PARKS AND RECREATION



Directors Report *April*

Planning/Coordination

Continued meeting with Mayor about plans for sub-century week events in Groton. Presented budget to Town Council, RTM sub-committee and full RTM. Attended Pequot Woods annual board meeting. Worked with a couple of different volunteer groups to coordinate various community service projects. • Hiked Mystic Park property with Assistant Director of Planning to discuss future hiking trails. Met with Little League President to go over proposed work at Calvin Burrows, submitted Administrative Site Plan for approval of proposed work.

Marketing/Promotion

Working with Marketing Coordinator to make changes to Senior Center Web page incorporating suggestion from webpage analysis by LERN • Discussed with President of Women's Club hosting a special event to attract "latent" women golfers to the course. • Met with principle of Northeast Academy to plan Arbor Day celebration.

Communications

Listened to proposal from resident that is interested in developing a disc golf facility in Groton.

Personnel

Weekly meetings with division supervisors • Biweekly and monthly meetings with department staff. Met with park staff to discuss park operations.

Projects

Working with parks staff to complete installation of Wood Walk playground on Murphy's Drive. Met with Noank Zoning Administrator to get approval to put sand on volleyball courts and allow mobile vending at Esker Point Beach • Finalizing details on the economic impact study by Camoin Associates of hosting tournaments.

Marketing April

Marketing Publications

Unveiled the new design and name for the Senior Center newsletter – Discover 55+. The newsletter will now be a bi-monthly publication with a heavier focus on programs and featuring stories and photos of events at the Senior Center.

Completed the Summer issue of the Discover brochure, with 36 pages of summer programs, camps, and special events, including free hikes and more opportunities for all ages to stay active and have fun this summer.

Training and Networking

Attended the CT Governor's Conference on Tourism. The conference featured various presentations and networking opportunities with business owners from around the state. The workshops covered topics such as digital marketing strategies, marketing experiences instead of products, and how to use the new state tourism website as a tool to promote Shennecossett Golf Course as well as the Department's special events.

Recreation *April*

Community Support

Members of the public began lobbying for continued support of P&R programs. Several customers contacted local elected officials to express support for the Parks and Recreation budget and for providing a home for programs once the pending sale of William Seely School is completed.

129 people voted on the band they wanted to see at the Fireworks show at Fort Griswold. Thousands of people view the fireworks there and it is the largest spectator event of the year drawing people from the entire region.

Program Excellence

The 2nd Annual Spring Karate Shiai was held at William Seely School with 79 participants. The Shiai is a tournament that provides students with an opportunity to compete in blocker sparring, kata (routine exercises), and sparring. The event was hosted by Sensei Ralph Batty, IOGKF and arbitrated by Sensei Chris deWit, IOGKF. These tournaments provide opportunities for students in our program as well as others coming to the community to participate. Groton is quickly becoming known as a vibrant and successful program for Karate in the IOGKF organization and that is good news for future events that will attract even more participants from outside our community.

Social Equity

Groton Parks and Recreation hosted a Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Fitch High School. In addition to funding the event, 15 volunteers from the Knights of Columbus Council #1943, The Reverend John F. Murphy in Mystic, CT, kept score, served refreshment and distributed awards, and the FHS basketball players volunteered to referee the games. The round-robin formatted event featured teams from Groton, West Hartford and Griswold. A total of 75 athletes participated.

Community Health and Wellness

Preschool programs that happen weekday mornings at William Seely School provide needed socialization and learning opportunities for children. Programs focus on physical activity, socialization, art, learning and discovery. They also set the foundation for children to begin to learn about others and how to belong to a community.



This is why I love my job. These guys were learning so much. How sticky is that paper? If I press harder will something stick? What happens when I mix these two colors together? What happens when you put vinegar into baking soda. How do I use an eye dropper? ~ Faith R, instructor

These programs also provide vital connection opportunities for parents as they raise their children. Friendships are begun, help and advice is shared, and the community becomes more healthy and connected.

Senior Center *April*

Foster Health and Wellness

- The following clinics were held in April: Foot Care Clinic –16; clinic – 93 • Massage therapy – 35 appointments – 2

Coordinate Benefits Assistance/Services

- Boomers program on Mindfulness Meditation – 19 persons attended.
- Benefits Check Up – 6, CHOICES health insurance counseling 5 clients.
- AARP Tax Assistance – 18 participants.

Encourage Senior Independence

- Provided 413 rides for 72 individuals • The Coastal Café provided 1961 meals and generated revenue of \$8665.15 • Art & Science Fitness offered a free talk on Strength Training for Cyclists • AARP Safe Driving Course had 18 participants

Create Community Connections

- Senior Learning Network – sessions held included Stargazing with 12 participants; Found Object Art with the Smithsonian with 11 participants and FDRoosevelt from the FDR Library and Museum with 7 participants.
- Groton Rotary held an April Fool's Day dinner for 80 people.
- Club 55 selected four high school seniors each to receive a \$500 scholarship award.
- Volunteer 582.77 hours by 39 individual. The Spring Fling luncheon was held to honor volunteers.
- The Center's offsite program of Mind Aerobics at Fairview had 10 people attend this month.
- The "Senior Prom" was held with the "As Time Goes By" swing orchestra. 70 attended
- Monthly program at Claude Chester had 9 seniors and 18 students planting flowers.

Trips

- Broadway Picks – 11 • Newport Playhouse – 24 • Portugal – 5 people
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRAVEL – three hikes were held – 4/6 Coogan Farm Hike, 18 participants; Groton Utilities Hike, 12 participants; Devil's Hopyard, 20 participants

Projects

- Staff attended training sessions on Fundraising and also on Technology.
- A survey of users was offered by posting questions around the facility for participants to answer.
- Club selling Barbie dolls and planning Tea for June.
- A change in newsletter name was unveiled – Discover 55



Parks *April*

Resource Protection

Trail clearing in Pequot Woods.

Preventative Maintenance

Playgrounds were inspected and more repairs done to, Mystic Academy, William Seely, Stanton Farms, both Deerfield Glen and Ridge. A fence has been installed at Woodcrest for the protection of the public. • Safety surface material has been added to several playgrounds around Town.

Ongoing Maintenance

Tasks that are completed on a daily, weekly or seasonal basis including: mowing and trimming, parks, athletic fields, cemeteries and public buildings. Landscaping, lining and grooming ball fields, trash collection, leaf removal and sidewalk snow removal. Additional tasks include providing support services for recreation program and events. Picnic tables and trash cans have been returned to the parks.

Projects

Repair glass in the roller hockey rink. Drill holes to set new sign in concrete at PPP. Repair railings at Noank Dock. Install mobi mat at Esker Point beach, mats provide accessibility to the water for mobility challenged individuals.

Groton was recognized as a Tree City for the 21st consecutive year. Groton is one of 20 communities in CT that are recognized as a Tree City. A Cherokee Brave Dogwood was planted at Northeast Academy School for Arbor Day.

Staff power washed concession building at Esker Point Beach in preparation of volunteer group painting the exterior of the building.

Work began on the relocating the playground at Wood Walk Park on Murphy's Drive. The playground is being relocated to a safer area within the park.



Shennecossett Golf *April*

Contribute to Economic Development

Marketing/Promotion

Facebook has been utilized to market the course.

Course is advertising with CT Golfer this season.

Shennecossett was ranked 7th best public course in the state by Golfweek magazine.

Shennecossett won first place in The Day's 2016 Best of Readers Choice Awards for best golf course and best golf hole (16).

Course Operations

Sanding and painting of course supplies has been completed; all golf course supplies have been put out on the course.

Tree trimming and some brush cutting was completed this month.

Debris cleanup around the course has continued.

Sand was added to bunkers on holes 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, and 18.

8th tee was opened at the beginning of the month.

Greens were verticut.

Greens were topdressed and aerated at the end of the month.

Greens were treated with fungicide and fertilizer on 4/15.

Tees, fairways, and green banks were fertilized.

Irrigation system was charged and there were only a few minor issues that needed to be resolved upon startup.

A new sign was installed directing players to the port-o-let on the 15th hole.

This April the course played 1242 greens fees, 765 cart fees, and 741 season pass rounds.

Season passes sold were 121. The course was closed 2 days, with 9 weather days.

Last April had 1931 greens fees, 946 cart fees, and 946 season pass rounds. Season passes sold were 142. The course was closed 0, with 7 weather days.

Revenue this April was \$34,328 greens fees, \$10,885 cart fees, \$150,302 season pass fees, and \$3,000 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$198,515.

Revenue last April was \$52,881 greens fees, \$12,020 cart fees, \$169,481 season pass fees, and \$2,900 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$237,282.

Projects

The Town is waiting for funding to be released from the State so we can schedule the CIP project to restore bunkers on the thirteenth hole.

Documentation was submitted to Audubon International to become recertified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.