

# ***TOWN COUNCIL***

## ***WEEKLY STATUS REPORT***

June 16, 2016

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Charter Revision Commission Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR2
- Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

### TOUR DE NOANK 5K UPDATE

Three hundred runners participated in the annual Tour de Noank 5K on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Participants came from all across Connecticut and several other neighboring states. The farthest participants came from Texas and Arizona.

The race generated several hundred dollars toward supporting Groton Parks and Recreation's special needs programs and also other events like this one. These types of events bring people to the community in support of the local economy.

### OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a copy of the Town Attorney invoice for the month of April.
2. Attachment 2 is a flyer from Field of Greens for the Groton City Farmers' Market being held on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., July through October, at Washington Park. For more information please call 860-625-4896.
3. Attachment 3 is an invitation from the Groton Police Department for their Citizen Police Academy from July 6<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>. Each session will run on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Groton Town Police Department, 68 Groton Long Point Road. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have an interest in the function of law. Please contact Investigator Lauren Fippinger at 860-449-7182 or [lfippinger@groton-ct.gov](mailto:lfippinger@groton-ct.gov) to apply for a spot or for more information about this program.

## MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

### 1. Office of Planning and Development (April):

- The Office of Planning and Development Services welcomed Sam Eisenbeiser as the Town's new Economic Development Specialist.
- The Director of Planning and Development attended a National Planning Conference in Arizona.
- Work began on the Central Hall building in downtown Mystic.
- Staff met a number of times with brewers planning on opening a nano brewery on Water Street.
- The Zoning Commission approved a number of regulation amendments that reduce parking requirements in Mystic and allow some flexibility in landscape and buffer standards.
- The Inland Wetlands Agency approved a permit to construct a U-Haul retail and self-storage facility at 187 Gold Star Highway.
- The Planning Commission approved a new water storage tank for the Aquarion Water Company on the Northeast Academy property.
- A scope of work was developed to produce a "Doing Business in Groton" guide modeled on the recently published Norwich guide.

Attachments

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Via email [clandry@groton-ct.gov](mailto:clandry@groton-ct.gov)  
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Re: Town of Groton  
April 2016 Invoices  
Invoice Date: May 23, 2016

Carolyn P. Kelly  
Kristi D. Kelly

Dear Cindy:

Robert B. Keville  
Roger T. Scully  
Matthew Shafner  
Robert G. Tukey

Enclosed please find the client summary sheets and invoices for services rendered and costs advanced during the April 2016 billing period.

In Memoriam  
Andrew J. Brand  
James F. Brennan

I trust that you will find the invoices to be in order, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns regarding the enclosed. Thank you for continuing to provide Suisman Shapiro the opportunity to be of service to the Town of Groton.

James J. Courtney  
L. Patrick Gray, III

Very truly yours,

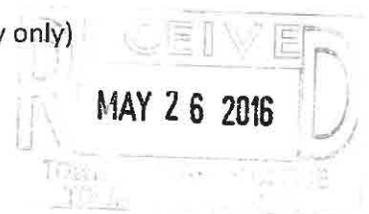
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Enclosures

cc: Mark Oefinger, Town Manager (Enclosure: Client Summary only)



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Invoice Date May 23, 2016  
 Billing Period: April 2016

| Client Summary                                   |  | Matter # | Fees      | Costs   | Credits   | Sub-Total | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------|--|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Freedom of Information                           |  | 599      | \$ 255.00 | \$ 4.25 | \$ (4.25) | \$ 255.00 |       |
| FOIC - Ramos v Chief, Groton Police Dept and TOG |  | 53770    | \$ 45.00  | \$ -    | \$ -      | \$ 45.00  |       |
| Sub-total                                        |  |          | \$ 300.00 | \$ 4.25 | \$ (4.25) | \$ 300.00 |       |

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Sub-total

Labor, Employment and Pension

| Labor Miscellaneous                            |  | Matter # | Fees        | Costs | Credits       | Sub-Total   | Total |
|------------------------------------------------|--|----------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| GMEA General Labor File                        |  | 9        | \$ 2,340.00 | \$ -  | \$ (700.00)   | \$ 1,640.00 |       |
| Police General Labor File                      |  | 28817    | \$ 525.00   | \$ -  | \$ -          | \$ 525.00   |       |
| Public Works (Steelworkers) General Labor File |  | 30907    | \$ 330.00   | \$ -  | \$ -          | \$ 330.00   |       |
| 2015 Steelworkers Negotiations                 |  | 31402    | \$ 1,725.00 | \$ -  | \$ (400.00)   | \$ 1,325.00 |       |
| 2016 Police Negotiations                       |  | 52187    | \$ 2,415.00 | \$ -  | \$ (515.00)   | \$ 1,900.00 |       |
| 2016 GMEA Negotiations                         |  | 53400    | \$ 435.00   | \$ -  | \$ -          | \$ 435.00   |       |
| Sub-total                                      |  | 53401    | \$ 1,005.00 | \$ -  | \$ -          | \$ 1,005.00 |       |
|                                                |  |          | \$ 8,775.00 | \$ -  | \$ (1,615.00) | \$ 7,160.00 |       |

Land Use/Zoning

| Matter #  | Fees        | Costs     | Credits     | Sub-Total   |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1309      | \$ 1,710.00 | \$ 8.08   | -           | \$ 1,718.08 |
| 37245     | \$ 30.00    | -         | -           | \$ 30.00    |
| 43268     | \$ 120.00   | -         | -           | \$ 120.00   |
| 43340     | \$ 30.00    | -         | -           | \$ 30.00    |
| 45367     | -           | \$ 36.36  | -           | \$ 36.36    |
| 48090     | \$ 75.00    | -         | -           | \$ 75.00    |
| 48460     | \$ 3,570.00 | \$ 69.00  | \$ (670.00) | \$ 2,969.00 |
| 48788     | \$ 2,715.00 | -         | -           | \$ 2,715.00 |
| 49686     | \$ 210.00   | -         | -           | \$ 210.00   |
| 49691     | \$ 345.00   | -         | -           | \$ 345.00   |
| Sub-total | \$ 8,805.00 | \$ 113.44 | \$ (670.00) | \$ 8,248.44 |

Miscellaneous

| Matter #  | Fees        | Costs    | Credits | Sub-Total   |
|-----------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|
| 1653      | \$ 5,475.00 | \$ 13.05 | -       | \$ 5,488.05 |
| 48330     | \$ 90.00    | -        | -       | \$ 90.00    |
| 52008     | \$ 210.00   | -        | -       | \$ 210.00   |
| Sub-total | \$ 5,775.00 | \$ 13.05 | -       | \$ 5,788.05 |

**Miscellaneous Litigation/Administrative Hearings**

|                                                  | Matter # | Fees        | Costs   | Credits | Sub-Total   |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Sedensky, John - Administrative Appeal           | 50910    | \$ -        | \$ 9.77 | \$ -    | \$ 9.77     |
| Coughlin, Daniel & Linda d/b/a Married in Mystic | 51341    | \$ 510.00   | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 510.00   |
| OPDS - Pettini Contracting Corp. - Arbitration   | 51403    | \$ 645.00   | \$ -    | \$ -    | \$ 645.00   |
| Sub-total                                        |          | \$ 1,155.00 | \$ 9.77 | \$ -    | \$ 1,164.77 |

**Assessment Appeals**

|                                         | Matter # | Fees        | Costs    | Credits | Sub-Total   |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|
| Miscellaneous Assessment Appeal Matters | 1782     | \$ 630.00   | \$ 29.83 | \$ -    | \$ 659.83   |
| Pfizer, Inc.                            | 51561    | \$ 255.00   | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 255.00   |
| 20 Academy Lane, LLC                    | 52666    | \$ 60.00    | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 60.00    |
| Archland Property I, LLC                | 52818    | \$ 150.00   | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 150.00   |
| PPM Financial, LLC c/o R Patel          | 52819    | \$ 15.00    | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 15.00    |
| Kohl's Dept. Stores, Inc.               | 52821    | \$ 255.00   | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 255.00   |
| Sub-total                               |          | \$ 1,365.00 | \$ 29.83 | \$ -    | \$ 1,394.83 |

Tax Issues/Foreclosures

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| Matter #                                         | Fees        | Costs       | Credits | Sub-Total   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Miscellaneous Tax Collection/Foreclosure Matters |             |             |         |             |
| Irvin, Jonathan                                  | 1,740.00 \$ | -           | -       | 1,740.00 \$ |
| Henk, LLC / Armstrong, Kathy                     | 60.00 \$    | -           | -       | 60.00 \$    |
| Dinoto, Anthony C. & Susan S.P.                  | 165.00 \$   | -           | -       | 165.00 \$   |
| Jones, Mose L. & Gayle B.                        | 60.00 \$    | -           | -       | 60.00 \$    |
| Syrakis/213 Thames Inc. (213 Thames St.)         | 210.00 \$   | -           | -       | 210.00 \$   |
| Tavares, Steven A. [295 Benham Road]             | 1,560.00 \$ | -           | -       | 1,560.00 \$ |
| Beebe, Gary                                      | 90.00 \$    | -           | -       | 90.00 \$    |
| Velletri, Bruce F. & Laura J.                    | 270.00 \$   | -           | -       | 270.00 \$   |
| Ivinto, Frederick (87 George Ave & Joe Ave)      | 315.00 \$   | 96.78       | -       | 411.78 \$   |
| Lowe, Kevin M (146 Allen Street)                 | 30.00 \$    | -           | -       | 30.00 \$    |
| Marguiles, Arthur (90 Meryl Court)               | 180.00 \$   | 532.35      | -       | 712.35 \$   |
| Murphy, Glen Scot                                | 165.00 \$   | 669.56      | -       | 834.56 \$   |
| Stark, Michael S. (301 Gold Star Hwy)            | 660.00 \$   | 127.75      | -       | 787.75 \$   |
| Irvin, Jonathan E. (8 Linda Court)               | 45.00 \$    | -           | -       | 45.00 \$    |
| Lowe, Estate of Kevin (28 Quincy Court)          | 60.00 \$    | -           | -       | 60.00 \$    |
| Capone, Estate of John J.                        | 30.00 \$    | 15.02       | -       | 45.02 \$    |
| Henk, LLC / c/o Armstrong, Kathy (84 Route 27)   | 480.00 \$   | 275.00      | -       | 755.00 \$   |
| 53760 \$                                         | 120.00 \$   | -           | -       | 120.00 \$   |
| Sub-total                                        | 6,240.00 \$ | 1,716.46 \$ | -       | 7,956.46 \$ |

Workers Compensation

| Matter #                          | Fees        | Costs   | Credits | Sub-Total   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Workers' Compensation Issues      |             |         |         |             |
| Coreas, Norma A. (DOI 03-15-2011) | 30.00 \$    | -       | -       | 30.00 \$    |
| Coreas, Norma A. (DOI 02-03-2012) | 247.50 \$   | -       | -       | 247.50 \$   |
| Fleming III, William              | 15.00 \$    | -       | -       | 15.00 \$    |
| Matzdorff, Stephen M.             | 15.00 \$    | -       | -       | 15.00 \$    |
| Corso, Jennifer                   | 15.00 \$    | -       | -       | 15.00 \$    |
| Coreas, Norma                     | 112.50 \$   | -       | -       | 112.50 \$   |
| Figuroa, Magdalena M.             | 7.50 \$     | -       | -       | 7.50 \$     |
| Starling, Marcus                  | 825.00 \$   | -       | -       | 825.00 \$   |
| Bonanno, James (WCC)              | 255.00 \$   | -       | -       | 255.00 \$   |
| 53812 \$                          | 75.00 \$    | 3.00 \$ | -       | 78.00 \$    |
| Sub-total                         | 1,597.50 \$ | 3.00 \$ | -       | 1,600.50 \$ |

**FINAL TOTAL**

**\$ 33,613.05**

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# TOWN OF GROTON

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
June 14, 2016

## Groton Town Police Department Citizens Police Academy

Chief L. J. Fusaro announced that the Groton Town Police Department will be hosting a Citizens Police Academy this summer. This will be the tenth session of this program, which is designed to provide citizens and community stakeholders with a greater insight into policing and law enforcement operations.

Participants will be introduced to different aspects of law enforcement functions including patrol, community policing, investigative services and many other aspects of modern policing. This program is designed to allow participants to become familiar with their police department's personnel and to demonstrate to Groton residents the responsibilities and training requirements of their police officers. Participants will be involved in hands on instruction including a capstone "ride-a-long" shift with a Field Training Officer.

This 6 week program will be held on Wednesday evenings, from July 6 through August 10, 2016 at Groton Town Police Department; 68 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT. Each session will run from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

**Seating is limited** and applicants 18 years and older with an interest in the function of law enforcement are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to Town of Groton residents. Interested people can contact Investigator Lauren Fippinger at 860-449-7182 or [lfippinger@groton-ct.gov](mailto:lfippinger@groton-ct.gov) for an application.

**Notice:** All applicants will be subject to criminal history and motor vehicle history checks. Submission of this application signifies your understanding and acceptance of these terms. Submission of an application does **not** guarantee your acceptance into the Citizens' Police Academy.

###END###

# OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

April 2016

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sam Eisenbeiser was hired as the town's Economic Development Specialist. Sam comes to Groton from a similar position in North Stonington. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and holds a Masters of Community Planning from the University of Rhode Island.

The Director attended the national Planning Conference where he participated in a number of sessions regarding economic development, the need for additional housing types and price points for middle income people, signage law and wayfinding. He also attended a day-long planning management seminar that was incredibly useful in learning new strategies with which to annoy his staff. The biggest takeaway from the conference was learning from municipalities across the country that are dealing successfully with many of the same issues that Groton is trying to address. These municipalities are examining their local market economy, implementing strategies to enhance their sense of place, and simplifying regulations.



**Sift, a new bakery in Mystic. Sift was issued its Certificate of Occupancy. The much anticipated business will open in early May.**

Work finally began in earnest on the Central Hall building in downtown Mystic. The old piles and decking were removed and work began on the installation of new piles to provide a foundation for the new building.

Department staff met a number of times with brewers planning on opening a nano brewery on Water Street in Mystic.

## COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

### Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission approved a number of regulation amendments that reduces parking requirements in Mystic and allow some flexibility in landscape and buffer standards. The Commission also approved modifications to the Whittle Earth Processing facility special permit that resolves on-going litigation.

### Inland Wetlands Agency

The Wetland Agency approved a permit to construct a U-Haul retail and self-storage facility at 187 Gold Star Highway. This new project will be developed with a number stormwater treatment facilities and with a large, undisturbed area preserved around the wetlands.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission approved a new water storage tank for the Aquarion Water Company on the Northeast Academy property. This tank will replace an aging, undersized tank on Nantucket Avenue. The new tank will address water supply issues identified by the Fire Marshal during the site plan review process for Northeast Academy.

## ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A scope of work was developed to produce a "Doing Business in Groton" guide modeled on the recently published Norwich guide. Department staff are working with Norwich Community Development Corporation to develop this document geared toward helping new businesses navigate the complicated Groton regulatory landscape.

Division staff met a number of times with representatives of the Connecticut Department of Transportation about their project to replace aging signage on I-95 from the Gold Star

| Land Use Applications                  | This Month | *Fiscal Year to Date |
|----------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Site Plans                             | 1          | 17                   |
| Subdivisions                           |            | 1                    |
| Inland Wetland Permits                 |            | 7                    |
| Special Permits                        | 2          | 2                    |
| Regulation/Map Amendments              |            | 1                    |
| Variances/Appeals                      |            | 9                    |
| Cert. of Appr. of Location             |            | 1                    |
| Coastal Site Plans                     | 1          | 5                    |
| Administrative Site Plans              |            | 17                   |
| <b>Land Use Applications Submitted</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>60</b>            |

## INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Total building fees collected for FYE 2016 less reimbursements: \$332,980
- ◇ A foundation only permit was issued to Historic Mystic LLC for the Central Hall project at 18 West Main Street.
- ◇ The Navy Federal Credit Union is undergoing a sizable interior renovation at its 24 Sailfish Drive location. Although the property is owned by the United State Navy, the location of this branch provides building permit revenue for the Town.
- ◇ Certificates of Occupancy were issued for Sift, a new bakery at 5 Water Street, for the Mystic-Noank Library's new exterior staircase at 40 Library Street , and for a so-called "vanilla shell" at 441 Long Hill Road to prepare for a potential tenant at Lighthouse Square.

| ITEM                                       | RECEIVED IN APRIL | FISCAL YEAR 2016 TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| BUILDING PERMITS                           | 62                | 518                    |
| ELECTRICAL PERMITS                         | 32                | 296                    |
| PLUMBING PERMITS                           | 10                | 126                    |
| MECHANICAL PERMITS                         | 22                | 230                    |
| SPRINKLER PERMIT                           | 1                 | 8                      |
| MOBILE HOME PERMITS                        | 2                 | 6                      |
| ESTIMATED VALUE                            | 2,546,268         |                        |
|                                            |                   |                        |
| RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW             | 0                 | 10                     |
| ESTIMATED VALUE                            | 0                 | 1,850,500              |
| RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS          | 44                | 353                    |
| NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS                     | 1                 | 3                      |
| COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS                       | 4                 | 44                     |
| SIGNS                                      | 3                 | 15                     |
| POOL PERMITS                               | 0                 | 5                      |
| SHED PERMITS                               | 3                 | 21                     |
|                                            |                   |                        |
| SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED        | 2                 | 28                     |
| TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements) | 28,457            |                        |
|                                            |                   |                        |
| CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED           | 7                 | 84                     |
| UNITS CONNECTED TO TOWN SEWER              | 6                 | 23                     |
| HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS        | 6                 | 47                     |
|                                            |                   |                        |
| <b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>                    |                   |                        |
| SIGN VIOLATIONS                            | 18                | 361                    |
| VEHICLES/WASTE                             | 0                 | 9                      |
| OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS                  | 3                 | 17                     |
| PENDING LITIGATION                         | 1                 | 2                      |
| CASES RESOLVED                             | 0                 | 15                     |