

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

June 2, 2016

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Monday, June 6th, Charter Revision Commission Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Monday, June 6th, Golf Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m., Spicer House
- Tuesday, June 7th, Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, June 7th, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, June 8th, RTM, 7:30 p.m., Groton Senior Center



DOG LICENSING

During the month of June, all dogs over the age of six months old must be licensed in the State of Connecticut with proof of a current rabies vaccination. The cost of the license is \$8.00 for altered dogs and \$19.00 for unaltered dogs. Please visit the Town Clerk's Office to register your dog, or for more information please call 860-441-6640.

STREETLIGHT CONVERSION PROJECT STATUS

Tanko Lighting completed their inventory and inspection of 1501 Town-owned street lights in the Eversource service area on May 27th (Attachment 1). The inventory and inspection included the Town's municipal parking lots and park lighting in the Groton Utility service area. The information gathered during this process included the type of lighting, wattage, pole mounting, support arm and pole conditions, GPS location, and many other characteristics. This information will be compiled and compared against Town and Eversource street light records. Tanko will then provide a list of issues that will be addressed during the installation of the new lights. Ultimately, the information will be entered into the Town GIS system providing a more complete picture of the Town's lighting stock.

Once the reconciliation of the information is done, Tanko will prepare a street lighting photometric map and replacement plan from which a project cost estimate will be developed. The lighting and financing plans are expected to be presented to the Town Council later this summer for approval prior to proceeding with the installation of the new street lights.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Revision Commission will meet for its first public hearing on June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1. The Commission encourages the public to attend and share their input as they prepare to update the Town Charter.

THE HISTORY OF ELECTRIC BOAT

The Connecticut Submarine Century Lecture Series continues on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Public Library with "The History of Electric Boat."

Tom Plante, Electric Boat's Director of Strategic Planning, will explain how Electric Boat was established and trace its growth during two world wars. The story of the development of the world's first nuclear-powered submarine and subsequent submarine classes will be recounted. In 2014, the U.S. Navy awarded Electric Boat a \$17.6 billion contract for the construction of 10 additional Virginia-class submarines, the largest contract ever given by the Navy. Join us to

hear another chapter in the story of how Groton became the “Submarine Capital of the World.”

DINING IN THE DEEP – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Once again ten lucky participants will be chosen in a drawing to experience Dining in the Deep: Food Preparation, Food Service and Life of the Culinary Specialist aboard a Submarine. The drawing winners will visit a Virginia Class Submarine Galley Replica Trainer and also watch food preparation and dine there on June 15th at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited to ten attendees and the cost of lunch is \$5.55 per person.

Prospective attendees must register at www.ctsubmarinecentury.com and will be requested to provide their name, age, citizenship, and e-mail/phone contact information. A drawing will be held to determine the lucky winners who will be notified by June 8th.

Designated attendees will meet at the Submarine Force Museum, 1 Crystal Lake Road at least 15 minutes before the lecture time. The attendees will then board a van and be escorted onto the SUBASE by Navy personnel. All attendees must have government photo identification and all must participate in Navy security screening similar to what they might encounter at an airport. This is an open opportunity and designated attendees cannot transfer or sell their allotted space.

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

GROTON COMMUNITY MEALS

Groton Community Meals (GCM) is a non-profit program operating under the auspices of Union Baptist Church in Mystic. GCM is a member program of the United Way Gemma Moran Food Center and has been serving free Monday evening meals in Groton since September 2014.

Starting June 6th, GCM will offer an evening meal from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays of each month. On the 3rd Monday of every month, GCM will serve its meal at Faith Lutheran Church from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Attachment 2).

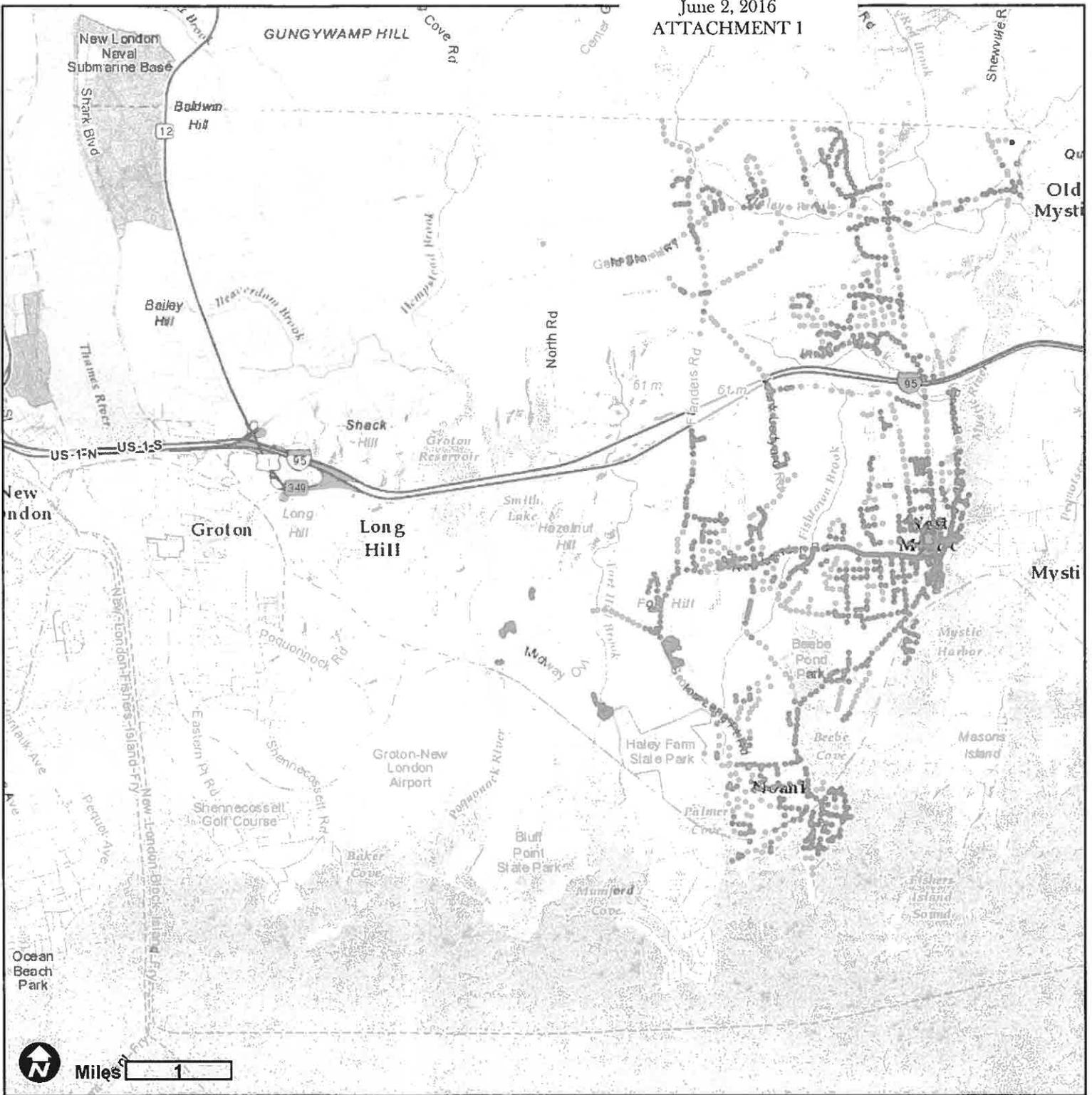
Community volunteers are the backbone of GCM with the Director of Human Services serving as an ex-officio GCM Board member. Groton Human Services provides storage space in its basement for perishable and non-perishable GCM food donations, paper goods and cleaning supplies. Additional storage space has been provided by the Groton Senior Center, along with space for a GCM refrigerator and separate GCM freezer at the site.

Transportation is provided for seniors to the meal sites by the Groton Senior Center van at a cost of \$2.00 per ride. Seniors wishing transportation should call 860-441-6785. This event is open to the public. Anyone interested in donating to GCM or volunteering may call Human Services at 860-441-6760 for more information.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 3 is a flyer from the Groton Community Development Office and AARP regarding their Work and Save event being held on June 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center. This event is free and open to the public.

Attachments
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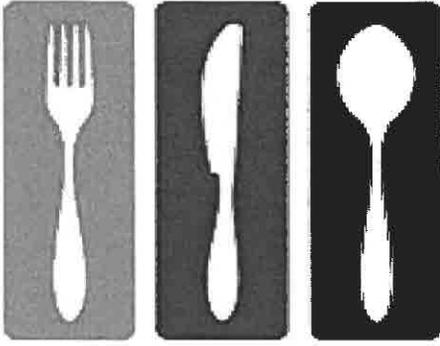
Town of Groton

Audit Report

Streetlight Audit Summary May 22nd - 26th, 2016

- Audit Complete

Total Fixtures (Approx):	1,550	Remaining Fixtures:	49
Fixtures Audited:	1,501	Percent Complete:	97%



Groton Community Meals

Serving Food and Friendship!

FREE

**Monday Dinners
at Two Locations**

in Groton:

1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th

Mondays

GROTON SENIOR CTR.

102 Newtown Rd., Rte.

117, Groton

3rd Mondays

**FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

625 Poquonnock Rd.,

Groton

ATTENTION SENIORS:

**Transportation is available to
and from the meal sites via the
Sr. Ctr. Van ~ Call 860-441-6785**

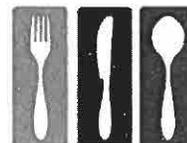
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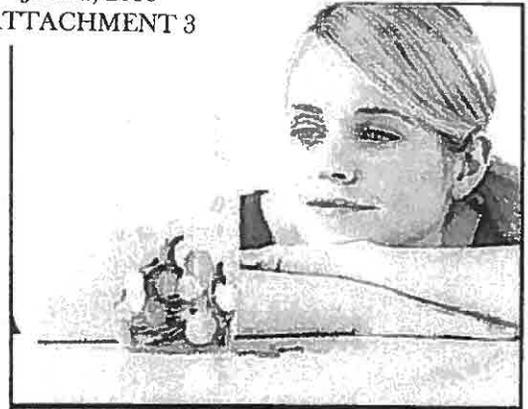
**For more information about
the meal service or making
a donation or volunteering
to help, please call**

860-441-6760

Meal time at both sites:

6:00-7:00PM





Work and Save

The Town of Groton Community Development Office has partnered with AARP, a leading non-profit who will be providing information about tools and programs that can help you live a healthier life, improve your financial security and pursue your passions.

We are going to discuss the dimensions of the retirement savings crisis facing America and here in Connecticut today and how it affects those of us who are retired, those who are in the middle of their working careers and those who are just beginning their careers. In short, how this crisis affects me, my children and my grandchildren.

If we can address this growing retirement crisis, more Americans will be able to create a better more secure retirement for themselves and at the same time save taxpayer dollars by lessening the burden on public assistance programs to help retirees make ends meet.

Learn more about AARP's efforts and what's happening in your state at aarp.org/stateadvocacy

Join us
Monday, June 20th
5:30 PM
Groton Senior Center
52 Newtown Road