

# ***TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT***

July 27, 2016

 Volume 24, No. 30

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Town Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Economic Development Commission, 4:45 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Permanent School Building Committee, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, CR2

## **GFOA'S CAFR AWARD**

The Town of Groton has once again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 (Attachment 1). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Thank you to all department directors and division supervisors for their assistance and contributions to this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Special appreciation is extended to the members of the Finance Department, for their competence and diligence in the continuation of the progressive financial activities of the Town.

## GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER

The Junior Friends of the Groton Public Library, a members-only group of children ages 12 and younger who organize service projects and fundraisers that benefit the Library and the community, are selling boxes of handcrafted, beautifully embellished greeting cards with matching designer envelopes. A box of 30 cards costs \$30.00. Choose from two sets: Thanks and Blanks and All-Occasions. Samples of the cards and order forms are available in the Library's children's room. All proceeds benefit the Groton Public Library. (Attachment 2)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Groton Town Police Department versus the Groton City Police Department Softball Game will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Washington Park. During the softball game there will be free face painting, balloon animals and the ability to "Touch-a-Truck". In addition, Bridge Market will be selling \$1.00 slices of pizza and attendees will be able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win raffle prizes. All proceeds for the raffle will go to the Groton Police Benevolent Association. (Attachment 3)

## GROTON SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

The Groton Senior Center plans trips for not only seniors but for adults and families to enjoy. A few of the upcoming trips include a trip to New York City to see the Whitney Museum of American Art and the High Line Park. The High Line is a 1.45 mile long New York City linear park built in Manhattan on an elevated section of a disused New York Central Railroad spur called the West Side Line. Inspired by the three mile Promenade plantée (tree-lined walkway), a similar project in Paris completed in 1993, the High Line has been redesigned and planted as an aerial greenway and rails to trails park. Also on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> baseball fans will be able to witness Big Papi's final weekend at the Boston Red Sox versus Toronto Blue Jays game. Additional information and game time to be announced.

In addition to day trips, the center plans extended trips including a South American Cruise from January 7 through January 23, 2017. On this cruise attendees will sail from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Valparaiso, Chile while experiencing South America's hottest spots as attendees cruise around Cape Horn. This cruise is the cultural experience of a lifetime. The Senior Center also has presentations on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. for a March 2017 trip to the Tuscany area of Italy and on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for a May 2017

trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan. For more information on upcoming trips, please contact the Senior Center at 860-441-6785.

## OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 4 is a flyer from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for Free Fishing License Day on August 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. Attachment 5 is a monthly invoice from the Town Attorney for the month of June.
3. Attachment 6 is an update from the Office of Planning and Development Services.

## MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

### 1. Parks and Recreation (May):

- The Director worked with different volunteer groups to coordinate various community service projects.
- The Director worked with the Marketing Coordinator to make changes to the Senior Center web page.
- The Director met with the Noank Zoning Administrator to get approval to put sand on the volleyball courts and allow mobile vending at Esker Point Beach.
- Marketing staff completed the 2016 Summer Camp Guide.
- Recreation staff, along with the Boating Advisory Board, planned and supervised Boat Day at Esker Point Beach.
- Parks staff removed debris from Pequot Woods and Sutton Park.
- Shennecossett Golf Course hosted the Groton Special Olympics and the Fitch High School Graduation Party tournaments.

### 2. Parks and Recreation (June):

- The Director continued meeting with the Sub Century planning group about plans for Sub Century week events.
- The Director met with Senior Center staff and the president of Club 55 to discuss replacing the sign in front of the Senior Center with a digital sign.
- The Director interviewed three engineering firms to develop a Beach Sand Management Plan for Esker Point Beach.
- Marketing staff kicked off the 2016 Summer Soundwaves Concert Series at Esker Point Beach on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with Branded.

- Marketing staff recorded a 30 second radio commercial for the 2016 Tour de Noank 5K Road Race and Kids Fun Run.
- Recreation summer camp staff members underwent training allowing them to administer insulin injections, paving the way for children with insulin dependent diabetes to attend summer camp.
- The Groton Community Meals program began at the Senior Center on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks staff repaired the dugouts and installed new pitcher mounds at Burrows Little League Field.
- Shennecossett Golf Course hosted the Groton Rotary Club, Groton Little League, Groton City Police, the Connecticut State Police Society and the Groton Elks tournaments.

Attachments  
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Weekly Status Report  
July 28, 2016  
ATTACHMENT 1

July 15, 2016

Mark R. Oefinger  
Town Manager  
Town of Groton  
45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton CT 06340

Dear Mr. Oefinger:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended **June 30, 2015** qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An award for the Certificate of Achievement has been mailed to:

**Cindy R. Landry**  
**Director of Finance**

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org).

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,  
Government Finance Officers Association

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director

Technical Services Center

SJG/ds



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NEWS RELEASE

For Information contact:  
Stephen Gauthier (312) 977-9700

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An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

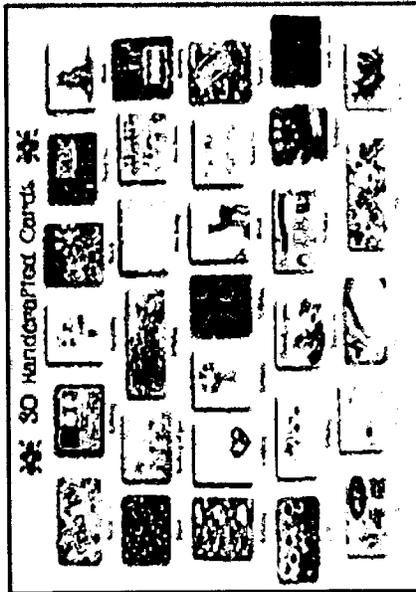
**Finance Department, Town of Groton**

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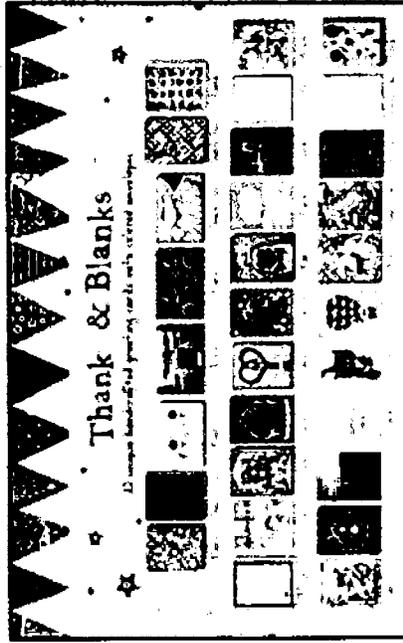
The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

The Junior Friends of the Groton Public Library present:

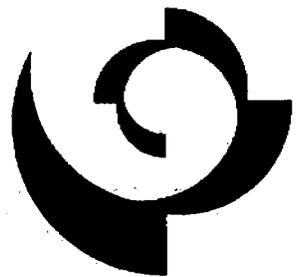
# A Greeting Card Sale



\$30 for a box of  
30 handcrafted  
card with  
designer  
envelopes.



**PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!**



**All proceeds benefit  
the Junior Friends.**

Call Miss Kim at 860-441-6750 or  
for more information.





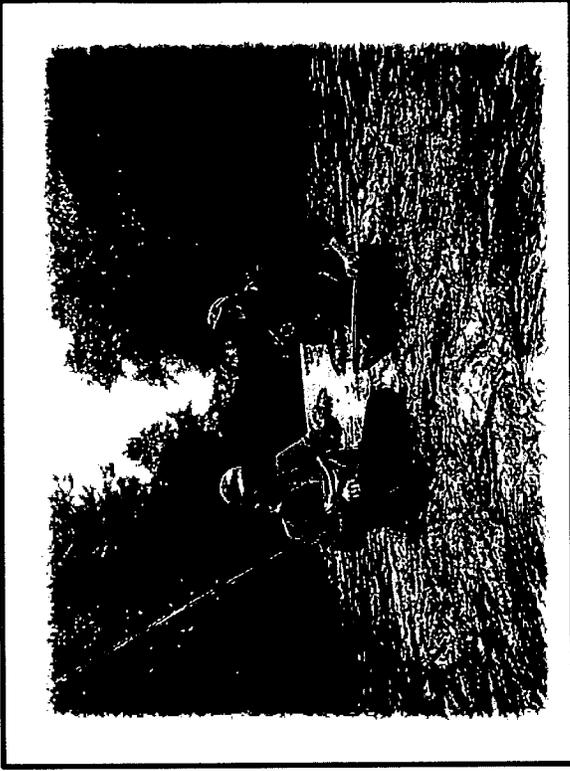
**Come out with your family to support your local Groton police officers as they compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town vs. City Softball Game. There will be something for everyone! Balloon animals, face painting and “Touch-a-Truck” free to the public. Also, raffle prizes and \$1 slices of pizza. All raffle prize money goes to the Groton Town Police Benvolent Association.**

**WHERE: Washington Park, Groton, CT**

**WHEN: August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

**[www.summerinthecitygroton.com](http://www.summerinthecitygroton.com)**

**[www.facebook.com/grotonpd](http://www.facebook.com/grotonpd)**



# FREE FISHING!

**This year don't fish alone!**

**Free Fishing License Day  
Saturday- August 13, 2016**

**Don't wait. Get your free 1-day license here now then make plans to "catch" up with your buddies.**

\*The free 1-day fishing license will be available approximately 3 weeks prior to each of the dates. The free 1-day license can be obtained online via the sportsmen licensing system. [www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing)



# Fishing is Better with Buddies!

**Re-connect with friends and go fishing – ON US!**

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# CONTACT US

For more information about Free Fishing Day, Free Fishing License Days or fishing in general please contact a DEEP Inland Fisheries office near you.



Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Bureau of Natural Resources, Inland Fisheries Division 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Hartford Fisheries 860-424-3474  
Eastern District 860-295-9523  
Western District 860-485-0226  
Litchfield Office 860-567-8998



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or scan this QR code

Visit our fishing page online at:

[www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing)

or keep in touch via Facebook



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July 20, 2016

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[Via email clandry@groton-ct.gov](mailto:clandry@groton-ct.gov)  
Ms. Cindy Landry, Finance Director  
Town of Groton  
45 Fort Hill Road  
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Eric W. Callahan  
Michael P. Carey  
John A. Collins, III  
Jeanette M. Dostie

Eileen C. Duggan

Bryan P. Fiengo

Re: Town of Groton  
June 2016 Invoices  
Invoice Date: July 19, 2016

Jeffrey W. Hill

Ryan W. Jaziri

Carolyn P. Kelly

Dear Cindy:

Kristi D. Kelly

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

Robert B. Keville

Roger T. Scully

Matthew Shafner

Robert G. Tukey

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.

In Memoriam

Andrew J. Brand

James F. Brennan

James J. Courtney

L. Patrick Gray, III

Very truly yours,

Michael V. Sage



Max M. Shapiro

Eileen C. Duggan

Charles J. Suisman

Louis C. Wool

:lmd

Of Counsel

Enclosures

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Richard A. Schatz

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

Thomas B. Wilson

*A Tradition of Innovative Solutions*

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 P.O. BOX 1591  
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Town of Groton  
 45 Fort Hill Road  
 Groton, CT 06320

Invoice Date July 19, 2016  
 Billing Period: Jun-16

Client Summary	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total	Total
<u>Freedom of Information</u>						
FOIC - Ramos v Chief, Groton PD and TOG	53770	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00	
Sub-total		\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
<u>Labor, Employment and Pension</u>						
Labor Miscellaneous	9	\$ 5,715.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,715.00	
GMEA General Labor File	28817	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00	
Police General Labor File	30907	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165.00	
2015 Steelworkers Negotiations	52187	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	
2015 GMEA Negotiations	52188	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00	
2016 Police Negotiations	53400	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	
2016 GMEA Negotiations	53401	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330.00	
Sub-total		\$ 10,170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,170.00

**Land Use/Zoning**

	<b>Matter #</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Sub-Total</b>
Office of Planning & Development Services Misc.	1309	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00
Cheshire, Dee (2222 Gold Star Hwy)	43268	\$ 690.00	\$ 45.40	\$ -	\$ 735.40
Groton Zoning/Wetland Enforcement - Misc.	43340	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Community of Hope 120 Walker Hill Road	48460	\$ 780.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 780.00
Whittle, Robert F., William T., & Richard A - 2nd Appeal	48788	\$ 555.00	\$ 43.48	\$ -	\$ 598.48
Mayer, Robert - Appeal from Groton Historic District	49112	\$ 6,525.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,525.00
Mayer, Robert & Mary Pat - 2nd Appeal	49691	\$ 2,535.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,535.00
Sub-total		\$ 11,340.00	\$ 88.88	\$ -	\$ 11,428.88

**Miscellaneous**

	<b>Matter #</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Sub-Total</b>
Miscellaneous (General)	1653	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 32.82	\$ -	\$ 1,682.82
Ethics Code 2009- 2010	45626	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00
Branford Manor, Proposed Tax Incentive Agreement 2016	53837	\$ 315.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315.00
Sub-total		\$ 2,010.00	\$ 32.82	\$ -	\$ 2,042.82

**Miscellaneous Litigation/Administrative Hearings**

	<b>Matter #</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Sub-Total</b>
Coughlin, Daniel & Linda d/b/a Married in Mystic	51341	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
OPDS - Pettini Contracting Corp. - Arbitration	51403	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00
Sub-total		\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00

**Assessment Appeals**

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Miscellaneous Assessment Appeal Matters				
1782 \$	885.00 \$	-	-	885.00 \$
Groton Long Point				
49522 \$	345.00 \$	-	-	345.00 \$
20 Academy Lane, LLC				
52666 \$	1,440.00 \$	6.00 \$	-	1,446.00 \$
Archland Property I, LLC				
52818 \$	30.00 \$	-	-	30.00 \$
PPM Financial, LLC c/o R Patel				
52819 \$	210.00 \$	-	-	210.00 \$
Tranococeanic Motors, Ltd.				
53872 \$	15.00 \$	-	-	15.00 \$
Sub-total	\$ 2,925.00 \$	6.00 \$	-	\$ 2,931.00

**Tax Issues/Foreclosures**

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
DeLuio, Donata et al				
32220 \$	45.00 \$	-	-	45.00 \$
Miscellaneous Tax Collection/Foreclosure Matters				
41088 \$	1,230.00 \$	-	-	1,230.00 \$
Liberty Investors Inc.				
44735 \$	150.00 \$	350.00 \$	-	500.00 \$
Irvin, Jonathan				
45330 \$	120.00 \$	-	-	120.00 \$
Jones, Mose L. & Gayle B.				
49989 \$	105.00 \$	-	-	105.00 \$
Syragakis/213 Thames Inc. (213 Thames St.)				
51327 \$	1,125.00 \$	-	-	1,125.00 \$
Beebe, Gary				
51711 \$	195.00 \$	1,834.53 \$	-	2,029.53 \$
Martinez, Mary Ann				
52329 \$	75.00 \$	-	-	75.00 \$
Ilvento, Frederick (87 George Ave & Joe Ave)				
52499 \$	165.00 \$	-	-	165.00 \$
Lowe, Kevin M (146 Allen Street)				
52500 \$	30.00 \$	-	-	30.00 \$
Marguiles, Arthur (90 Meryl Court)				
52501 \$	30.00 \$	-	-	30.00 \$
Murphy, Glen Scot				
52503 \$	75.00 \$	-	-	75.00 \$
Khan, Richard (DECD)				
53233 \$	330.00 \$	-	-	330.00 \$
Ilvento, Frederick (Joe Avenue)				
53262 \$	165.00 \$	-	-	165.00 \$
Irvin, Jonathan E. (8 Linda Court)				
53270 \$	120.00 \$	-	-	120.00 \$
Blinn, Joseph				
53461 \$	45.00 \$	-	-	45.00 \$
Capone, Estate of John J.				
53651 \$	930.00 \$	-	-	930.00 \$
Henk, LLC / Armstrong, Kathy (84 Route 27)				
53760 \$	270.00 \$	620.88 \$	-	890.88 \$
Crystal Lakes, LLC				
53844 \$	360.00 \$	-	-	360.00 \$
Nadlie & Randazzo (17 Island Circle South)				
54009 \$	150.00 \$	-	-	150.00 \$
Sub-total	\$ 5,715.00 \$	2,805.41 \$	-	\$ 8,520.41

Public Works Department

	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Miscellaneous	9147	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00
Sub-total		\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00

Parks & Recreation

	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Miscellaneous	27508	\$ 1,905.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,905.00
Sub-total		\$ 1,905.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,905.00

Workers Compensation

	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Matzdorff, Stephen M.	40299	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Fleming III, William	50756	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210.00
Corso, Jennifer	52869	\$ 67.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67.50
Figueroa, Magdalena M	53404	\$ 22.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.50
Starling, Marcus	53482	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Bonanno, James (WCC)	53812	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Joseph J. Pratt, Jr	54024	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Sub-total		\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585.00

**FINAL TOTAL**

**\$ 38,198.11**

Summary	Fees	Costs	Credits	Total
Freedom of Information	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Labor, Employment and Pension	\$ 10,170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,170.00
Land Use/Zoning	\$ 11,340.00	\$ 88.88	\$ -	\$ 11,428.88
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 32.82	\$ -	\$ 2,042.82
Miscellaneous Litigation & Administrative Hearings	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
Assessment Appeals	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 2,931.00
Tax Issues/Foreclosures	\$ 5,715.00	\$ 2,805.41	\$ -	\$ 8,520.41
Public Works Department	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00
Parks & Recreation Department	\$ 1,905.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,905.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585.00
<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	\$ 35,265.00	\$ 2,933.11	\$ -	\$ 38,198.11



# TOWN OF GROTON

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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JREINER@GROTON-CT.GOV

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WWW.GROTON-CT.GOV

TO: Mark Oefinger, Town Manager

FROM: Jonathan J. Reiner, Director of Planning and Development 

DATE: July 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Office of Planning and Development Services Initiatives and Projects

The Office of Planning and Development Services (OPDS) serves as the Town's short and long range planning department for all development and conservation activity, with additional focus on attracting and retaining business in Groton, as well as fostering a great community and small business environment. We also support building and inspections as well as zoning and code enforcement for the Town. The department consists of three divisions: Planning, Inspection Services, and Economic and Community Development.

Enclosed are reports of current projects and recent activity from the Planning, Inspection Services, and Economic and Community Development Divisions of the Office of Planning and Development Services. The major initiatives of the divisions over the past year, and more specifically over the past quarter have finalized the town wide market analysis and regulatory audit; finalized the town's Plan of Conservation and Development which serves as our long range planning document; overseeing the final construction projects associated with and the closing out of our previous Community Developments Block Grants; permitting and inspecting numerous large scale development and redevelopment projects in the Town; and continued improvements on streamlining our regulatory process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions on any of this information, please feel free to contact me at (860) 446-5980 or at [jreiner@groton-ct.gov](mailto:jreiner@groton-ct.gov).

## Development Activity through June 2016

OPDS is generally the first point of contact for new and expanding businesses and developments. What we're seeing:

Relocation of EB to Kings Highway and increased hiring is pushing multi-family housing.

The apartments are small, for one or two

Gabrielle's	13 in downtown
Groton Multi-Family	147 on Route 12
Groton Village Condos	20+ in Poquonnock Bridge

### Small Business Expansions

Home Salon & Spa	purchasing and renovating building on Long Hill Road
Fields of Fire	added aerial ropes course to paint ball facility
Mystic Indoor Sports	large addition for indoor field at tennis club on Welles Road
Mystic Industrial Park	incubator space with long waiting list. 6 more buildings approved, under construction
Doncasters Manufacturing	

### New Businesses

U-Haul self-storage	Route 184
Aldi's	TJ Maxx plaza
New Bank	The Marketplace Plaza (Mananas)
Medical offices	Poquonnock Bridge Fire House
Office space	former Grossman's Seafood renovation, Route 184
The Sandbox	Indoor Volleyball, Route 184

### Mystic

Spicer Mansion	Elm Street
Sift	Water Street
Rise	Water Street
Central Hall	
Nano-brewery	Factory Square

### On the Horizon

Mixed use development	May use Tax Increment Financing
Branford Manor re-build	
Seely School redevelopment	
Fairview future phases	
New Grasso Tech	
Sale of town-owned property - Groton Heights and land on Colver Ave	
New restaurant	Factory Square, Mystic
Micro apartments	Factory Square, Mystic
Boutique Hotel	Randall's Wharf, Mystic
Mystic Education Center	

## **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION - PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

The following highlights key project and initiatives from March 2016 – May 2016.

- **Airport Development Zone (ADZ)** – Staff has continued work with CERC to complete this application for submittal to the state. Staff is completing the mapping, plan review, and build-out assumptions for the ADZ application process. CERC is coordinating with the DECD and initiating the required economic analysis (job and business growth). Submittal to DECD for review is planned this summer.
- **Economic Development Website:** Staff has been planning the development of a stand-alone Economic Development web page. An RFP will be developed to solicit a website designer with experience in economic development sites.
- **Mystic Education Center:** Staff completed paperwork for grant funding from the DECD specific to marketing /promotion of the property. State funding is anticipated to help the marketing for the property.
- **Northeast Real Estate Business:** Staff worked with this publication to gain a promotional piece in the upcoming July issue which targets CT. The issue also promotes the upcoming International Council of Shopping Center Conference (ICSC) in Boston in where staff will be present.
- **Business Assistance and Attraction:** Staff continues to communicate with potential businesses, communications average about 35 monthly. Staff assisted in securing funds from the Economic Assistance Fund in the amount of \$24,300 for infrastructure improvements related to the construction of 13 apartments above Gabriele’s Martial Arts Studio on Poquonnock Road.
- **Electric Vehicle Grant Program** – A second grant for a third dual head charging station was awarded to the Town. The Nissan Leaf was purchased and is in use by Staff in the Planning and Development Department. Three dual head charging stations have been installed and are fully operational at the Town Hall Annex, Groton Public Library, and The Town Hall.
- **2016 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (Competitive)** – The Town submitted an application for \$800,000. Anticipated funding will be used to redevelopment Groton Housing Authority property.
- **I-95 Signage** – CTDOT is replacing all signs on I-95 from New London to the RI border at value of nearly \$9 million. Staff was active on this project, specifically Exit 89 (Allyn Street). Written comments were drafted and provided to CTDOT regarding the entire sign program.

- Franchise and Work and Save Seminar: Economic Development Staff sponsored a franchise seminar June 23<sup>rd</sup> with FranNet entitled "Road Map to Entrepreneurship". The event was held at the Groton Public Library and was open to the public. The discussion consisted of various approaches, strategies, and pros/cons to embarking on self-employment. Community Development Staff sponsored a Seminar June 21<sup>st</sup> with AARP entitled "Work and Save". The discussion was focused on the tools and programs that can help you live a healthier life, improve your financial security, and pursue your passions. This event was held at the Groton Senior Center and was open to the public. Staff is looking to sponsor more events like this for the public.

## Update on Building Activity through June 2016

Odd Fellows, Lestertown Road, Phase 2, 17 units completed.

Mystic River Residential Care, Godfrey Street, addition and renovations 12,000 sq. ft. under construction.

Mystic Indoor Sports, Welles Road, addition 28,000 sq. ft. nearing completion.

Electric Boat, Kings Highway, renovations 83,000 sq. ft. 1<sup>st</sup> phase completed.

Doncasters, Poquonnock Road, additions and renovations 18,000 sq. ft. under construction.

Mystic Business Park, Flanders Road, 6 buildings totaling 88,000 sq. ft. under construction.

Cooks Equipment, Airport Industrial Park, new building 12,000 sq. ft. 1<sup>st</sup> phase completed.

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Route 12, addition and renovations permit issued.

LBI, North Road, new building 24,000 sq. ft. plans and permit issued.

Gabriele's Karate, Poquonnock Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 11 one bedroom apartments under construction.

Aldi Grocery Store, 688 Long Hill Road, 18,925 sq. ft. under construction.

High Rock Hotel, 40 High Rock Road, renovation of 32,500 sq. ft. for hotel, under construction.

Central Hall Building, 8-22 West Main Street, 4 floors 33,690 sq. ft. mixed residential/commercial, under construction.

Spicer Mansion, Library Street, 8 suite bed and breakfast completed.

Sift Bakery, 5 Water Street, interior renovations completed.

Oyster Club Restaurant, 13 Water Street, addition completed.

Rise Restaurant, 10 Water Street, interior renovations under construction.

Taqueria Cinco Mexican Restaurant, 441 Long Hill Road, interior renovations under construction.

New package store, 441 Long Hill Road, interior renovations under construction.

Walmart addition, permit issued.

Sea Bags, 36 West Main Street, new retail.

Shen New York, 40 West Main Street, new retail.

Island Pursuit, 23 West Main Street, new retail.

Groton Utilities Water Treatment Plant expansion, plans approved.

The Sandbox, Route 184, 15,000 sq. ft. indoor volleyball facility, plans approved.

## Projects in the application process

Long Meadow Landings, South Road, 10,600 sq. ft. 22 unit apartment building.

Mystic River Ambulance, addition, 756 sq. ft.

Groton Townhouse Apartments, Fort Hill Road, 19 units

U-Haul self-storage, retail and equipment rental, Gold Star Highway

Four lot subdivision, Grove Avenue

Fieldcrest Water Storage Tank replacement, 115 Oslo Street

New Restaurant, 24 West Main Street

## Applications Expected/Preliminary Discussions

Apartments, Route 12/Pleasant Valley Road North, 150 units

New Restaurant, 12 Water Street Mystic (old Zhangs restaurant)

Nano Brewery, 12 Water Street Mystic

Medical offices, mixed use, Poquonnock Bridge Volunteer Fire Station, Fort Hill Road

Mystic Shipyard, 35,000 SF storage and repair building

New Bank, 996 Poquonnock Road

Redevelopment of Seely School

Buildout of Odd Fellows/Fairview property, Military Highway

**BUILDING ACTIVITY DATA\_FYE 2012-2016**

<b>NUMBER &amp; VALUE OF PERMITS BY PERMIT TYPE</b>										
	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	<b>PLUMBING</b>	<b>MECHANICAL</b>	<b>SPRINKLER</b>	<b>MOBILE HOME</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	
FYE 2012	555	357	154	257	4	5	23	1355	\$ 15,235,881.00	
FYE 2013	502	301	121	244	3	3	10	1184	\$ 13,098,954.00	
FYE 2014	534	355	133	268	7	3	47	1347	\$ 26,771,904.00	
FYE 2015	583	329	159	274	6	6	46	1403	\$ 28,906,319.00	
FYE 2016	621	362	148	284	8	7	28	1458	\$ 39,767,943.00	
<b>TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY USE TYPE</b>										

	<b>NEW/RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>NEW COMMERCIAL/IND</b>	<b>ALL OTHER</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	
#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
FYE 2012	12 \$ 1,560,700.00	0 \$ -	545 \$ 8,436,710.00	557	\$ 9,997,410.00
FYE 2013	18 \$ 3,893,000.00	1 \$ 159,796.00	487 \$ 5,418,839.00	506	\$ 9,471,635.00
FYE 2014	44 \$ 9,203,000.00	3 \$ 902,700.00	489 \$ 8,688,437.00	536	\$ 18,794,137.00
FYE 2015	36 \$ 8,383,224.00	5 \$ 885,400.00	546 \$ 10,373,725.00	587	\$ 19,642,349.00
FYE 2016	12 \$ 3,550,500.00	4 \$ 988,850.00	591 \$ 26,706,100.00	607	\$ 31,245,450.00

**FYE 2012 HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1145 Poquonnock Rd - Groton Regency Health Center \$415,400.00
- 170 Gary Ct / WPCF - Public Works \$1,153,000.00
- 2 Elm St, Noank - Vet Hospital \$191,000.00
- 185 South Rd - Tilcon - Exhaust Stack \$193,650.00
- 1268 Poquonnock Rd - Groton Utilities Lab \$200,000.00
- 40 Library St - Mystic Noank Library \$282,200.00
- 159 Packer Rd - Post & Beam Barn \$159,796.00

**FYE 2013 HIGHLIGHTS**

- 115 Poheganut Rd - New Executive Park + Existing Bldg Upgrades \$1,223,390.00
- 231 Lestertown Road Phase I-23 Residential Cottages and Clubhouse \$5,300,000.00
- 2 Elm St - Vet Hospital - additional upgrades \$58,000.00

**FYE 2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

- 14 Godfrey St - Mystic River Residential \$823,309.00
- 231 Lestertown Road Phase II- 17 Residential Units \$5,798,324.00
- 15 Elm Street (Mystic) - Spicer House B&B renovation \$200,200.00
- 700 Flanders Rd - Mystic Business Park \$347,000.00

BUILDING ACTIVITY DATA\_FYE 2012-2016

**FYE 2015 HIGHLIGHTS**

973 North Rd #4 /LBI - new metal building	\$465,000.00
52 Hazelnut Hill Rd - Pequot Health Center MRI upgrade	\$87,900.00
557 Long Hill Rd - Burger King Remodel	\$75,000.00
220 Route 12 - Pet Val U tenant fit-out	\$93,780.00
135 Pearl St, Noank - Maxwell Boat Yard - New boat house	\$135,000.00
82-84 Plaza Court - retail fit-out for doctor's office	\$60,000.00
11 Village La - Poquonnock Village renovate & rehab	\$665,520.00
780 Long Hill Rd - retail fit-out for a nail salon	\$8,000.00

**FYE 2016 YTD HIGHLIGHTS**

835 Poquonnock Rd - Doncasters Addition & Expansion	\$3,578,600.00
90 Welles Rd - Mystic Indoor Sports Facility Expansion & Renovations	\$649,000.00
9 Kings Hwy - Interior Renovation of former Pfizer facility by EB	\$5,364,000.00
230 Route 12 - Selective Demo and Reconstruction of KFC	\$540,000.00
973 North Rd #3/LBI - excavation & foundation for new metal building	\$65,000.00
117 Long Hill Rd - 99 Restaurant Interior Remodel	\$56,036.00
1240 Poquonnock Rd/GU - 4052.32KW solar photovoltaic field	\$5,268,016.00
516 Gold Star Hwy - Toll Gate Plaza renovations	\$116,000.00
441 Long Hill Rd - Lighthouse Square - tenant fit-out for Anytime Fitness	\$100,000.00
27 Kings Hwy - Bowling Alley roof replacement	\$158,000.00
150 Gold Star Hwy - Wal-Mart Expansion	\$5,209,714.00
40 High Rock Road - Renovate interior space; add bathrooms	\$1,083,060.00
688 Long Hill Road - Aldi Super Market	\$935,000.00
13 Water St. - Oyster Club build-out	\$61,000.00
839 Poquonnock Rd - PCC Structural Chimney	\$27,000.00
1425 Gold Star Hwy - Granite Group Interior Renovations	\$14,500.00
1028 Poquonnock Rd - Gabriele's residential apartment units	\$125,000.00
441 Long Hill Rd - Lighthouse Square - tenant fit-out for Restaurant	\$10,000.00
5 Water St - Sift Bake Shop	\$20,000.00
18 West Main Street - Central Hall - Foundation Only!	\$549,400.00
24 Sailfish Drive - Navy Federal Credit Union - Interior Renovations	\$722,000.00
441 Long Hill Road - "vanilla shell" fit-out for Harry's Wine & Spirits	\$55,000.00
10 Water Street - Rise Restaurant fit-out	\$30,000.00
24 West Main St - Renovate retail to restaurant for Drawbridge Ice Cream Expand	\$7,500.00
700 Flanders Rd - Mystic Business Park II - Building #10	\$240,000.00

BUILDING ACTIVITY DATA\_FYE 2012-2016

**TOWN OF GROTON PROJECTS**

900 Groton Long Pt Rd - Esker Point Beach Concession Deck Replacement	\$10,800.00
61 Fort Hill Rd - Fitch Middle School Roof Replacement	\$375,700.00
108 Groton Long Pt Rd - Highway Garage - Hurricane Retrofit	\$225,900.00
101 Groton Long Pt Rd - Fitch High School - Partial Re-Roof	\$566,000.00
170 Gary Court - Pump Station Renovation	\$1,153,000.00

**FYE 2012 - 2016 YTD HIGHLIGHTS**

Signage Upgrades - Townwide locations	\$375,983.00
Cell Towers -Antenna & equipment upgrades	\$581,000.00

# PARKS AND RECREATION

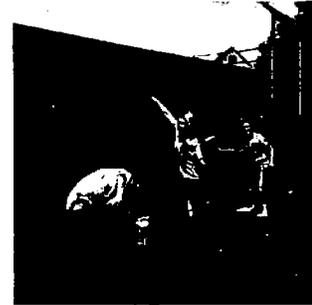


## Directors Report *May*

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### ***Planning/Coordination***

Continued meeting with Mayor about plans for sub-century week events in Groton Attended Pequot Woods annual board meeting. Worked with a couple of different volunteer groups to coordinate various community service projects. Projects included, repainting Concession building at EPB, repainting dugouts at Calvin Burrows, repainting sections of skatepark and cleaning up the Community Garden.



### ***Marketing/Promotion***

Working with Marketing Coordinator to make changes to Senior Center Web page incorporating suggestion from webpage analysis by LERN. Some improvements will include programs and services will be easier to identify on main page, fewer clicks to get to program registration, change marketing tag line to Discover 55+ • Submitted an application to the State DOT to have a attraction sign placed on the Route 95 for Shennecossett Golf Course.

### ***Communications***

Received a phone call from someone whose dog had been attacked by another dog. • Met with Town Manager and homeowners from Murphy's Way about installing the playground at Wood Walk Park.

### ***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 May**

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### ***Marketing Publications***

Completed the 2016 Summer Camp Guide, a 12 page brochure listing all summer camps for the year. This year's camps include sports, specialty, and day camps such for activities such as fishing, sewing, LEGOs, soccer, football, and more, for kids ages 3-18. The guide will be distributed to kids at school.

### ***Local Business Partnerships***

Welcomed back returning sponsors for the Tour de Noank 5K Road Race: Downtown Mystic Merchants Association, Suisman Shapiro, Mystic Schooners, and Heavy Hitters, as well as new sponsors GASP Coalition. The 2016 Tour de Noank takes place Saturday, June 11 at Esker Point Beach.

### ***Social Media Engagement***

To promote pre-registration for the Tour de Noank 5K Road Race & Kids Fun Run, we put the color of this year's t-shirt up to a vote on Facebook. After 61 votes on the Survey Monkey link, it was left to a tie. Participant Brittney Jones was given the opportunity to break the tie when she came in to register in person and chose royal blue for the shirts.

A Facebook event for the 2016 Small Boat Day reached over 7,500 people, with many people sharing the posts and tagging their friends to invite them. The event on Saturday, May 28 was a big success with one of the largest turnouts in the history of the event.

## Recreation *May*

### *Service to Community*



The Boating Advisory Board worked with Groton Parks and Recreation to plan and supervise Small Boat Day at Esker Point Beach for the seventh year. The planning group invited the Noank Rowing Club, CT DEEP, and several vendors of personal watercraft to attend the event. The event was free to the public and scores of people of all ages tried out paddleboards, kayaks and ergometers. The Groton Town Police boat was on station during the day for safety.

### *Social Equity*

Groton Parks and Recreation expanded income limits for financial assistance for families with more than one child attending summer camps. As a result of budget cuts, prices for the program have risen dramatically and many families who didn't need help in the past are now asking for it.

### *Community Health and Wellness*



Nurse Practitioner Beverly Genader speaks to walkers at the Walk with a Doc event at Poquonnock Plains Park.

The first Walk With A Doc event was held at Poquonnock Plains Park On Saturday, May 21. About a dozen walkers joined Beverly Genader, a nurse practitioner from L+M Hospital, as she presented information about Lyme Disease. Walkers received a free t-shirt, listened to the expert, asked questions and got general advice before they began walking. Participants had the opportunity to continue the discussion as they walked. They also had a chance to view the landscaping demonstration project at the park that shows how to landscape a yard to make it less favorable for ticks.

The topic for the next walk on May 18 is about diabetes. We hope to generate enough interest in the initial 4 walks scheduled throughout the summer to be able to offer the walks year-round.

## Senior Center *May*

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### ***Foster Health and Wellness***

- Arthur Sculco from Art & Science Fitness, who is a personal trainer at the center spoke on Exercise and Inflamed Joints as well as Training for Pickleball and Tennis. From Art's monthly talks, participants are learning safer ways to exercise and improve their overall fitness. Art is an Exercise Physiologist that specializes in Therapeutic Exercise.



### ***Encourage Senior Independence***

- The Groton Senior Center collaborating with the towns of Borah, East Lyme, Waterford, Lisbon, Preston, Salem, Stonington, Ledyard, New London, Griswold, and North Stonington received a grant for \$301,693 from the CT Department of Transportation. This is a municipal match grant for senior and disabled transportation and is used by the towns for medical transportation. Each town provides through their own transportation a match to this grant. Rides are provided to persons through Eastern CT Transportation Consortium and are available seven days per week. Seniors and persons with disabilities have two options. They are able to book up to 36 one way rides through ECTC under this program or if a family member or caregiver drives them, they will receive mileage reimbursement. There is a \$24 fee to participants for the ride portion of the program. For more information on this or other transportation programs, individuals May call the Groton Senior Center at 860-441-6785.

### ***Create Community Connections***

- Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was a big day for the center when TAPS came and spoke on hauntings in and around the Groton Area. The Atlantic Paranormal Society is known for their SyFy television show "Ghost Hunters". The speakers focused on Ledge Light and Race Rock Lighthouses as well as Norwich State Hospital and the Westerly Library hauntings. This evening event was free and open to the public and 74 were in attendance.
- Annual Groton Senior Citizens "Club 55" Achievement Awards was held on May 26. Following past tradition the GSC "Club 55" is presenting five hundred dollar \$500 awards to each of the following High School seniors, Nalissa Lynn Amar, Joseph Romanelli, DaMayanti Rane-Castrodad, and Reanna Sahoo. Scoring is based on academic achievement, community participation (both school and community), and financial need. Two of the awards are directly funded by "Club 55", one of the awards was donated in memory of Coleen Post, and the fourth was donated by the Groton Senior Center Quilting Group. The students will receive their awards at a gathering of "Club 55" members, and the high school seniors, their family and friends.



Reanna Sahoo accepts the Coleen Post Achievement Award. She will be going to nursing school in the fall at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

## Parks *May*

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### ***Resource Protection***

Debris was removed from Pequot Woods. Bucket truck was used to remove dead limbs from trees at Sutton Park.

### ***Preventative Maintenance***

Playgrounds were inspected and wood chips were added to Bel Aire, Wolfbrook, Stanton Farms, Mystic Academy, and Fieldcrest and holes under swings were raked smooth.

### ***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, and debris and leaf removal. Additional tasks include providing support services for recreation program and events. Picnic tables and trash cans have been returned to the parks. A piece of plexi-glass and a section of boarding were replaced at the roller hockey rink. There was **NO** snow removal this month.

### ***Projects***

Repairs were made at the skate park. Help Public Works with painting bathroom doors and removal of the old deck and building a new one at Esker Point concession. Spring clean-up continues around the town grounds and parks. A new tree was planted at PPP in memory of Carol Pratt's mother. All the cemeteries and memorials were cleaned up for Memorial Day ceremonies.

The beach was raked and cleaned for the volleyball tournaments. Kayaks/paddle boards, ergs and the stage were moved to Esker Point for Small Boat Day. Volunteers painted the skate park, cleaned Sutton Park of debris and painted the dugout at Burrows LL.

Construction of the new location for the playground at Woods Walk has begun.

# Shennecossett Golf *May*

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## ***Contribute to Economic Development***

The course hosted the Groton Special Olympics and the Fitch HS Graduation Party tournaments in May.

## ***Marketing/Promotion***

Facebook has been utilized to market the course.

## ***Course Operations***

Tree trimming and some brush cutting was completed this month.

Sand was added to bunkers on holes 3, 4, and 6.

Greens and tees were fertilized this month.

Greens were treated with crabgrass control, fungicide, and grub control on 5/13.

Greens were treated with annual bluegrass weevil control and fungicide on 5/27.

Tees were treated with crabgrass control, fungicide, and grub control on 5/18.

Fairways were treated with crabgrass control, fungicide, and grub control on 5/11.

Roughs were spot treated for broadleaf weeds and clover this month.

This May the course played 2052 greens fees, 1295 cart fees, and 1425 season pass rounds.

Season passes sold were 29. The course was closed 0 days, with 11 weather days.

Last May had 2696 greens fees, 1708 cart fees, and 1523 season pass rounds. Season passes sold were 40. The course was closed 0, with 2 weather days.

Revenue this May was \$53,431 greens fees, \$19,130 cart fees, \$33,032 season pass fees, and \$3,000 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$107,510.

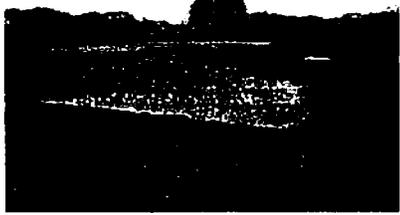
Revenue last May was \$74,860 greens fees, \$23,703 cart fees, \$42,336 season pass fees, and \$2,900 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$142,457.

## ***Projects***

Bunker renovation project on the thirteenth hole began at the end of the month. Four greenside bunkers and two fairway bunkers 80 yards from the green are included in this project.

Some pictures before construction...





# PARKS AND RECREATION



## Directors Report *June*

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### ***Planning/Coordination***

Continued meeting with Sub-Century planning group about plans for Sub-Century week events in Groton. Completed various task related to week long events • Attended first night of Groton Community Meals at the Senior Center • Presented budget cuts to the Town Council • Working with IT, software vendor and Senior Center staff on installation of RecTrac software at the Senior Center. Installation and training is scheduled for July 25-29<sup>th</sup> • Working with Town attorney and HR to develop a Diabetes Management Plan.

### ***Marketing/Promotion***

Met with Senior Center, Library staff and president of Club 55 to discuss replacing sign in front of Senior Center, with a digital sign. Club 55 is looking to fundraise the entire cost of sign • Attended opening night of Summer Concert series.

### ***Communications***

Worked with co-presidents of Groton Little League to resolve issue of suspending parent from park.

### ***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. Interviewed three engineering firms to develop a Beach Sand Management Plan for Esker Point Beach • Met with Veterans Memorial Park group to discuss plans to add memorial stones to the park. Work is scheduled to begin in September. • Developed proposal for Planning Commission to replace stone wall open space markers in the Deerfield of Mystic development with wooden fence. Using wooden fence as markers will reduce cost of rebuilding stone walls.

## **Marketing June**

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### ***Community Events***

Kicked off the 2016 Summer SoundWaves Concert Series at Esker Point Beach on June 23 with Branded. This year's concert series is once again sponsored by Thames Valley Communications and Hall Communications, as well as other local businesses.

Assisted in the planning of Groton Week Celebrating Connecticut's Submarine Century, with a week of special events planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Naval Submarine Base in Groton.

### ***Program Promotion***

Distributed the 2016 Summer Camp Guide to all Groton school students in elementary and middle schools. The guide features every summer camp section as well as an ad for the Summer SoundWaves Concert Series at Esker Point Beach.

Recorded a 30 second radio commercial for the 2016 Tour de Noank 5K Road Race & Kids Fun Run. The ad was free as part of Hall Communications sponsorship for the Department's summer events.

### ***Success on Social Media***

The Facebook presence for all 3 divisions is growing. In June, the Recreation Facebook page grew by 236 fans, Shennecossett Golf Course by 15 fans, and the Groton Senior Center by 11. Facebook is a great resource for sharing program information, updating participants on event information and cancellations, and promoting upcoming events and highlights of the Department.

## Recreation *June*

### ***Fostering Conservation of Natural Resources***

Groton Parks and Rec supported several National Trails Day hikes including providing shuttle service to the X-Town Hike and administrative support of the Conservation Commission's hike at the Copp Property.



Participants in the X-Town Hike on National Trails Day.

### ***Social Equity***

Several summer camp staff members underwent training that allows them to administer insulin injections, paving the way for children with insulin dependent diabetes to attend summer camp. Groton Parks and Recreation continues to lead regionally, statewide and nationally for providing programs and services that include all members of the community.

Adaptive programs are awesome! Groton Parks and Rec offers programs for Everyone! – Anonymous customer

### ***Strengthening Community***

Although the Department was forced to eliminate the Fort Griswold Celebration on the Thames that was scheduled to occur prior to the annual fireworks show, Groton Parks and Recreation continues to provide essential opportunities for the community to come together and celebrate. For example, the Summer SoundWaves Concert Series at Esker Point Beach is being provided without tax support and the department is planning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, a week-long series of events celebrating Connecticut's Submarine Century, Groton's Fall Festival and more!

The programs through Groton Parks and Rec at William Seely School have helped our Navy family integrate quickly into the community. Our kids love the classes here and have made so many friends here! - The Hawkins family

## Foster Health and Wellness



Abbotts and Captain Daniel Packer Inn donated meals for this month's Elegant Dinner Deliveries. This program which began in 2001 is designed to provide persons who are homebound with the chance for a special meal and a visit with a friend. Individuals are selected from referrals from other seniors or members of the community. Those selected are asked to call a friend to have as a guest for lunch. The center then works with over 20 area restaurants to have two meals donated which volunteers go and pick up. The volunteers then set the dining table at each individual's homes with place settings of real plates, special silverware and cloth napkins. A special small gift is also given to the recipient like a book, notepaper and stamps or hand lotion. Later, the center drivers go and pick up the place settings. 330 seniors have benefited so far.

## Encourage Senior Independence

- The Outdoor Adventure Travel group (OAT) took to the air and went on the ropes course at Fields of Fire in Mystic. This course has several levels of difficulty challenging all participants from beginner to the more experienced. Andrea Kennett who participated, said "I was much better at it this year because I worked out with Art Sculco the personal trainer at the center. I was stronger so things were easier. I love this; it is a lot of fun!" Challenges like the ropes course build self-esteem even in the senior population.



Getting set for the challenge, seniors put on their gear getting ready to start climbing. (above) – Bernadette K heads out first on a rope bridge while others wait their turn.(left)

## Create Community Connections

- The Groton Community Meals program began at the center on June 6. This Monday evening meal program is open to the community and is averaging about 65 participants. The center provides rides for seniors who wish to come to the meal or need a ride home from the meal. It has been a big success in collaboration.

## Parks *June*

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### ***Resource Protection***

Weed and grub control was applied at Burrows LL, Farquhar SB, PPP, and Sutton SB and the entrance of Sutton Park. Remove dead trees from Library. Clear trails and repair drive way at Mortimer Wright property.

### ***Preventative Maintenance***

Playgrounds were inspected and wood chips were added as need.

### ***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, and debris and leaf removal. Additional tasks include providing support services for recreation program and events. Beach clean-up 3 times per week. Set up for and clean-up after for Summer Sound Waves at Esker Point.

### ***Projects***

Repairs were made to the dugouts and new pitcher mounds were installed at Burrows LL. Remove seaweed from Esker Point Beach. Set up and take down tent at Washington Park. Set up tents at Fitch Middle School for Summer Camp. Work continues on the deck at Esker Point Beach.

## Shennecossett Golf *June*

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### ***Contribute to Economic Development***

The course hosted the Groton Rotary Club, Groton Little League/City Police, the CT State Police Emerald Society, and the Groton Elks tournaments in June.

### ***Marketing/Promotion***

Facebook and e-blasts have been utilized to market the course.

### ***Course Operations***

We had a long-time worker, member, and friend pass away last month, Mike Solecki. He was a dear friend, and very loyal to Shennecossett. He is badly missed.

Sand was added to bunkers all around the course.

Greens and tees were fertilized this month.

Greens were treated three times with fungicide and soluble fertilizer.

Greens were treated with wetting agent twice this month.

Tees were treated with fungicide and soluble fertilizer twice.

Fairways were treated with fungicide and growth regulator twice.

Roughs were spot treated for broadleaf weeds and clover this month.

Hedgerows were trimmed this month.

This June the course played 2052 greens fees, 1295 cart fees, and 1425 season pass rounds.

Season passes sold were 29. The course was closed 0 days, with 11 weather days.

Last June had 2696 greens fees, 1708 cart fees, and 1523 season pass rounds. Season passes sold were 40. The course was closed 0, with 2 weather days.

Revenue this June was \$100,883 greens fees, \$32,181 cart fees, \$9,688 season pass fees, and \$3,000 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$145,752.

Revenue last June was \$92,721 greens fees, \$30,061 cart fees, \$11,777 season pass fees, and \$2,900 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$137,459.

### ***Projects***

Bunker renovation project on the thirteenth hole was completed this month. Four greenside bunkers and two fairway bunkers 80 yards from the green are included in this project.

Some pictures of the finished product.

