



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Mayor James L. Streeeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, March 01, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2011-0062 Proclamation Honoring Mack Kelly

Proclamation - TC

PROCLAMATION HONORING MACK KELLY

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2011-0057 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 15, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0042 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIAL TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Various Donations - \$465.21 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Gail Narita - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Groton Public Library Circle of Friends - \$100.00 - Library Discretionary

JJ Williams of the Fisherman Restaurant - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Michael Mondello of Edward Jones - \$1,000 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2010-0257	Appointment of Catherine Talbot as a Regular Member of the Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2011-0038	Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding	Referral
2011-0039	Department of Education Youth Services Enhancement Grant	Referral
2011-0043	Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities	Referral
2011-0045	Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant	Referral
2011-0052	Reappointment of Mark Turner to Retirement Board	Referral
2011-0053	Reappointment of David Hammerstrom to Retirement Board	Referral
2011-0056	Reappointment of Edward Martin to Shellfish Commission	Referral
2011-0060	Mortimer Wright Preserve Trail Update	Referral
2011-0061	Town Clerk Compensation	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0257	Appointment of Catherine Talbot as a Regular Member of the Harbor Management Commission	Referral
	RESOLUTION APPOINTING CATHERINE TALBOT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	

(from an alternate member) of the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending 9/1/13.

Legislative History

2/22/2011 Town Council Discussed
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules
 /Legislation Committee

2011-0038 Department of Education Youth and Family Services Referral
Funding

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2012 YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FUNDING

WHEREAS, crisis intervention, prevention and support programs and short-term counseling services will benefit at-risk Groton youth and their families and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Connecticut Department of Education to supplant a portion of the salaries of Groton Youth and Family Services Counselors who provide intervention and prevention services for at-risk Groton youth, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, or his designee, is authorized to file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Education (DOE) for FYE 12 municipal youth services funding in an amount to be determined by the DOE and to amend contractual agreements for such funding to ensure continuation of short-term counseling, crisis intervention and prevention and support programs for Groton youth and families.

Legislative History

2/7/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th
2/22/2011 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
 the Whole Resolution

2011-0039 Department of Education Youth Services Enhancement Referral
Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2012 YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Education offers Enhancement Grant program funding to municipally-based Connecticut youth services programs for supplies used in conjunction with programs and activities which directly and indirectly benefit Groton youth and offer services and support to Groton youth and families in areas such as youth enrichment, outreach programs, general support and positive youth development, and

WHEREAS, Groton Youth and Family Services has demonstrated its success in providing youth enrichment, outreach programs, general support and positive youth development, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Education (DOE) for FYE 12 Youth Services Enhancement Grant program funding in an amount to be determined by the DOE.

Legislative History

2/7/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th
2/22/2011 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
 the Whole Resolution

2011-0043 Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Groton Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized, pursuant to the Groton Town Charter, to make rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on February 9, 2011, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved updated Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the proposed updated Regulations as noted above.

Legislative History

2/11/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

2/22/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2011-0045 Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FOR A GRANT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton through the Senior Center participates in a regional effort to provide transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, grant funds available to municipalities from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation are apportioned in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 13b-38bb resulting in \$44,519 available to the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to execute all necessary Agreement/Contract on behalf of the Town of Groton with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut and to affix the corporate seal, for the Dial-A-Ride grant for transportation services for elderly and disabled persons.

Legislative History

2/16/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

2/22/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2011-0052 Reappointment of Mark Turner to Retirement Board Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARK TURNER TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD

RESOLVED that Mark A. Turner, 11 Cove Street, Noank, is reappointed to the Retirement Board for a term expiring 12/31/13.

Legislative History

2/22/2011 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee Discussed

2011-0053 Reappointment of David Hammerstrom to Retirement Board Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID HAMMERSTROM TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD

RESOLVED that David Hammerstrom, 112 Spyglass Circle, is reappointed to the Retirement Board for a term ending 12/31/13.

Legislative History

2/22/2011 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee Discussed

2011-0056 Reappointment of Edward Martin to Shellfish Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EDWARD MARTIN TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION
 RESOLVED, that Edward Martin, 17 Woodland Drive, is reappointed to the Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Legislative History

2/22/2011 Town Council Discussed
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules
 /Legislation Committee

2011-0060 Mortimer Wright Preserve Trail Update Referral

RESOLUTION RE-ENDORSING TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MORTIMER WRIGHT PRESERVE

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009 the Groton Town Council passed a resolution endorsing Trail Improvements in the Mortimer Wright Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the proposed work has been completed using volunteer help, and

WHEREAS, volunteers initially involved in the original effort have recently approached the Town Council concerning their desire to complete a portion of the project that was originally envisioned which would provide an addition trailhead in the vicinity of Route 215 and the Old Brook Street intersection, and

WHEREAS, this portion of the trail would be located on a 50 foot wide swath of Town owned land having frontage on Route 215, and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council re-authorizes the installation of the above noted "access" trail utilizing volunteer help and that the immediate adjacent property owners to this section of the trail be notified of the Town Council action.

Legislative History

2/17/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the Whole
 2/22/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2011-0061 Town Clerk Compensation Referral

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TOWN CLERK'S COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2011 the Groton Town Council Committee of the Whole met in open session with Betsy Moukawsher, Groton Town Clerk for the purpose of discussing the Town Clerk's compensation, and

WHEREAS, there are uncertain economic conditions facing the Town, state and nation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Council has decided that there will be no salary increase for the Town Clerk at this time.

Legislative History

2/17/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the Whole
 2/22/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution
 Motion was made by Councilor

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Proclamation Honoring
Mack Kelly

- WHEREAS, Mack Kelly retired on March 4, 2011 after 28 years of continuous service to the citizens of Groton and fellow employees of the Department of Public Works, and
- WHEREAS, Mack started his career as an Operator Trainee at the Water Pollution Control Facility and over the years held the positions of WPCF Mechanic, Landfill Foreman, Highway Foreman, Supervisor of Facilities Management and most recently Operations Supervisor of the WPCF, and
- WHEREAS, Mack obtained the State of Connecticut's highest WPCF Operator's License-Class IV, is a certified Plant Maintenance Manager, and has a diploma in Facilities Engineering Management, and
- WHEREAS, during his years of service, he was on station during the ten, twenty-five, fifty, and one-hundred year rain storm events, and
- WHEREAS, Mack was an integral and founding member of the Public Works Hansen Implementation Team, devoting countless hours of time, energy and optimism to the development of this program for both Facilities Management and Water Pollution Control applications, and
- WHEREAS, Mack was an essential member of the Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge (IFAS) plant upgrade design team, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Groton offers its deepest appreciation for the supportive, friendly and considerate manner that Mack Kelly has maintained throughout his career and extends to him best wishes for many happy and fulfilling years during his retirement.

Dated at Groton, Connecticut this 4th day of March, 2011.



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council

Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Johnson

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Zell Steever.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

None

PRE-BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

2010-0172 FYE 2012 Budget

Heard at Public Hearing

Mayor Streeter called a recess for the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

The Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to a resolution passed by the Town Council was read by Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

Ann Shipley, 48 Riverview Avenue, Noank, member of the Mystic & Noank Library Board of Trustees, stated that the Mystic & Noank Library offers a variety of services and is always bustling, but due to a decrease in funding last year the library was forced to close its doors on Thursdays. Ms. Shipley requested that the library's request for \$186,000 be granted to allow it to reopen on Thursdays.

Debra Adamson, 36 Shewville Road, Old Mystic, stated that as a home-school parent she utilizes the Mystic & Noank Library frequently. She would like funding restored to the library so that it will be open on Thursdays.

Connie Readett, 10 New London Road, Mystic, would also like to see the Mystic & Noank Library funding restored.

There being no further comments, Mayor Streeter closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2011-0040 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 8, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0036 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIAL TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:
Various Donations - \$355.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Anonymous - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
PFLAG of Southeastern Connecticut - \$56.90 - Library Discretionary

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

Councilor Flax noted that there will be a Noank School Reuse Task Force meeting on February 17, 2011.

Councilor Kolnaski attended the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors meeting.

Councilor Sheets attended the Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community meeting. The Task Force's final report will be ready for the Council February 22, 2011.

Mayor Streeter received emails regarding the Groton Heights School Reuse Task Force survey and the Phase II School Facilities Program. The Mayor, along with Mark Oefinger, attended an OpSail 2012 meeting.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

The next regular meeting of the RTM will be on March 9, 2011, at the Groton Senior Center.

c. Clerk of the Council

No report.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that the Senior Center's Phase III Cardiac Rehab Program's transition to the Lawrence & Memorial's Medical Fitness and Cardiac Rehabilitation Program went smoothly. The new program will continue to utilize the Groton Senior Center. He remarked that the Groton Town Hall recently became the location for the regional Probate Court, but there are still some operational issues regarding transfer of funds from other towns that need to be addressed. Mr. Oefinger noted that Voter Registration has relocated to the Social Services building. He stated that the building official has issued a demolition order for the Burnett's

Corner Mason's Lodge. The Town Manager received a warning notice from Electric Boat regarding a layoff of 23 people on April 15, 2011. Mr. Oefinger noted that there will be a special joint meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Board of Education, and RTM on February 16, 2011.

e. Town Attorney

No report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti

No meeting, no report.

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

No meeting, no report.

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski

No meeting, no report.

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets

No meeting, no report.

e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne

No meeting, no report.

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

No meeting, no report.

g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro

No meeting, no report.

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson

No meeting, no report.

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

Mayor Streeter stated that there was a special Committee of the Whole meeting this evening, and the item discussed will be brought up under new business.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Suspension of the Rules

A motion to suspend the rules to consider the lease of Photovoltaic Solar Electric Systems discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier this evening was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Sheets and so voted unanimously.

2011-0041 Lease of Photovoltaic Solar Electric System

LEASE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ELECTRIC SYSTEM

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to pursue a grant application for the acquisition of an unspecified number of no-cost Photovoltaic Solar Electric Systems.

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

Councilor Sheets noted that this item is a referral by the Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community. She stated that the solar panels will be available for public buildings and the Town would need to identify buildings that would be good candidates for solar energy. Councilor Sheets supports this resolution.

Mayor Streeter stated that this is a win/win situation and will help to achieve one of the Council goals.

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0058 Town of Groton Facebook Page Postings

TOWN OF GROTON FACEBOOK PAGE POSTINGS

Councilor Flax requested a referral to discuss posting meeting notices on the Town Facebook site to increase communication with the public.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Watson and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant