



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

*Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Genevieve Cerf, Joe de la Cruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Heather Bond Somers and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2014-0176 | Proclamation Recognizing the Groton Public Library | Proclamation - TC |
| 2014-0191 | Proclamation Honoring Valerie Nelson               | Proclamation - TC |

#### 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

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| 2014-0204 | Approval of Minutes (Town Council) | Resolution - Consent |
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 17, 2014 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

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| 2014-0186 | Special Trust Fund Contributions | Resolution - Consent |
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$7.27 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Groton Utilities - \$69.28 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Groton Rotary Club - \$500.00 - Veterans Memorial Park  
Julius and Daniel Panucci - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Fitch Class of 1954 - \$400.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Aimee F. Allaire - \$4.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Benjamin Anderson - \$24.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marci Casey - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Sandra Champion - \$9.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Carl Conrad - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nora Belle DuRocher - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Chinwe Erike - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
James Eskra - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Larry Grundy - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Elizabeth Hogan - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lauren Huck - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Arnold Jordan, Sr. - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Pride Kelledees - \$6.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Heather King - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lisa Knobloch - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Beverly L. Lavalley - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Rebecca Martin - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Amy Matteson - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Emily Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine S. Nelson - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nina Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kathryn A. Roschmann - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katy M. Stoddard - \$6.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lawrence Taylor - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Merin Troutman - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Arianna Turello - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine Wilhelm - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jeanne M. Yellow Robe - \$2.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marsha Cimmerian - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine Zod - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Emily Burke - \$13.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Patricia Carrigan - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Eileen Cicchese - \$31.74 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Karen Colgan - \$60.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jane W. Coutu - \$60.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Diane Darling - \$12.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Susan Decorte-McMillan - \$2,000 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kelsey A. Fournier - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Mark Fournier - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Heather Frost - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Patricia W. Garcia - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lillian Green - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Catherine Hoffman - \$35.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
SECADD, Inc. - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Arnold Jordan, Sr. - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
James Ledwidge - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Janet Ledwidge - \$12.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Heather Main - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Elizabeth Marshall - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Eric Motin - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Emily Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nina Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Knights of Columbus - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Daniel Pineault - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Barbara Strother - \$105.80 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Phyllis Walsh - \$190.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Wesley Williams - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Lillian Zabinsky - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Neil Zabinsky - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Kirsti Zarn - \$52.91 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Mayra Zayas-Mendin - \$56.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Marsha Zimmermann - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Tony Medeiros - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Karl Salvati - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
 Trillium Garden Club - \$400.00 - Library Miscellaneous

**c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

2014-0157	Neighborhood Assistance Act Program	Referral
2014-0194	Resolution in Support of Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction Project	Referral
2014-0196	Public Hearing on a Proposed Lease of a Portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN	Referral
2014-0197	Extension of Lease Agreements with TVCCA for 36-40 Central Avenue	Referral
2014-0199	Extension of Lease for CMEEC Electric Generating Facility, Gary Court	Referral
2014-0201	Legislative Policy Initiative to Increase Revenue	Referral
2014-0203	Mystic Streetscape Project Design - Second Supplemental Agreement	Referral
2014-0205	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Noank School Community Garden	Referral
2014-0207	Resolution Reconfirming Town Council Desire to have the Former Noank School Property Remain Publicly Owned	Referral

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

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

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Community Relations - Chairman de la Cruz
- b. Finance - Chairman Frink
- c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Flax
- d. Rules - Chairman Frink
- e. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

2014-0194	Resolution in Support of Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction Project	Referral
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADVANCING THE CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO THE FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has published a display ad, mailed a copy of the news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a notification letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public information meeting to present the preliminary design plans for the transportation project known as Project No. 58-327 Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on June 18, 2014 at the Groton Town Hall Annex at 7:00 p.m. at which residents, the general public along, and abutting property owners, had an opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was given from June 18, 2014 to July 2, 2014 which allowed interested parties to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary and final design phase and the construction phase will be funded utilizing 80% Federal funds, 10% State funds, and 10% municipal funds; and

WHEREAS, the total project has been estimated by the State Department of Transportation to be \$5,582,100, of which the Town of Groton's 10% funding contribution is equivalent to \$558,210; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has committed all funding of the municipal share; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the proposed project is in the best interest of the Town of Groton and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the traveling public; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton Town Council by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the advancement of Project No. 58-327 Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction to the final design and construction phases.

Legislative History

	6/18/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	7/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0196				Public Hearing on a Proposed Lease of a Portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LEASE OF A PORTION OF FITCH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO PROJECT LEARN

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing as per CGS Sec. 7-163e on a proposed lease of a portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN for the Dual Language and Arts Magnet Middle School on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

	6/27/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	7/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0197				Extension of Lease Agreements with TVCCA for 36-40 Central Avenue Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASES TO TVCCA FOR 36-40 CENTRAL AVENUE

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing as per CGS Sec. 7-163e on

proposed lease extensions at 36-40 Central Avenue to TVCCA for childcare and early education programs on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

	6/27/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	7/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0199	<b>Extension of Lease for CMEEC Electric Generating Facility, Gary Court</b>			<b>Referral</b>

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A GROUND LEASE TO CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE (CMEEC) FOR AUXILIARY ELECTRIC POWER GENERATORS OFF GARY COURT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) entered into a ground lease for a portion of property at 170 Gary Court for auxiliary electric power generators on March 22, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the lease is ten and on-half years after the commencement date, or January 22, 2021, and

WHEREAS, CMEEC desires to extend the lease for an additional term of eighteen and one-half years from the expiration of the initial term, or July 22, 2039, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may execute the First Amendment and Extension to the Ground Lease with CMEEC for a portion of property at 170 Gary Court for auxiliary electric power generators, along with all ancillary documents that may be required.

Legislative History

	6/30/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	7/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0201	<b>Legislative Policy Initiative to Increase Revenue</b>			<b>Referral</b>

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY INITIATIVE TO INCREASE REVENUE

WHEREAS, it is the Town Councils desire to determine if the economic value of certain properties/opportunity areas can be significantly increased including, but not limited to, the following: Mystic Oral School; Downtown Mystic; the Groton/Thames interface including vacant Pfizer property on the Thames River; Town owned former school properties; Groton-New London Airport and the potential establishment of an airport development zone; Long Hill Road shopping areas; Industrial Park zoned properties; Flanders Road Business Park, and

WHEREAS, the ranking and evaluation of sites should be based on criteria such as best use; greatest market potential; greatest return; least investment; shortest time to break-even; least risk; best fit to the community; best way to compete in the region, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would like to solicit bids from qualified firms to assist them in determining the economic value of the above noted properties and opportunity areas as part of a market based assessment of the economy/business development of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to solicit bids from qualified firms to perform a market based assessment of the economic/business development potential of Groton.

Legislative History

	6/30/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
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to an outside concern; and recommend a plan to solicit reuse proposals for Town Council review; and

WHEREAS, starting in October 2008 the Task Force met numerous times, received significant public input, and conducted a community-wide survey regarding the school and its potential demolition or reuse, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force presented its final report and recommendation to the Town Council in October 2011, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 1, 2011 the Town Council endorsed two of the three recommendations of the Task Force, specifically 1) The Noank School property remain publicly owned; and 2) As a publicly owned property the Noank Fire District be given a six month time frame to present a plan for the school and property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council at its meeting on June 5, 2012 granted the Noank Fire District an additional 6 months to develop a full and detailed multi-year plan for the reuse of the former Noank School, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council at its meeting on April 2, 2013 rejected the Noank Fire Districts Noank School Reuse Committee reuse proposal, and

WHEREAS, over the last year the Town Council have received numerous ideas and suggestions concerning the re use of the Noank School property, including proposals that would involve selling all or a portion of the property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council reconfirms that it is their desire that the former Noank School property remain publicly owned and not sold for the private development purposes.

Legislative History

7/8/2014 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

2014-0205 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Noank School Community Garden Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT THE FORMER NOANK SCHOOL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town Council passed a resolution at their meeting on May 20, 2014 directing that a lease with the Noank School Public Gardens group be prepared and

WHEREAS, the members of the Noank School Public Gardens group and Town Staff have had follow up discussions and are now of the opinion that leasing the property is not a viable alternative for the Noank School Public Gardens and

WHEREAS, Noank School Public Gardens group is still desirous of creating an appropriately sized community garden at the former Noank School property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Noank School Public Gardens group and Town Staff to prepare a draft/proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Town Council review and approval that would allow for the establishment of community gardens at the former Noank School property.

Legislative History

7/8/2014 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**