



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Scott L. Newsome, Representatives Karin Adams, Robert Bailey, Jeanne Baker, Joe Baril, Alicia T. Bauer, Rafael Burgos, Jr., Clarence Casper, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Jim Evans, Thomas A. Frickman, Bob Garcia, Nancy Gilly, Matthew G. Longino, Jim Loughlin, Emily Maher, Brandon Marley, Jackie Massett, Lisa McCabe, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe L. Merritt, Jim Nault, Kathy Neugent, Lian Obrey, Juliette M. Parker, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Carolann Quinn, Dutcha Slieker-Hersant, Joan Steinfeld, Irma J. Streeter, James L. Streeter, Archie Swindell, Patricia Wagner, Lori A. Watrous, Gary Welles, Ivy R. Williams, and Jonathan Wilson.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center

REGULAR MEETING

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016
- D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

This is the portion of the RTM agenda where the RTM welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be limited to matters pertinent to Groton. The Moderator, or members through the Moderator, shall ask questions only in order to clarify the speaker's presentation. Responses may be given by the Moderator and/or by the Town Manager. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

- E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS
- F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER
 - 1. Financial report
 - 2. Monthly briefing
- G. REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- H. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
- I. LIAISON REPORTS
- J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE - Chairman Quinn

2016-0292 Adoption of Ordinance to Amend the Enterprise Zone Ordinance

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ORDINANCE (#229)
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON THAT:

- 1. Ordinance # 229, adopted July 18, 1995 and codified at § 14.5-3 of the Code of Ordinances, shall be amended by adding the following thereto:

a. (e)(1). Per Connecticut General Statutes § 32-71(e), the Town of Groton, acting through its Town Council, in its complete discretion, may approve additional tax abatements or deferrals of real property taxes for properties within the enterprise zone created by subsection (a) of Ordinance #229, on such terms and subject to such conditions that the Town Council deems necessary to achieve the purposes of the enterprise zone as manifested in Ordinance # 229 and in General Statutes Chapter 585, including § 32-71(a) through (e).

b. (e)(2). An applicant for additional tax abatements or deferrals pursuant to this subsection (e) shall comply with all Town of Groton requirements for applications for tax abatements and deferrals under subsection (b) of this Ordinance and under the Town's Enterprise Zone Description of Tax Benefits for Residential Properties and/or Enterprise Zone Guidelines, and shall provide the Town Council such other information in such forms as the Town Council requests in support of its application.

c. (e)(3). No such additional abatement or deferral shall be effective unless it is set out in a written agreement between the Town and the taxpayer that is approved by the Town Council upon the recommendation of the Town Manager, the Assessor, the Tax Collector, and the Director of the Office of Planning and Development Services, and is approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the Town Attorney. Any such agreement, whether for an abatement and/or for a deferral, shall be expressly subject to all requirements of §§ (b)(2-8), inclusive, of Ordinance #229, and all requirements of General Statutes §§ 32-71(b) through (e), inclusive. Any such written agreement shall include provisions requiring the taxpayer to provide the Town with written reports at least annually containing information necessary for the Town to determine whether the taxpayer has continued to meet all eligibility requirements hereunder. No such agreement shall have a term longer than twenty (20) years from the date of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the improvements upon which it is based, inclusive of any period during which the assessments and/or deferrals provided by subsection (b) of this Ordinance are in effect.

d. Any agreement entered into between the Town and a taxpayer pursuant to § (e)(3) hereof shall be recorded on the Land Records of the Town of Groton.

e. This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective forty-five (45) days after its enactment by the Town Council, unless vetoed by the RTM.

Legislative History

12/8/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
<i>The Town Council conducted a public hearing on December 6th and there were no comments received.</i>			
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
12/20/2016	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
12/20/2016	Town Council	Adopted as Amended	

Councilor Antipas made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include the Tax Collector in section c. (e)(3). The motion to amend was seconded by Councilor Nault.

- 2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES -**
- 3. EDUCATION - Chairman Neugent**
- 4. RECREATION - Chairman Wilson**
- 5. PUBLIC SAFETY - Chairman McDermott**

6. PUBLIC WORKS- Chairman Deane-Shinbrot

2016-0250 LED Conversion for Streetlights

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CONVERT TOWN OWNED STREET AND PARKING LOT LIGHTS TO LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED)

WHEREAS, the Town Council previously authorized the Director of Public Works to contract with Tanko Streetlighting, Inc. to conduct an Investment Grade Audit of the Town-owned street lights and parking lot lights, and

WHEREAS, Tanko has completed the audit and developed a conversion plan to replace the existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) street and parking lot lights with Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights, and

WHEREAS, the contract with Tanko requires Town Council concurrence with the conversion plan prior to proceeding with the installation phase of the project, and

WHEREAS, financing alternatives were reviewed and a financial plan for the project was developed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council concurs with the conversion plan and financing the plan through rebates and loans from Eversource, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to complete the streetlight conversion and execute the financial plan.

Legislative History

10/14/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Director of Public Works Gary Schneider and Sustainability Program Project Manager Rick Norris were present to request authorization to complete the installation phase of the LED streetlight conversion project in the Eversource area of the Town and parking areas. Mr. Norris distributed and reviewed an updated referral memo including a financing plan and a revised FYE 2017 CIP project showing funding sources. In addition to the streetlight conversion, the Town would also like to do parking lot lights at Town facilities.

Mr. Norris answered questions from Town Councilors. Mr. Schneider noted that the Town will need to enter into a separate agreement to maintain the streetlights which may also result in savings to the Town. The project also includes repair and replacement of some streetlight arms.

11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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Mr. Schneider noted that the delta between the energy savings and the cost of the lights would come out of the Public Works operating budget for four years. Discussion followed on the change to the CIP project.

11/15/2016	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken
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11/15/2016	Town Council	Adopted
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In response to Mayor Flax, Town Manager Mark Oefinger stated that the funds will be borrowed at a 0% financing plan, to be paid in part by the Public Works Department. Town Manager Mark Oefinger explained that the sagging street lights are a result of undersized brackets that were originally install as part of Streetscape project in downtown Mystic. He stated that the weight of the lights have caused the brackets to bend, which make the lights look like they are sagging. In response to Councilor Grim, Town Manager Mark Oefinger stated that the warranty wouldn't cover this issue and that there would be no use in engaging the contractor for reimbursement.

7. RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Massett

K. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT