



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Jean-Claude Ambroise, Representatives Karin Adams, Scott W. Aument, Sr., Joseph Baril, Nancy E. Barnhart, Alicia Bauer, Genevieve Cerf, Susan Chase-Hildebrand, Michael Collins, Christine Conley, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, Nancy Driscoll, Dave Ferreira, Neal Gardner, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Karen Hatcher, Keith L. Hedrick, Jonathan Heller, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Michael Dean Johnson, Rosanne E. Kotowski, Jim Loughlin, Elizabeth Luck, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Constance Miller, Scott Newsome, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Betty A. Prochaska, Pam Ryley, Jack Sebastian, Dana S. Semeraro, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Lori A. Watrous and Ivy R. Williams

Wednesday, February 08, 2012

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, 2011
- 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 OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
- H. LIAISON REPORTS
- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE - Chairman Granatosky

2011-0245 Letter re zero tax increase budget

Letter re zero tax increase budget

Legislative History

12/14/2011 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Finance Committee
Rep. Kotowski requested a referral to the RTM Finance Committee to draft a letter to the Town Council, Board of Education and School Superintendent strongly urging them to present a zero tax increase budget option to the RTM.

Members discussed the effects of revaluation and the ability to create a budget that would not increase taxes for all taxpayers. Other items discussed were the Grand Levy, Town revenue and the desirability of not increasing the budget bottom line.

Rep. Granatosky objected to this referral based on the discussion at the last RTM meeting.

Moderator Ambrose stated that a referral has been made and that anyone may attend the committee meeting. Debate on this item can take place when the committee reports back to the full RTM.

The Town Manager explained that he controls the budget bottom line but that revenue is only an estimated figure. He stated that revaluation further complicates this issue since property values are changing. He noted that some property values have increased and some have decreased and there is no way he can produce a budget that includes no tax increase for all taxpayers.

Mr. Kadri remarked on cost containment and increasing revenue as they affect taxation. He advocates that the governing bodies of the Town and the Board of Education work jointly to explore opportunities to increase revenue growth. He feels that the Town can not survive on cost containment alone.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES - Chairman Ferreira

3. EDUCATION - Chairman Hedrick

4. RECREATION - Chairman Streeter

5. PUBLIC SAFETY - Chairman Pasqualini

6. PUBLIC WORKS - Chairman Collins

7. TEMPORARY RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Svencer

2012-0027 Rules for Twenty-Eighth RTM

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rules of the Twenty-Eighth Representative Town Meeting as recommended by the Temporary Rules & Procedures Committee are hereby adopted.

8. CONSOLIDATION - Chairman Pasqualini

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURNMENT