



# 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, Bobbi Jo Cini, Christine Conley, Lynn Crocket Hubbard, Susan Dean-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, 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.*

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Wednesday, March 09, 2016

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center

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### REGULAR MEETING

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- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 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

2016-0037 Extension of the Appropriation for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE THAMES STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 275 at referendum on May 2, 2011, which appropriated \$6,375,505 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for the Thames Street Rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, the Debt Policy and Management/Fiscal Practices of the Town provide that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that certain additional expenditures remain to be made or financed for the project that cannot be expended or financed by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating ordinance and has recommended that said appropriation be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$6,375,505 which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that whatever portion of said appropriation is extended may be financed by grants and Town general obligation bonds previously approved; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to complete the financing of the Thames Street Rehabilitation project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$6,375,505 appropriation which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended or financed as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 275, plus the portion which is reappropriated, shall not exceed \$6,375,505.

Refer to RTM.

**Legislative History**

<b>1/27/2016</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Referred</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the W</b>
<b>2/2/2016</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Discussed</b>	
<i>Cindy Landry, Director of Finance, noted that the original appropriation for this project is limited to five years and it lapses on May 2, 2016. The project is almost complete, but there are outstanding bills that may not be paid by May 2nd. There is no need to bond any additional funds, but the time limit for appropriation must be extended so the Town has the authority to pay remaining bills. Ron Yuhas, City of Groton Finance Director, reviewed remaining outstanding expenditures including a one year retainage from acceptance of the project.</i>			
<b>2/2/2016</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>	
<i>Ms. Landry noted the extension would be for five years, but the project will be closed out as soon as the final bill is paid.</i>			
<b>2/2/2016</b>	<b>Town Council</b>	<b>Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken</b>	
<b>2/2/2016</b>	<b>Town Council</b>	<b>Adopted and Referred</b>	<b>Representative Town Meeting</b>

**2016-0060 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Arbitration Award to Pettini Contracting Corp.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PETTINI CONTRACTING CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARBITRATION AWARD RELATING TO THE MYSTIC STREETSCAPES AND UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Pettini Contracting Corporation ("PCC"), the contractor hired by the Town of Groton to perform the Mystic Streetscapes and Utility Relocation Project, commenced an arbitration proceeding with the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") against the Town claiming entitlement to additional monetary sums, and

WHEREAS, AAA rendered an Interim Award dated December 8, 2015, and Corrected Final Award dated February 2, 2016, and ultimately found that the Town shall pay to PCC the total sum of \$600,070.05, now therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes, subject to approval of the RTM, payment to PCC in the amount of \$600,070.05 from the Capital Reserve fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, this matter shall be referred to the RTM under Rule 6.5.3.

Legislative History

2/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2/16/2016	Town Council	Adopted and referred under Rule 6.5.3	Representative Town Meeting
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*Councilor Antipas stated that in the future he suggests that the Town Council looks at arbitration clauses in all major contacts.*

**2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES - Chairman Conley**

**3. EDUCATION - Chairman Neugent**

**4. RECREATION - Chairman Wilson**

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY - Chairman McDermott**

**6. PUBLIC WORKS - Chairman Dean-Shinbrot**

**7. RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Massett**

**2016-0066 Recommended Changes to the Rules of the 30th RTM**

**Referral to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) Permanent Rules Committee**

**The following referral is to recommend changes to the Rules of the 30th RTM. This referral was made by Rep. Wilson on February 10, 2016.**

**Rule 3.7 states:**

**“The Moderator shall guarantee the right of speech to every citizen of the Town of Groton at RTM meetings. This privilege shall be controlled under Section 5 (D) Citizens' Petitions and under Section 3.7.1.”**

**Recommended change: Insert the words “City and” between the words “the” and “Town” as follows - “citizen of the City and Town of Groton”.**

**Rationale: The RTM contains elected representatives from both the City of Groton as well as the Town of Groton and as such, citizens of each municipality have the opportunity to address the RTM during Citizens' Petitions. This change is merely to address a clerical matter in the rules.**

**Rule 6.4.1.2 states:**

**“A written copy of the committee report/minutes and any minority report shall be given to the Clerk of the RTM within seven (7) days of the committee meeting. Votes on any matter must be available within 48 hours of the meeting. If the committee report is presented at an RTM meeting sooner than seven (7) days after the committee meeting, the written report must be given to the Clerk of the RTM at that RTM meeting. At the request of the committee chair, a copy of the committee report will be sent by the Clerk of the RTM to each RTM member, with the agenda, for the meeting at which the report is to be presented.”**

**Recommended change: Change the third sentence to read, “If the committee report is presented at an RTM meeting sooner than seven (7) days after the committee meeting, the**

written report must be given to the Clerk of the RTM at that RTM meeting, if available or within 48 hours of the meeting if not.”

**Rationale:** Often, committee meetings are held the same night as the RTM meeting in which a referral/issue is being reported on. Depending on the manner in which the committee minutes are recorded, electronically or hand-written, the minutes may not be ready or available to be given to the Clerk of the RTM at the RTM meeting. This change will allow for the report of the committee to be presented and the minutes to follow in an expeditious manner.

**K. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**