



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk (860)441-6640
Town Manager (860)441-6630

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Natalie B. Billing, Representatives Jean-Claude Ambroise, Joe Baril, Nancy E. Barnhart, Alicia Bauer, Nancy E. Beckwith, Joyce F. Bergeson, Laurie Kim Briggs, Genevieve Cerf, Michael Collins, Warren T. Cooper, Nancy S. Driscoll, Syma Ebbin, June Evered, Peter Fairbank, Melissa M. Finlayson, Irene B. Garagliano, Robert Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Wendy L. Hellekson, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, James Loughlin, Lisa M. Luck, Jackie Massett, Carole McCarthy, Richard Metayer, Betsy Moukawsher, Scott Newsome, Deborah Peruzzotti, Kevin Power, Betty A. Prochaska, Don Pratt, Jack Sebastian, Jennifer Smuts, Eleanor Steere, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, and Cheryl Tilney

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex-CR1

Regular Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2008
- 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
 - 1. Introduction of Superintendent of Schools Paul Kadri

- F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:

- 1. Financial report
- 2. Monthly briefing

- G. LIAISON REPORTS

- H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. FINANCE

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Granatosky

2009-0040 Reauthorization of School Bonds - Fitch High School

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR FITCH HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 260 at referendum on April 27, 2004, which appropriated \$45,000,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for renovations and additions to Fitch High School; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time the Ordinance became effective

provided 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 on the project that cannot be expended 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 \$45,000,000 which has not been expended 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 continue the Town's renovations and additions to Fitch High School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$45,000,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 260, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$45,000,000.

Legislative History

2/3/2009	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
2/10/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
<i>The Town Manager explained that the school bonds are approaching the end of the five year life. This extension will protect the Town's investment while the projects are closed out, and assure the greatest amount of reimbursement from the state.</i>			
2/10/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2/17/2009	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
2/17/2009	Town Council	Adopted and referred under Rule 6.5.3	Representative Town Meeting
2/18/2009	Representative Town Meeting	Referred under Rule 6.5.3	RTM Finance Committee
<i>This item was referred under Rule 6.5.3.</i>			
3/4/2009	RTM Finance Committee	Recommended for Approval (RTM Ctee)	

2009-0043 Reauthorization of School Bonds - Kolnaski Elementary School

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SOUTHWEST

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 258 at referendum on April 27, 2004, which appropriated \$26,100,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for construction of a new elementary school to be located in the southwestern part of Groton; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time the Ordinance became effective provided 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 on the project that cannot be expended 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 \$26,100,000 which has not been expended 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 continue the Town's construction of a new elementary school to be located in the southwestern part of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$26,100,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 258, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$26,100,000.

Legislative History

2/10/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2/17/2009	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
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3/4/2009	RTM Finance Committee	Recommended for Approval (RTM Ctee)	

2009-0044 Reauthorization of School Bonds - Northeast Academy Elementary School

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER FREEMAN-HATHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SAME PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 259 at referendum on April 27, 2004, which appropriated \$20,800,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for demolition of the former Freeman-Hathaway Elementary School facility and construction of a new elementary school on the same property; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time the Ordinance became effective provided 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 on the project that cannot be expended 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 \$20,800,000 which has not been expended 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 continue the Town's construction of a new elementary school on the former Freeman Hathaway School property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$20,800,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount

expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 259, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$20,800,000.

Legislative History

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2/17/2009	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
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2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Peruzzotti

3. EDUCATION

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Fairbank

4. RECREATION

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Power

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Pratt

6. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Collins

7. RULES & PROCEDURES

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Evered

I. OTHER BUSINESS

FY 2010 Budget Discussion

J. ADJOURNMENT