



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Christine Conley, Representatives Karin Adams, Jean-Claude Ambroise, Joseph Baril, Alicia Bauer, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, John A. Espada, Robert M. Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Conrad F. Heede, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Matthew G. Longino, Jim Loughlin, Lisa M. Luck, Brandon Marley, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Scott Meyer, Douglas Monaghan, Karen Morton, Kathy Neugent, Scott Newsome, Juliette M. Parker, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Shawn Powers, John F. Scott IV, Richard Semeraro, Bill Smith, Judith Strode, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Fred Turnbull, Patricia Wagner, Lori A. Watrous, Ivy R. Williams and Jonathan E. Wilson

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

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 JULY 9, 2014
- D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

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.

- 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
 - 2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES -Chairman Semeraro

2014-0169 LaValley Property, Packer Road

LAVALLEY PROPERTY, PACKER ROAD

WHEREAS, William LaValley, the owner of 126 Packer Road, Mystic, has offered to give his vacant parcel to the Town of Groton as open space, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the LaValley property was referred to the Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended that the Town acquire the property for open space because the property is wetlands, bounded by Haley Brook, within the 100 year flood plain, and within Groton Utilities' future water supply watershed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the LaValley property at 126 Packer Road, Mystic as open space.

Legislative History

5/20/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
6/10/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
<i>A letter was received from William LaValley, owner of 126 Packer Road, offering the vacant parcel to the Town as open space. Mr. LaValley's original intent was to build on the property, but he can no longer afford to do that. There is no Town use for the property. Deb Jones, in her capacity as the Environmental Planner, recommends acceptance of the property as open space because it is undevelopable and almost entirely within the floodplain. If the Council wants to accept the property, the acquisition must be referred to the Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24.</i>			
6/10/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion	
<i>to refer acquisition of the LaValley property at 126 Packer Road to the Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24</i>			
7/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
<i>Town Manager Oefinger described the location of the property, which is primarily wetlands and entirely within the 100 year floodplain. The possibility of developing the property is remote. In response to the CGS Sec. 8-24 referral, the Planning Commission has recommended acceptance and designation of the parcel as open space.</i>			
7/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
8/5/2014	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
8/5/2014	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting

- 3. EDUCATION - Chairman Swindell
- 4. RECREATION - Chairman Svencer
- 5. PUBLIC SAFETY - Chairman Pasqualini
- 6. PUBLIC WORKS - Chairman Heede
- 7. RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Ambroise

J. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT