



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Natalie B. Billing, Representatives Jean-Claude Ambroise, Joe Baril, Nancy E. Barnhart, Lori Bartinik, 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, November 12, 2008

7:30 PM

Senior Center

Regular Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 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
- 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

2008-0245 FY2009 Budget Concerns

FY2009 BUDGET CONCERNS

Legislative History

10/8/2008 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Finance Committee
*Rep. Steinfeld stated her concerns about the impact on local residents of the national and global economic situation. She feels that the RTM should request reductions or constraints on expenditures for the current 2009 budget. She asked if direction could be sent to the Council and Town Manager.
Moderator Billing suggested that dialogue be initiated and that this discussion be on the November agenda.*

*The Town Clerk suggested that discussion be in the Finance Committee and appear on the next agenda.
 Rep. Garagliano cautioned members that the RTM's function is as a fiscal body and that policy is initiated by Town Council.
 Rep. Peruzzotti agreed with Rep. Garagliano. She stated that the RTM performed its function at the annual budget meeting. She feels that it is the Manager's job to monitor spending and make the necessary decisions and adjustments during this economic situation.
 Moderator Billing referred the subject to the Finance Committee for recommendations to the full RTM.*

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

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

2008-0215 Acceptance of Open Space at Neal Subdivision

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE AT NEAL SUBDIVISION IN MYSTIC
 WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has been offered a parcel of open space consisting of 1,890 square feet at the northeast corner of the Neal Subdivision, which fronts at 119 New London Road, Mystic, and

 WHEREAS, that parcel of open space directly adjoins a substantial parcel of open space that was previously acquired and dedicated from the Wolfbrook Subdivision east of Noank Ledyard Road and Daniel Brown Drive, and

 WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission recommended acceptance of this open space at its meeting of August 12, 2008, now therefore be it

 RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts the open space identified herein.

Refer to RTM

Legislative History

8/21/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Public Works/ Recr
8/26/2008	Town Council Public Works/ Recreation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
9/16/2008	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
9/16/2008	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
10/8/2008	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Community Development &

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**2008-0240 2009 RTM Meeting Schedule**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2009 RTM MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, Freedom of Information Act requires filing a calendar-year schedule of regular meetings with the Town Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting is changing its meeting location from the Senior Center to the Town Hall Annex, and its meeting date from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting hereby approves the meeting schedule for 2009 as follows:

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Wednesday, December 16, 2009 and
Wednesday, January 20, 2010

and be it further

RESOLVED that the meeting scheduled for December 10, 2008 is now changed to December 17, 2008 at 7:30pm, and that all regular meetings in 2009 are scheduled for 7:30pm.

2008-0277 FY2010 RTM Budget Discussion

FY2010 RTM BUDGET DISCUSSION

Legislative History**10/8/2008 Representative Town Meeting Discussed**

Rep. Sebastian remarked that the 2010 budget discussion and guidance to the Manager needs to be started now as the Manager will be starting the budget process in December. He stated that the RTM needs to decide what services could be recommended to the Manager for elimination or reduction. He mentioned that layoffs may be necessary next year due to union contractual agreements that include annual cost of living increases and step raises that raise the budget each year.

The Moderator stated that the November agenda will include budget discussion and creation of a process to have input to the Town Manager and Town Council early in the budget process.

J. ADJOURNMENT