



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

RTM Economic Development Corporation Task Force

Chairman John Scott, Representatives Joe Baril, Conrad Heede, Matthew Longino, Brandon Marley, Scott Meyer, and Mark Svencer; Town Councilors Bob Frink; City Councilors Bill Jervis and Keith Hedrick

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Groton Senior Center - Classroom A

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
4. NEW BUSINESS

RTM Request for Town Attorney Opinion - Feasibility for an RTM Economic Development Corporation.

2013-0293 Creation of a Groton RTM Economic Development Corporation

CREATION OF A GROTON REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Legislative History

12/11/2013 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Community Development &

Rep. Scott suggested that the Town needs creative ideas for dealing with the budget, and specifically for increasing revenues. He distributed material and made a Power Point presentation proposing the creation of a Groton Representative Town Meeting Economic Development Corporation to focus on all aspects of economic development in Groton. He laid out the details of the proposed corporation, including purpose, structure and cost. He cited the failure of Town and City governments to retain businesses and attract new ones to the area. Rep. Scott suggested that the RTM use Power of Initiative as permitted by the Town Charter to set the process in motion.

MOTION to suspend the rules to consider Item 2013-0293 CREATION OF A GROTON REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION under Power of Initiative was made by Rep. Scott, seconded by Rep. Massett.

The roll call vote to suspend the rules failed 18 in favor, 18 opposed, 3 abstentions. (This motion required a two-thirds vote of those present.) (In favor: Reps. Adams, Ambroise, Baril, DeMatto, Espada, Heede, Hubbard, Longino, Massett, McDermott, Meyer, Monaghan, Pasqualini, Scott, Strobe, Turnbull, Wagner, Wilson. Opposed: Reps. Bauer, Deane-Shinbrot, Grantosky, Garcia, Harrell, Hatcher, Loughlin, Marley, Neugent, Newsome, Parker, Semeraro, Smith, Svencer, Swindell, Waselik, Williams, Conley. Abstaining: Reps. Luck, Merritt, Powers.)

Moderator Conley directed that the committee should meet on this item prior to the January meeting. In response to Rep. Hatcher's request that this item also be referred to the Finance Committee, the Moderator noted that she would rather make the referral to one committee and refer it to a second committee at a later time if necessary.

1/6/2014	RTM Community Development & Services Committee	Referred	Representative Town Meeting
1/8/2014	Representative Town Meeting	No action taken	

Moderator Conley responded that she is calling for the creation of an RTM Economic Development Corporation Task Force to be made up of members from the RTM, Town Council and City Council. She asked for volunteers to serve on the task force.

**2/19/2014 RTM Economic Development Discussed
Corporation Task Force**

Rep. Scott presented his Power Point presentation on creating an RTM Economic Development Corporation and entertained questions and discussion.

The group discussed visiting other economic development corporations in the state to obtain information on their creation, budget, and management. The following corporations will be visited:

Norwich - John Scott, Bill Jervis, Matthew Longino

Naugatuck - John Scott, Bob Frink, Mark Svencer

New London - Karen Hatcher, Keith Hedrick

New Haven - John Scott

Hartford - John Scott

By consensus of the group the monthly meeting will occur on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be determined with the assistance of the Town Clerk's office. The next meeting will be March 20, 2014.

**3/20/2014 RTM Economic Development No quorum present
Corporation Task Force**

**6/19/2014 RTM Economic Development No quorum present
Corporation Task Force**

5. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List

6. ADJOURNMENT

For the committee to meet, we need a quorum. Please let the clerk's office (441-6644) know ASAP if you will not be able to attend this meeting.