



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

RTM Rules & Procedures Committee

Chairman Jackie Massett, Representatives Joe Baril, Neal Gardner, Patrice Granatosky and Dana Semeraro

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

6:30 PM

Senior Center-Classroom A

SPECIAL MEETING

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

2013-0073 Adoption of an Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING AND REDEFINING THE VOTING DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF GROTON

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

That Section 6-1 of the Code of Ordinances, "Voting Districts", consisting of Ordinance Nos. 105, 212, 217, and 254 adopted by the Town Council on October 2, 1972, February 18, 1992, March 2, 1993 and July 2, 2002, respectively, is hereby repealed, and the following ordinance is hereby enacted in lieu thereof:

1. The following areas shall hereafter constitute the Voting Districts in the Town of Groton and are hereby adopted to conform to the 2011 Plan of Congressional Districting approved by the State of Connecticut Supreme Court on February 10, 2012 and published by the State of Connecticut Secretary of State on February 15, 2012, and to enact other changes to be made hereby by the Groton Town Council pursuant to Town of Groton Charter § 3.7:

FIRST VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this voting district at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Flanders Road and the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running southerly with the centerline of Flanders Road to a point at its intersection with the centerline of Fort Hill Road (U.S. Route 1), thence running southerly and westerly with the centerline of Fort Hill Road (U.S. Route 1) to a point at the intersection with the centerline of Fort Hill Brook; thence running southerly with the centerline of Fort Hill Brook to Mumford Cove; thence running southerly with the centerline of Mumford Cove and crossing Fishers Island Sound to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton to its intersection with the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running northerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove; thence running northwesterly and northerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove and Birch Plain Creek to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary on the south side of Poquonnock Road; thence running northwesterly along the City of Groton boundary and the south side of Poquonnock Road to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary; thence running northerly along the City of Groton boundary to its intersection with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension; thence running southeasterly and easterly with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension to Long Hill Road (U.S. Route 1); thence running northwesterly with the centerline of Long Hill Road (U.S. Route 1) to the intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Clarence B. Sharp Highway (Connecticut Route 349); thence running easterly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Clarence B. Sharp Highway

(Connecticut Route 349) to its intersection with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp; thence running easterly with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Flanders Road and to the point of the beginning. All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the First Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SECOND VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwest corner of this voting district at a point on the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running due east to the intersection of Eastern Point Road and Nicholas Avenue; thence running easterly with the centerline of Nicholas Avenue to Benham Road; thence crossing Benham Road to Hynes Avenue and continuing easterly with the centerline of Hynes Avenue to Brandegee Avenue; thence running northerly with the centerline of Brandegee Avenue to Rainville Avenue; thence running easterly and northeasterly with the centerline of Rainville Avenue to Poquonnock Road; thence running southeasterly with the centerline of Poquonnock Road to a point on the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary on the south side of Poquonnock Road; thence running southeasterly along the City of Groton boundary to the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running southerly and southeasterly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Birch Plain Creek and Baker Cove; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove and Fishers Island Sound to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line to a point due west of the intersection of Eastern Point Road and Nicholas Avenue and to the point of the beginning. All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Second Voting District of the Town of Groton.

THIRD VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwest corner of this voting district and the northwest corner of the City of Groton; thence running easterly along the north boundary of the City of Groton and the north side of Grove Avenue; thence running southeasterly, southerly and southeasterly along the northeast boundary of the City of Groton to a point in the vicinity of Meridian Street Extension; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton on to a point in the centerline of Poquonnock Road; thence running northwesterly with the centerline of Poquonnock Road to Rainville Avenue; thence running southwestly and westerly with the centerline of Rainville Avenue to Brandegee Avenue; thence running southerly with the centerline of Brandegee Avenue to Hynes Avenue; thence running westerly with the centerline of Hynes Avenue to Benham Road; thence crossing Benham road to Nicholas Avenue and continuing westerly with the centerline of Nicholas Avenue to Eastern Point Road; thence running due west to the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line to the northwest corner of the City of Groton and to the point of the beginning. All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Third Voting District of the Town of Groton.

FOURTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwestern corner of this voting district running along the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the intersection of North Road (Connecticut Route 117); thence running southerly with the centerline of North Road (Connecticut Route 117); thence running westerly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp; thence running southwestly with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp to its intersection with U.S. Route 1; thence running southeasterly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to the intersection of Meridian Street Extension; thence running westerly and northwesterly with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension to its intersection with the easterly boundary of the City of Groton; thence running northerly and northwesterly along the northeast boundary of the City of Groton to a point on the north side of Grove Avenue; thence running westerly along the north boundary of the City of Groton to the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence

running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line and the GROTON-WATERFORD town line to its intersection with the GROTON-LEDYARD town line and to the point of the beginning. All Areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Fourth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

FIFTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this district and the northeast corner of the Town of Groton at a point in Hyde Pond; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line through Whitford Brook and the Mystic River to its intersection with the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running westerly with the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117; thence running northerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to its intersection with the GROTON-LEDYARD town line; thence running easterly along the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the point of beginning. All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Fifth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SIXTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this voting district at a point where the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate Route 95 crosses the GROTON-STONINGTON town line in the Mystic River; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line through the Mystic River to a point southeasterly of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running northwesterly through the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove to a point in Beebe Cove west of Half Penny Island; thence running northerly in Beebe Cove to a point in line with the prolongation southeasterly of the centerline of Fishtown Road; thence running northwesterly with the prolongation of Fishtown Road, crossing Beebe Cove, the shore and Elm Street (Connecticut Route 215) to Fishtown Road; thence running northwesterly and northerly with the centerline of Fishtown Road to its intersection with New London Road (U.S. Route 1) and Noank Ledyard Road; thence running northerly, northeasterly and northerly with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road to its intersection with the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate Route 95 to the GROTON-STONINGTON town line and to the point of the beginning. All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Sixth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SEVENTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the GROTON-STONINGTON town line southeast of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton to a point south of Mumford Cove; thence running northerly along the centerline of Mumford Cove to Fort Hill Brook; thence running northerly along the centerline of Fort Hill Brook to its intersection with the centerline of Fort Hill Road (U.S. Route 1); thence running easterly with the centerline of Fort Hill Road (U.S. Route 1) to the intersection of Flanders Road; thence running northerly along the centerline of Flanders Road to its intersection with the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the south bound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road; thence running southerly, southwestly and southerly with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road to its intersection with New London Road (U.S. Route 1) and Fishtown Road; thence running southerly and southeasterly with the centerline of Fishtown Road to its intersection with Elm Street (Connecticut Route 215); thence running southeasterly along the prolongation southeasterly of the centerline of Fishtown Road, crossing Elm Street (Connecticut Route 215), to the shore and Beebe Cove; thence running southerly in Beebe Cove to a point west of Half Penny Island and northwesterly of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running southeasterly in Beebe Cove through the railroad bridge to the GROTON-STONINGTON town line and to the point of the beginning. All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Seventh Voting District of the Town of Groton.

2. Changes to Districts One, Four and Five have been made as required by the 2011 Redistricting

Plan enacted by the State of Connecticut.

3. By vote of the Groton Town Council, the former Districts Four and Five have been combined. The resulting district will henceforth be known as District Four.

4. By vote of the Groton Town Council, a portion of District 8 has been combined with District 1.

5. Districts Six, Seven and Eight have been renumbered to reflect the combining of Districts Four and Five. Henceforth, District Six will be known as District Five; District Seven will be known as District Six; and District Eight will be known as District Seven.

Legislative History

3/5/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
3/12/2013	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
<i>Motion to veto is the only appropriate action.</i>			
3/12/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
3/13/2013	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Rules & Procedures Commi
3/19/2013	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - No further action	

MOTION TO VETO IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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 (441-6643) know ASAP if you will not be able to attend this meeting.