



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

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Town Clerk 860-441-6640
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Town Council

Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2011-0062 Proclamation Honoring Mack Kelly

Proclamation - TC

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

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.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2011-0068 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 1, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0063 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIAL TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Susan Decorte McMillan - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Various Donations - \$853.94 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Groton Utilities - \$237.78 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Dr. Charles Barnum PTO - \$473.20 - Social Services Discretionary
Rebecca Freeman - \$120.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Various Donations - \$1,086.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2010-0026	Terms and Conditions of Town Clerk Employment	Referral
2010-0210	New London's Request to Use Groton Animal Shelter	Referral
2011-0037	Mystic and Noank Library Study Committee - Update	Referral
2010-0236	Credit Card Usage in Town Departments	Referral
2011-0059	Task Force for Climate Change and Sustainable Community Final Report	Referral
2011-0064	Public Hearing on FYE 2012 Proposed Budget	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0236	Credit Card Usage in Town Departments	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton currently accepts credit card payments at the Golf Course and either third party vendor or Discover card payments in the Tax Division and Parks and Recreation, and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation would like to institute standard retail credit card acceptance for its programs and events, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has explored accepting credit cards for Town-wide transactions including tax payments and found that the fees would have a negative impact on departments' operational budgets, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes standard retail credit card acceptance at the Parks and Recreation Department with all related fees and costs borne by Parks and Recreation's Special Revenue Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, that current methods already in place for credit card acceptance in the Tax Division will remain in place.

Legislative History

	11/9/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
	2/22/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Not Discussed	
	3/8/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	3/8/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0059	Task Force for Climate Change and Sustainable Community Final Report			Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Town Council appointed the Task Force for Climate Change and Sustainable Community in December 2008 to "develop a plan to comply with the state mandates to reduce carbon emissions from the Town of Groton; promote awareness among the Town's residents of the related facts of climate change and rising global oil use and their implications for Groton; identify the need and opportunities to take action as individuals and as a Town to avoid or reduce adverse impacts from climate change and rising energy costs while seizing economic opportunities created by them," and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has submitted its final report and recommendations to the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council thanks the Task Force for its efforts and accepts the final report, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will continue its deliberations on the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Task Force for Climate Change and Sustainable Community.

Legislative History

	2/17/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
	2/22/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	3/8/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	3/8/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0064	Public Hearing on FYE 2012 Proposed Budget			Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON FYE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on the FYE 2012 Proposed Budget, pursuant to Section 9.3.1 of the Town Charter, on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center, Newtown Road (Route 117), Groton, Connecticut.

Legislative History

	3/1/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
	3/8/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	3/8/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0069	Setting the Referendum Date and Form of the Question on Thames Street Rehabilitation Program Bond Ordinance			Referral
2011-0070	Authorization of Thames Street Rehabilitation Program Bond Ordinance Short Version			Referral
2011-0071	Setting the Referendum Date and Form of the Question on the Phase II School Facilities Program Bond Ordinance			Referral
2011-0072	Authorization of Phase II School Facilities Program Bond Ordinance Short Version			Referral
2011-0073	Authorization for Explanatory Texts for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project and Phase II School Facilities Program Bond Ordinance Referenda			Referral

XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**