



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4394  
Town Clerk 860-441-6640  
Town Manager 860-441-6630

### 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, May 03, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2011-0086	Proclamation Recognizing National Arbor Day	Proclamation - TC
2011-0097	Proclamation Recognizing Eli Morton	Proclamation - TC
2011-0102	Proclamation Recognizing Earth Day	Proclamation - TC
2011-0103	Proclamation Recognizing Youth Week	Proclamation - TC
2011-0112	Proclamation Recognizing David Winkler	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

2011-0111 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of March 28, 2011, April 19, 2011 and April 26, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

2011-0105 Special Trust Fund Contributions Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Johnson's Hardware and Supply Co. - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Bridgeworks, LLC - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan, Gray and Greenberg, P.C. - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Jay Kane and Shoreline Diving - \$1,500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Companion Animal Hospital - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Legs Landscaping - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Hotrod Cafe - \$350.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Mohegan Sun - \$2,500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Various Donations - \$22.99 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
 Union Baptist Church - \$1,750.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
 Barbara Weeman - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Bechtel in memory of Margaret "Dot" Kennedy - \$25.00 - Library Discretionary

**c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

2011-0108	General Fund Balance Amount	Referral
2011-0106	Removal of Dam on Electric Boat Property, Poquonnock Road	Referral
2011-0109	Lease of Photovoltaic Solar Electric System	Referral
2011-0110	Proposed Revisions to Part-Time/Seasonal/Temporary Pay Plan and Policies	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**

2011-0106	Removal of Dam on Electric Boat Property, Poquonnock Road	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR A DAM BREACH ON ELECTRIC BOAT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Electric Boat Corporation has made application to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to breach the Trails Pond Dam, located on Electric Boat property at 456 Poquonnock Road, and

WHEREAS, the dam serves Trail Pond, located on Town of Groton property, and

WHEREAS, DEP has requested a letter from the Town of Groton indicating what level of involvement and concurrence the Town has with this project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to sign and submit to DEP a letter acknowledging the Town Council's knowledge of Electric Boat's pending application to breach the dam and indicating its concurrence that the dam be breached.

Legislative History

4/12/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

4/26/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger explained that this dam, located on Electric Boat property, served an old mill that has been removed. The dam weir has been open for some time and the pond on Town-owned land has been drained, except when the weir has become blocked with debris. Electric Boat would like to permanently breach the dam. The company had wanted to remove the dam while they were dismantling their Annex building, but they provided no information to the Town at that time. Recently, a representative of Electric Boat requested a letter of acknowledgment from the Town of Electric Boat's Department of Environmental Protection application to breach the dam. Water will be directed into a pipe system in Poquonnock Road and eventually make its way to Birch Plain Creek.

The Council concurred with the dam breach and authorized the Town Manager to sign a letter of acknowledgment to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection.

4/26/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2011-0109 Lease of Photovoltaic Solar Electric System Referral

LEASE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC SOLAR ELECTRIC SYSTEM

WHEREAS, DCS Energy of South Glastonbury, Connecticut has offered to lease photovoltaic solar systems to the Town of Groton at no cost, and

WHEREAS, Town staff, working with DCS, has identified buildings that meet the eligibility criteria for installation of the systems, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to sign lease contracts with DCS Energy for photovoltaic solar systems.

Legislative History

4/21/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

4/26/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger noted that DCS Energy recently forwarded a group of contracts for installation of photovoltaic solar systems on various buildings in Town. Eligible Town buildings are Town Hall Annex, the Police Department, the Library, and the Highway Garage; the Animal Shelter was incorrectly identified by DCS.

This is a no-cost five-year lease. The Town may incur incidental costs associated with the installation.

4/26/2011 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2011-0110 Proposed Revisions to Part-Time/Seasonal/Temporary Pay Plan and Policies Referral**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PART-TIME/SEASONAL/TEMPORARY PAY PLAN AND POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the Part-Time/Seasonal/Temporary Pay Plan and Policies are updated on a regular basis, most recently in 2007, and

WHEREAS, a review of the plan and policies was recently undertaken and completed by Town staff, and

WHEREAS, the changes will allow the Town Manager the discretion to grant or not to grant a step increase to Part Time/Seasonal/Temporary Employees, and

WHEREAS, additional changes will address collective bargaining impacts and current practices, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the revised Part-Time/Seasonal/Temporary Pay Plan and Policies effective May 1, 2011.

**Legislative History**

**4/21/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl**

**4/26/2011 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole**

*Doug Ackerman, Director of Administrative Services, noted that no increases for part time employees were included in the FYE 2012 Proposed Budget. Previously, automatic annual increases were included in the plan, but this proposal would allow the Town Manager to make that decision from year to year. The plan includes several technical changes including the number of hours allowed for part time employees, minimum wage adjustments, language concerning telecommunicators, and shift premiums at the library.*

**4/26/2011 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**