



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

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, June 07, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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

2011-0127 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 17, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0117 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:

Susan DeCorte McMillin - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Various Donations - \$8.01 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Groton Utilities Matching Funds - \$11.50 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Garden Club - \$500.00 - Jabez Smith House

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0100 Thames Street Rehabilitation Study

Referral

2006-0282 School Improvement Project - Phase II

Referral

2010-0172	FYE 2012 Budget	Referral
2010-0249	FYE 2012 Groton Long Point Highway Budget	Referral
2010-0250	FYE 2012 City of Groton Highway Budget	Referral
2011-0054	Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission	Referral
2011-0055	Reappointment of Richard Haviland to Zoning Commission	Referral
2011-0081	FYE 2012 Proposed Budget Deliberations	Referral
2011-0116	National Liberty Memorial to African Americans of the Revolutionary War	Referral
2011-0121	Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 12)	Referral
2011-0122	Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 12)	Referral
2011-0123	Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 12)	Referral
2011-0124	FYE 2011 Suspense List	Referral
2011-0125	Appointment of Fran Davis to Housing Authority	Referral
2011-0126	Appointment of James Kamercia to Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2011-0128	Reappointment of Hal Zod to Planning Commission	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

- 2011-0054 Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEPHEN HUDECEK TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Stephen Hudecek, 33 Leeward Lane, Noank, is reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Legislative History

2/22/2011 Town Council Not Discussed
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee

5/24/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

- 2011-0055 Reappointment of Richard Haviland to Zoning Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICHARD HAVILAND TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Richard Haviland, 143 Allen Street, is reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

Legislative History

2/22/2011 Town Council Not Discussed
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee

5/24/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

- 2011-0116 National Liberty Memorial to African Americans of the Revolutionary War Referral**

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AFRICAN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS OF GROTON, CONNECTICUT AND THE PROPOSED NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL WHEREAS, Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa will introduce legislation in the U.S. Senate in May 2011 to complete the unfinished business of two decades: the construction of an entirely citizen-funded National Liberty Memorial to African Americans of the Revolutionary War at a location in the monumental core of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, from 1775 to 1783, an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 slaves and free persons served as soldiers, sailors and patriots in the Revolutionary War, including Cato Mead of Norwich, Connecticut, and later of Montrose, Iowa, while tens of thousands of men, women and children provided civilian assistance, ran away from slavery and petitioned courts and the General Assembly for freedom; and

WHEREAS, more than 800 African Americans who resided in over 80 towns and cities, and all eight counties, in Connecticut served in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, 24 African American soldiers and patriots from Groton by the names of Caesar, Cato, Cuff (2), James Freeman, Jordan Freeman, Micael Freeman, Joseph Hanibal, Cuff Hurlbut, Jack, Lambert Latham, Jonathan Mongo, Jacob Pomp, John Pomp, David Pomp, Lemuel Pompey, Samupel Pompey, Cato Roberson, Shoram, Amos Solomon, Edward Freeman, Jack Freeman, Prince Freeman, and John Pompey participated in the struggle for independence; and

WHEREAS, although the original memorial was not constructed, and the authority to do so has

lapsed, genealogical research and the publication of hundreds of books over more than two decades reaffirm the significant contributions made by African Americans of the post-colonial period and validates their influence on the patriotism of future generations and the movement for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the momentum to construct a national memorial, and to finally compile a comprehensive list of African American patriots, arose in 1984 out of the quest of Lena Santos Ferguson, deceased, of our sister town of Plainville, Connecticut to honor her heritage and expand the nation's understanding of the role of African Americans in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1984, Rep. Nancy Johnson, Senator Lowell Weicker, and Senator Chris Dodd were leaders in the enactment and advocacy of landmark legislation, including Public Law 98-245 commemorating African American patriotism and Public Laws 99-558 and 100-265 that authorize a national memorial and declare the history of "preeminent historical and lasting significance to the nation."

WHEREAS, these combined efforts, reported by the Hartford Courant over 24 years, brought about the publication in 2008 of *Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War*, which contains the longest list so far of African Americans in the Revolutionary War, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Groton, Connecticut joins the National Mall Liberty Fund, D.C. (www.libertyfunddc.org <<http://www.libertyfunddc.org>>), the congressional sponsors and original cosponsors of the National Liberty Memorial Act, including Rep. Donald Payne of New Jersey and Rep. Frank Wolf of Virginia, and those who applaud the decision of Congress and President Reagan in 1988 to authorize the predecessor memorial at a site between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Council encourages volunteers to discover the names of still-unknown African American Revolutionary War soldiers, sailors and patriots, enlarge the body of knowledge about their lives and forward the information to National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. for inclusion in a database that will celebrate the trail blazers of Groton together with those of hundreds of proud American communities, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Council urges the Connecticut Delegation to the United States Congress to work for the enactment of the National Liberty Memorial Act and to spread knowledge of the history to institutions in southeastern Connecticut while promoting its potential for understanding and unity throughout the nation, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of Groton forward certified copies of this Resolution to the entire Connecticut Delegation to the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, the Speaker and President Pro Tem of the General Assembly and the local superintendent of schools, librarian and historical societies.

Legislative History

	5/16/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	5/24/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	5/24/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2011-0121		Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 12)		Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND TAXES DUE ON JULY 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a General Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$118,485,063, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimates cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes will total \$42,166,572, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$866,130 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2011 to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2012 General Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$75,452,361 is the amount that needs to be raised from property taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due July 1, 2011 is hereby established at 18.89 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$75,452,361 ($\$75,452,361 \div \$4,096,300,162 \div 97.5\% \times 1,000 = 18.89$ mills).

Legislative History

2011-0122	5/23/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
				Referral

Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 12)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR MUMFORD COVE DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$21,027, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes will total \$350, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$100 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2011, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2012 Mumford Cove District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Mumford Cove District Fund on July 1, 2011 is hereby established at 0.279 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$20,877 ($\$20,877 \div \$74,946,084 \div 99.7\% \times 1,000 = 0.279$ mills).

Legislative History

2011-0123	5/23/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
				Referral

Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 12)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$1,168,570 and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2012 property taxes will total \$21,215, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$500,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2011, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2012 Sewer District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Groton Sewer District Fund on July 1, 2011 is hereby established at 0.25 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$647,355

(\$647,355 ÷ \$2,646,812,968 (excluding motor vehicles) ÷ 98.5% x 1,000 = 0.25 mills).

Legislative History

2011-0124 5/23/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W
FYE 2011 Suspense List Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 SUSPENSE LIST

WHEREAS, State law requires that once a year a list shall be compiled of taxes that should be suspended, and

WHEREAS, the accounts which have been determined as uncollectible have been contacted at least nine times with no response, and

WHEREAS, placing uncollected items on the Suspense List helps avoid waste of money and staff time, and

WHEREAS, taxpayers remain liable for all amounts that are placed on the Suspense List, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be added to the Suspense List as reported to the Town Council:

Town: \$504,481.80

Sewer District: \$3,683.92

Mumford Cove: \$4.32

Total: \$508,170.04

Legislative History

2011-0125 5/23/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W
Appointment of Fran Davis to Housing Authority Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRAN DAVIS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that Fran Davis, 70 Village Lane #4, is appointed as a tenant member of the Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/14

Legislative History

2011-0126 5/24/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee
Appointment of James Kamercia to Parks and Recreation Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES KAMERCIA TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that James Kamercia, 41 Meech Avenue, is hereby appointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

Legislative History

2011-0128 5/24/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee
Reappointment of Hal Zod to Planning Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING HAL ZOD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Hal Zod, 140 High Meadow Lane, Mystic, is hereby reappointed as an alternate

member to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Legislative History

5/24/2011	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT