



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

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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, June 21, 2011

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center, Route 117

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

2011-0136 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 7, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0131 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:

The Sunup Foundation - \$10,000.00 - Library Discretionary

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Aldrich, Perkins, Mulcahy & Heap, LLC - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Donald and Carol Pratt donation in honor of John Silsby - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Joellen Anderson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

The Pequot Cyclists - \$75.00 - Library Discretionary

Groton Ledyard Rotary - \$185.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Groton Ledyard Rotary - \$1,352.92 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2009-0313	Elderly Tax Relief Program Interest Rate	Referral
2010-0199	Interlocal Agreement with Durham to Provide Property Tax Relief for Emergency Services Volunteers	Referral
2011-0066	Montville Request Regarding Pending Legislation	Referral
2011-0132	2011 COPS Hiring Program	Referral
2011-0137	Introduction of Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements	Referral
2011-0138	Scheduling of Public Hearing on Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements	Referral
2011-0139	Referral of Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements to Planning Commission Under CGS 8-24	Referral
2011-0140	Referral of Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements to Water Pollution Control Authority Under CGS 22a-479	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**

2011-0132	2011 COPS Hiring Program	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2011 COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)

WHEREAS, The 2011 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding directly to law enforcement

agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton desires to hire three police officers to help restore positions lost over the past three fiscal budgets and thereby help restore some of our previous community policing efforts within the Town, and

WHEREAS, the addition of these officers will allow the Police Department to specifically schedule officers to community policing assignments such as bicycle patrol, foot patrol, and attendance at community and local business meetings in an effort to further develop police and community partnerships thereby improving the quality of community life and public safety, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designated agent may apply for a 2011 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant in the amount of \$813,087 which, if awarded, covers 100 percent of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of three newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over the first three years (36 months).

Legislative History

6/9/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
6/14/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Town Manager Oefinger noted that the Council has discussed this program numerous times in the past. The Town has submitted an application due to time constraints, but it can be withdrawn if the Council does not endorse the proposal. The grant would allow the Town to hire three police officers for three years. The Town would be required to maintain the increased number of officers for at least four years. The Town Manager explained the Town's original plan to hire six additional officers to address overtime issues. Ultimately, two officers were hired, but because of attrition, the department is down to the original number of officers.

Councilor Monteiro expressed concern with the inability to release any officers at a time when the economy is questionable. Councilor Flax questioned the cost savings in overtime associated with adding officers. The Town Manager noted that the first officers hired do not affect overtime because they are undergoing training for a 14 month period. Town Manager Oefinger explained that he is not as concerned with costs as with operational issues and the need to order people in to cover shifts. The Town Manager clarified that under this program, any vacancies during the four year time period would have to be filled. Councilor Peruzzotti questioned the attrition rate and hiring practice in the Police Department. Councilor Johnson would like to understand the potential impact on the overtime.

6/14/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2011-0137	Introduction of Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements	Referral
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INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,700,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

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

Section 1. That the sum of TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,700,000) is appropriated for improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility, contemplated to include: (a) upgrades to the Effluent Pump Station including the replacement of pumps, piping and valves, the installation of variable frequency drives for electrical efficiency and system reliability, electrical equipment replacements, new instrumentation and controls, and incorporation of the station into the Water Pollution Control Facility's SCADA system; (b) rehabilitation of Secondary Clarifier No. 2 including removal and replacement of the existing clarifier equipment, upgrades to the existing electrical interconnections with the Water Pollution Control Facility's SCADA control system, and related structural and site work; (c) upgrades to the Gravity Thickeners including

removal and replacement of the existing steel thickening mechanism and superstructure, replacement of the major gear drive unit, repair of deteriorating concrete, upgrades to the existing electrical equipment and connections, modifications to the Water Pollution Control Facility's SCADA system, and related structural and site work; and (d) related work and improvements. The Town Council may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, engineering fees, management costs, inspection costs, printing costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes or obligations in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,700,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes or obligations authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project. The bonds or notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-259 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes or obligations shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town of Groton. The Town does hereby covenant and agree with the holders of the bonds or notes or obligations and all notes and interim funding obligations issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds or notes or obligations that in each year while any such bonds or notes or obligations are outstanding, it will levy and collect ad valorem taxes upon all taxable properties within the Town, other than properties within the City of Groton, in an amount sufficient, with such other funds of the Town as shall be available for such purpose, to pay the interest and principal on the bonds or notes or obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes or interim funding obligations from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes or obligations and the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes or obligations outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,700,000). The notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-264 and 7-378 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes or obligations shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town, payable as provided in Section 2. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Sections 7-378a and 7-378b of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Sections 7-264 or 7-378, and the Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 22a-479(c) with respect to any obligations.

Section 4. That the Town Council shall determine the amount of bonds, notes or obligations authorized by Section 2 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance shall determine the amount of any temporary notes or interim funding obligations authorized by Section 3 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes or obligations by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes or obligations. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes or obligations; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes or obligations; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes or obligations; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes or obligations; to sell the bonds or notes or obligations at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes or obligations; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes or obligations.

Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any

such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes or obligations authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes or obligations to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes or obligations.

Section 7. That the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, is authorized to apply for and accept state grants to finance the project and state loans to finance the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement prescribed by the State. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Water Pollution Control Authority are authorized to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans pursuant to Section 22a-479 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, or to any other present or future legislation, or to implement such grant or loan agreements.

Section 8. That the Water Pollution Control Authority is authorized to construct the sewer project; to approve design and construction expenditures and any easement acquisition costs incurred for the sewer project; and to contract with engineers, contractors and others on behalf of the Town for said sewer project. All such authority is subject to the provisions of Section 1.

Section 9. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Water Pollution Control Authority and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes or obligations to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 10. This ordinance shall become effective only if it has been adopted by vote of not less than five (5) members of the Town Council and by the Representative Town Meeting, and only if the appropriation set forth in Section 1 and the issuance of bonds and notes and obligations to finance said appropriation have been approved by the voters at referendum in accordance with Sections 5.5.5.1 and 9.13 of the Town Charter, and notice of passage has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter.

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Legislative History

2011-0138	6/16/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
				Referral
	Scheduling of Public Hearing on Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements			

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,700,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,700,000 for Improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility and Authorizing the Issue of Bonds, Notes and Obligations in the Same Amount to Finance Said Appropriation, on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex Community Room 1.

Legislative History

6/16/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the
 2011-0139 Referral of Water Pollution Control Facility Referral
 Improvements to Planning Commission Under CGS 8-24

RESOLUTION REFERRING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
 TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER CGS 8-24

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposal for Improvements to the Water Pollution
 Control Facility, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters in
 a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements to the
 Planning Commission, pursuant to CGS 8-24.

Legislative History

6/16/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the
 2011-0140 Referral of Water Pollution Control Facility Referral
 Improvements to Water Pollution Control Authority
 Under CGS 22a-479

RESOLUTION REFERRING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
 TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY UNDER CGS 22a-479

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 Control Facility, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters in
 a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements to the
 Water Pollution Control Authority Under CGS 22a-479.

Legislative History

6/17/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT