



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. Streeeter, 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

Wednesday, November 03, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2010-0226 Proclamation Honoring Richard Herring

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

2010-0227 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of October 19, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2010-0220 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:

Anonymous - \$4.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Barbara Servidio - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary

John Lawrence - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Various Donations - \$102.20 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton Matching Funds - \$192.55 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

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

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2010-0211	Adoption of 2011 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2010-0212	Adoption of 2011 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2010-0213	Adoption of 2011 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2010-0214	Adoption of 2011 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2010-0222	2011 Rates for Shennecossett Golf Course and Amendment to Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities	Referral
2010-0224	Mystic and Noank Library Study Committee	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

2010-0211	Adoption of 2011 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
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RESOLUTION APPROVING 2011 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Town Council regular meeting schedule for 2011 as follows:

Tuesday, January 4, 2011
 Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
 Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Tuesday April 5, 2011
 Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
 Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Tuesday, June 7, 2011
 Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Tuesday, July 5, 2011
 Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
 Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Tuesday, September 6, 2011
 Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
 Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
 Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Tuesday, December 6, 2011
 Tuesday, December 20, 2011

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Legislative History

	10/6/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
	10/26/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2010-0212		Adoption of 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule	Regular	Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2011 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Committee of the Whole regular meeting schedule for 2011 as follows:

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
 Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
 Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
 Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Tuesday, August 9, 2011
Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Wednesday, November 9, 2011*
Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Tuesday, December 27, 2011

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Legislative History

	10/6/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
	10/26/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2010-0213	Adoption of 2011 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule			Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2011 GROUP I COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group I Committees regular meeting schedule for 2011 as follows:

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
 Tuesday, May 24, 2011

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Legislative History

2010-0214	10/6/2010 Mayor Referred 10/26/2010 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution	Referred Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council Committee of the Whole Referral
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RESOLUTION APPROVING 2011 GROUP II COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group II Committees regular meeting schedule for 2011 as follows:

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
 Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
 Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
 Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
 Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
 Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
 Tuesday, June 28, 2011

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Legislative History

	10/6/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	10/26/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2010-0222		2011 Rates for Shennecossett Golf Course and Amendment to Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities		Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING 2011 RATES FOR THE SHENNECOSSETT GOLF COURSE AND APPROVING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Golf Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission have endorsed a 0% increase in fees for the Shennecossett Golf Course 2011 Playing Season, and

WHEREAS, additional recommendations include establishing a three month payment plan for season passes along with modifications to the Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities to reflect the 2011 rates and payment plan, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the municipal golf course rates for the 2011 playing season shall be the rates as attached to this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the revised Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities as noted above and endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their October 13, 2010 meeting.

Legislative History

	10/20/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	10/26/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Silsby described the process for setting and adopting rates for the golf course. Staff, the Golf Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Commission are recommending a zero percent increase in fees and rates for the golf course for 2011. They are also proposing a three month payment plan for season passes that includes an associated administrative fee. The Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities will need to be amended to address the proposed payment plan. Mr. Silsby noted that e-marketing efforts have been very successful and will continue.

10/26/2010 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

Councilor O'Beirne feels the golf course should be self-supporting as opposed to getting a subsidy from the Town. He asked if a minimal increase was considered. Mr. Silsby noted a decrease in 2010 season passes and the attempt to regain them. Todd Goodhue feels the zero increase is the best chance to maximize revenue. Councilor Flax feels the golf course should generate revenue not just break even. He expressed concern that the course is selling itself short by having lower fees than inferior courses. Discussion followed on the impact of rate increases on the number of players and the impact of weather on revenues.

2010-0224

Mystic and Noank Library Study Committee

Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MYSTIC AND NOANK LIBRARY STUDY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council and the Stonington Board of Selectmen met on October 19, 2010 to discuss issues of mutual concern, and

WHEREAS, one topic of discussion was identifying a process and formula to guide the two municipalities in providing equitable funding for the Mystic and Noank Library, and

WHEREAS, representatives from Groton and Stonington agreed to establish a Mystic and Noank Library Study Committee comprised of representatives from the Town Council, Representative Town Meeting (RTM), Stonington Board of Selectmen, Stonington Finance Committee, Mystic and Noank Library, and the community at large, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council chooses to appoint one member of the Town Council, two members of the RTM, and one member of the community at large to the Mystic and Noank Library Study Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council invites the Town of Stonington and Mystic and Noank Library to appoint members to the Study Committee as they deem appropriate and reaffirms Groton's desire to work cooperatively to address equitable funding for the Mystic and Noank Library.

Legislative History

10/19/2010 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tt

10/26/2010 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

Town Manager Oefinger reminded the Council of last week's discussion with the Stonington Board of Selectmen that included the suggestion to set up a committee to develop a formula to reconcile the funding issue with the Mystic and Noank Library. No formal action was taken at that meeting.

The Director of the Mystic and Noank Library has suggested Anne Shipley and herself, Lois Hiller, to serve on the committee. Mayor Streeter indicated he would develop a list of names for the Council's consideration.

10/26/2010 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to establish a committee to review the issue of the funding of the Mystic and Noank Library with one objective to achieve a formula for appropriate funding from the Towns of Groton and Stonington.

The Town Manager noted this is a joint committee with Stonington. Groton's appointments would be from the Town Council, RTM and citizens at large. Discussion followed on the number of appointments. The consensus of the Committee was to appoint one Town Councilor, two RTM members, and one citizen at large, with the Stonington representation to be determined by Stonington

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT