



# 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, November 16, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2010-0202 Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut

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

2010-0235 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 3, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

2010-0229 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:

Chelsea Groton Bank - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Fred and Sarah Contrata - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Steven Mitchell - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Lee Treadway - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Various Donations - \$510.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

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

2010-0223	Use of Fitch High School Baseball Field by New England Collegiate Baseball League	Referral
2010-0228	Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District	Referral
2010-0231	Participation in Sister Cities International	Referral
2010-0233	Authorization to Prepare Bond Ordinance for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project	Referral
2010-0234	Parks and Recreation Funding Recommendations	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

2010-0223	Use of Fitch High School Baseball Field by New England Collegiate Baseball League	Referral
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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE USE OF THE FITCH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD BY THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been approached by the New England Collegiate Baseball League with a proposal to use the Fitch High School baseball field, and

WHEREAS, the League's proposal includes significant upgrades to the Fitch baseball field at no cost to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the proposal would introduce high quality minor league college baseball in a family-friendly setting to the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney and staff are working to develop agreements for the use of the field and addressing operational issues, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its support for the concept of the use of the Fitch High School baseball field by the New England Collegiate Baseball League with the understanding that when the draft agreements are completed, they will be subject to the Town Council's review and action.

Legislative History

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

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

*that the members of the Town Council, Town Manager Mark Oefinger, and Attorney Eileen Duggan go into executive session at 7:05 p.m.pursuant to General Statutes Section 1-200 (6) (E) for the purpose of discussion related to a draft document regarding potential upgrades and utilization of the Fitch High School baseball field for a summer collegiate baseball league team*

11/9/2010 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole

11/9/2010 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

**2010-0228 Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District Referral**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING A LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FOR THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Ledge Light Health District can apply for a Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$4,500 for FYE 2011, and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used by the Groton Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP) Coalition for programs designed to reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs in the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council supports and endorses the Local Prevention Council's grant of \$4,500 and authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign, on behalf of the Town of Groton, any letters or other documentation as may be needed.

Legislative History

10/28/2010 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

11/9/2010 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

**2010-0231 Participation in Sister Cities International Referral**

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN OF GROTON IN SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International is a nonprofit, citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities to increase global cooperation at the local level, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and Economic Development Commission have been approached by citizens interested in establishing Sister Cities relationships with cities in other countries, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council establishes a Sister Cities Committee, comprised of members from the Town Council, Representative Town Meeting, Board of Education, Economic Development Commission, Chambers of Commerce, the Submarine Base, and other interested community-based

parties including citizens-at-large, for the purpose of exploring membership and participation of the Town of Groton in Sister Cities International, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Mayor to make the formal appointments to the Sister Cities Committee.

Legislative History

11/2/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
11/9/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
11/9/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2010-0233 Authorization to Prepare Bond Ordinance for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A BOND ORDINANCE AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR THAMES STREET REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a revised proposal by the Thames Street Review Committee for the comprehensive rehabilitation of roadways, sidewalks and related facilities on Thames Street in the City of Groton, and

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

RESOLVED, that Town staff and the Town bond attorney are authorized to prepare a bond ordinance to be introduced by the Town Council.

Legislative History

11/9/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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**2010-0234 Parks and Recreation Funding Recommendations Referral**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has worked closely with Parks and Recreation staff to identify new approaches for funding programs and services, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has proposed to the Town Council a number of funding ideas including selling gift certificates, conducting income-generating special events, continuing the pursuit of grants, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has expressed a desire to use \$35,000 of the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund balance to purchase upgraded software to track registrations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council endorses the list of funding recommendations (1-9) outlined in the Director of Parks and Recreation John Silsby's referral memo dated November 2, 2010, including the use of \$35,000 of Special Revenue Fund balance for purchase of upgraded software, but excluding the use of credit cards as a payment option, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed expenditure of \$35,000 of the Special Revenue Fund balance for the purchase of upgraded software be referred to the RTM for approval.

Legislative History

11/9/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**