



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Genevieve Cerf, Joe delaCruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Heather Bond Somers and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, January 07, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2013-0284 Proclamation Recognizing David Preka

Proclamation - TC

2013-0302 Proclamation Recognizing John Rolf-Dieter Glasfeld

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

2013-0292 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 3, 2013.

b. Administrative Items

2013-0283 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:

Margaret and Frank Adams - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Judith Amoriello - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Marilyn Baird - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Adele Barclay - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Charles and Maura Bonner - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Audrey Burgess - \$2.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Juliet Cafaro - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Marian Galbraith - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Elisa Giommi - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Joseph Grieco - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Elizabeth Hogan - \$150.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Kay Janney - \$35.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
A. J. Jerolman - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Michael and Pamela Maffia - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Judy and Stephen Mann - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Gloria Marshall - \$40.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Helen Moore - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Gail Narita - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Bao Nguyen - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Thomas Powden - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Margaret Robertson - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
David and Raquel Rosario - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Debra Russ - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Marilyn and John Turkowski - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
William White - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Nancy Winkler - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Robert Ashworth - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Donna Cash - \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary
E. C. Lambert - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic Rotary - \$54.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic Rotary/Groton Lions/Liberty Bank - \$1,678.75 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic Rotary/Groton Lions/Liberty Bank - \$10,345.75 - Social Services Discretionary
Old Mystic Fire Department - \$558.50 - Social Services Discretionary
Jennifer Philpot - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Gerald and Mary Ellen Piserchia - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary
BPOE #2163 - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Christ United Methodist Church - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Mystic River Homes Residents Association - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Judith Reed - \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Charles Rogers - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Pfizer Foundation Volunteer Program - \$1,000 - Library Miscellaneous
Robert Ashworth - \$75.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Bill Kreinsen - \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Cardinal Honda - 323.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Frank and Linda Ello - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Groton Town PBA - \$154.00 - Social Services Discretionary
J. Dempsey Associates - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Russ Musante - \$125.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Barbara Palm - \$1,000 - Social Services Discretionary
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Albert and Janiss Rudolph - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
City of Groton Matching Funds - \$631.71 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Angelo Baruffa - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$7.67 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Simon and Kathleen Borys - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Cheryl and David Burnett - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Judith Currier - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Bruno and Jane Giulini - \$125.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Charles and Rosemary Hall - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Diane and Edward Kolnaski - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Donna and Teri Labranche - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Demetrios Orphanides - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Ryan and Madison Roman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 James and Ann Sailors - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anthony and Andrea Skiff - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Suisman, Shapiro - \$1,000 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Bette Thomson - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Assistance Program
 Richard Turner - \$250.00 - Groton Utilities Assistance Program

2013-0294 Tax Refund Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refunds indicated below are hereby approved.

Deruda Holdings LLC - \$14,561.48 - Excess Payments

Deruda Holdings LLC - \$167.91 - Excess Payments

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

- 2013-0285 Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding Referral**
- 2013-0282 Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District Referral**
- 2013-0295 Connecticut Humanities Grant Referral**
- 2013-0298 Professional Services for Recent Bond Authorization Referenda Referral**
- 2013-0300 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments 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. Personnel/Appointments/Rules**
- b. Temporary Rules Committee**
- c. Committee of the Whole**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 2013-0282 Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN 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 \$5,675, 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 authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the Local Prevention Council Grant Application in the amount of \$5,675 for Ledge Light Health District.

Legislative History

11/26/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

12/10/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger noted this is a request by Ledge Light Health District for authorization to submit a grant in the amount of \$5,675 to support ongoing GASP programming, specific to Groton. No match by the Town is required.

12/10/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2013-0295 Connecticut Humanities Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONNECTICUT HUMANITIES GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Connecticut Center for the Book at Connecticut Humanities offers Community Reads Grants to support "one book" initiatives in communities through Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library is requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,478 to support its 2104 One Book, One Region activities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes submission of a grant application in the amount of \$1,478 to Connecticut Humanities.

Legislative History

12/16/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

12/23/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2013-0298 Professional Services for Recent Bond Authorization Referenda Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY TO DEBT SERVICE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FAILED BOND AUTHORIZATION REFERENDA

WHEREAS, preparing a bond authorization for referendum requires a lot of work and preparation on staff's part as well as the professional services of the Town's financial advisor and bond counsel, and

WHEREAS, professional services costs associated with long term bonding historically have been included as part of the financing costs of the bonded project with the principal and interest payments made through the Debt Services expenses, and

WHEREAS, the bond authorization failed at the November 2013 referendum and it is not known when or if another referendum would be held on the Police Station Upgrade or the Flanders Road Utility Upgrades, and

WHEREAS, since no approved projects exist to cover these costs, the payment of these professional services will be incurred by the Debt Service function which will exceed its appropriation without a

transfer of funds, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes a transfer of funds in the amount of \$14,650 from the General Fund's Contingency function to the Debt Service function.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

12/19/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2013-0300 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments Referral

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the Town Council makes appointments to miscellaneous and ad hoc local and regional committees as well as appointing liaisons to other groups, and

WHEREAS, upon its election every two years the Town Council should reconsider these appointments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to the groups as noted:

- Boating Advisory Board Liaison - Councilor Rich Moravsik
- Cable Television Advisory Council - James Loughlin, Roger Roy, and Dean Antipas (Terms Expire 7/1/15)
- Children First Groton - Kevin Trejo
- Eastern Regional Catchment Area Council - To be determined.
- Economic Development Commission Liaison - Councilors Deborah Peruzzotti and Bob Frink
- Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Commission - Mayor Rita Schmidt (Term Expires 1/1/18)
- Golf Advisory Board - Councilor Bruce Flax (ex-officio, non-voting)
- Long Island Sound Advisory Council - Councilor Rich Moravsik
- Mystic Cooperative Task Force - Mayor Rita Schmidt
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee - Councilor Joe de la Cruz
- Pequot Woods Board of Trustees - Mayor Rita Schmidt
- Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee - Councilor Genevieve Cerf
- School Facilities Initiative Task Force - Councilor Heather Somers (ex-officio, representing the Mayor), Councilor Joe de la Cruz, and Jane Dauphinais
- School Readiness Council - Mayor Rita Schmidt
- Southeast Area Transit - Councilor Joe de la Cruz and Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger (Terms Expire 12/1/15)
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments - Mayor Rita Schmidt and Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger (Alternate)
- Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Representative Advisory Board -
- Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. - Gayle Jones (Term Expires 12/1/15)
- Town Council/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee - Councilors Harry Watson, Bruce Flax, Bob Frink, and Genevieve Cerf

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following appointments have been reviewed and affirmed by the Town Council:

Eastern Tourism District - Nancie Keenan
New London Ledge Lighthouse Board of Directors - Mayor Rita Schmidt and James Streeter
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority - Gary Schneider and John Carrington (Terms Expire 4/16/15)
Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Representative Advisory Board - Dean Antipas and Mary Lou Smith (Terms Expire 9/1/15)
Trails Coordinating Task Force - Denise Descheneaux, Carla Henschel, and Bernard French (Terms Expire 1/1/16)

Legislative History

12/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT