



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Joe de la Cruz, Greg Grim, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, February 02, 2016

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

2016-0035 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of January 5, 2016 and January 19, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0030 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:

Marsha Cedrone - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Edwin & Marilyn Chase - \$ 20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Groton Utilities Matching Funds - \$23.72 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Anonymous - \$5.00 - Library Renovations

John & Lauren Watson - \$100.00 - Library Renovations

Mystic Books - \$7.25 - Library Miscellaneous

Anonymous - \$5.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Neil & Pat Kluepfel - \$1,000.00 - Spicer Fund

Anonymous - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2014-0289	OpenGov Software	Referral
2014-0293	Town Council Rules Revision	Referral
2015-0001	Unaffiliated and Other Appointments (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0002	Republican Town Committee Appointments (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0003	Democratic Town Committee Appointments (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0004	Revised Position Descriptions (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0005	Pending Litigation (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0006	Labor Negotiations (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0007	Property Acquisition/Sale (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0008	Joint Meeting with City of Groton (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0009	Joint Meeting with Board of Education (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0010	Joint Meeting with Groton Long Point Board of Directors (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0011	Meeting with State Legislators (2015 Standing Referral)	Referral
2015-0272	Groton Housing Authority Redevelopment Plan	Referral
2016-0012	Road Reconstruction Bond - Year 4 Projects	Referral
2016-0014	Agreement to Convert HPS Streetlights to LED	Referral
2016-0015	FYE 2015 CAFR	Referral
2016-0017	Rural Communities Energy Assurance Program	Referral
2016-0028	Repurposing of 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	Referral
2016-0031	Connecticut Sub Trail Proposal	Referral
2016-0034	Acceptance of Open Space in the North Woods Subdivision	Referral
2016-0037	Extension of the Appropriation for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community Relations
- b. Finance
- c. Personnel & Appointments

d. Rules

e. Public Safety

f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2015-0272 Groton Housing Authority Redevelopment Plan Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF GROTON AND THE TOWN OF GROTON

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the Town of Groton and the Town of Groton entered into two Cooperation Agreements for Housing the Elderly on January 19, 1966 and June 12, 1973, covering Pequot Village and Grasso Gardens, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the Housing Authority wish to modify the agreement so that the Housing Authority pays sewerage system use charges instead of 10% of the shelter rent paid by tenants for each occupied unit, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 3. in each of the two Cooperation Agreements between the Housing Authority of the Town of Groton and the Town of Groton be modified to indicate that in lieu of real property taxes and special benefit assessments, the Housing Authority will pay 0% of shelter rent and that the Housing Authority will pay all sewerage system use charges, effective July 1, 2016.

Legislative History

11/4/2015 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th
11/10/2015 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger has had a series of discussions with representatives from the Groton Housing Authority about their current arrangement with the Town (10% of rents in exchange for the Town paying their sewer use charges). The Authority feels the need to increase the rents and they have a desire to improve and upgrade the units. Similar housing developments receive tax abatements, but the Authority doesn't pay taxes because they are part of the Town. The intent of a revised arrangement would be to free up funds so the Authority can get a mortgage to do remaining work at their complexes.

1/26/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

1/26/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0012 Road Reconstruction Bond - Year 4 Projects Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING YEAR 4 REPORTS FROM THE TOWN, CITY, AND GROTON LONG POINT FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in November 2012 Groton voters approved a five-year road maintenance and rehabilitation program for calendar years 2013 through 2017 that provides funding for the Town, City, and Groton Long Point to maintain and rehabilitate the community's road system, and

WHEREAS, the program requires each entity to file a report with the Town Council by December 30th of each year that identifies the roads completed in the calendar year, compares estimated costs to actual costs, and identifies the roads to be addressed in the upcoming year, and

WHEREAS, it was anticipated that adjustments to the list of roads may be necessary to account for factors such as utility construction, accelerated aging of road surfaces, and planned development over the course of the multi-year project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the reports and proposed adjustments to the list of roads to be maintained/rehabilitated, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the Year 4 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program Reports from the Town, City, and Groton Long Point.

Legislative History

12/30/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0014 Agreement to Convert HPS Streetlights to LED Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TANKO STREETLIGHTING, INC. TO CONVERT TOWN OWNED STREET AND PARKING LOT LIGHTS TO LED

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has been developing a project to convert the Town owned street lights and parking lot lights to LED, significantly decreasing the cost of electricity and maintenance for street lighting in the Eversource service area, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), as a way to expedite the LED conversion process for member communities, conducted a formal Request for Qualification process and selected three qualified companies, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into discussions with the three companies evaluated and selected by CCM, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department sent a Request for Proposal to each of the three companies, reviewed and evaluated those proposals, and selected the proposal by Tanko Streetlighting as the most responsive, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to enter into a contract with Tanko Streetlighting to perform an Investment Grade Audit and convert the Town owned street and parking lot lights to LED, with an option to opt out of the contract after completion of the audit, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works develop an LED conversion based on the results of the audit and present that plan to the Town Council for approval prior to proceeding with the installation phase of the project.

Legislative History

12/31/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0017 Rural Communities Energy Assurance Program Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GROTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES ENERGY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Connecticut Center for Advance Technologies (CCAT) have identified the Town of Groton as a community that could benefit from the technical assistance provided by the program to ensure reliable power to critical community functions

and facilities, and

WHEREAS, the program can assist in facilitating the development of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by providing technical review of the projects, and

WHEREAS, the services provided to the community under this program will be provided at no cost to the Town because it is funded by a USDA grant, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to sign the USDA Assurance Agreement allowing the Public Works Department to take advantage of the technical assistance provided by the Rural Communities Energy Assurance Program.

Legislative History

1/5/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

1/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

1/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2016-0028 Repurposing of 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the purpose of the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) is the prevention of violent crime and the prosecution of violent offenders, and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2015 the Town Council authorized a JAG application in the amount of \$15,000 for body-worn cameras for police officers, and

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras were found to be cost-prohibitive due to recurring fees for licensing and video storage that are not sustainable in the Police Department budget, and

WHEREAS, an amended grant application was submitted to purchase three DATA911 in-car camera systems for patrol vehicles expanding the Police Department's ability to record and capture evidence of violent criminal behavior, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to amend the previously approved State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Justice Assistance Grant of \$15,000 for in-car camera systems rather than body-worn cameras.

Legislative History

1/14/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

1/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

1/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2016-0031 Connecticut Sub Trail Proposal Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE CT SUB TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton, as the Submarine Capital of the World, is participating in Connecticut's Submarine Century, and

WHEREAS, CT Sub Trail is a public art project that will further tie the community together to celebrate 100 years of the submarine industry, and

WHEREAS, the CT Sub Trail will comprise of "fleet" of 20 sub sculptures sponsored by local organizations to be painted by local artists, and

WHEREAS, net proceeds from the sub sponsorship will benefit the USS Groton Sail Foundation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the sponsorship of a CT Sub Trail sub sculpture at a cost of \$5,000 to be charged to Function 1010 Executive Management.

Legislative History

1/20/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0034 Acceptance of Open Space in the North Woods Subdivision Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE IN THE NORTH WOODS SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the North Woods Subdivision off North Road (Route 117) was approved by the Planning Commission on August 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016 the Planning Commission recommended acceptance of the .89 acre open space parcel in the subdivision, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts the open space parcel in the North Woods Subdivision.

Legislative History

1/22/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0015 FYE 2015 CAFR Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FYE 2015 AUDIT REPORT

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the annual audit of the Town of Groton's finances, covering the fiscal year from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Council has discussed the audit findings with the manager of the audit team from the firm of Blum Shapiro, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts and files the FYE 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the Auditor's Reports and Management Letter.

Legislative History

1/5/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
1/19/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Town Manager Oefinger explained that the auditor was unable to attend so discussion of this item has been postponed to a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 2nd.

2016-0037 Extension of the Appropriation for Thames Street Rehabilitation Project Referral

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE THAMES STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 275 at referendum on May 2, 2011, which appropriated \$6,375,505 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for the Thames Street Rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, the Debt Policy and Management/Fiscal Practices of the Town provide that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that certain additional expenditures remain to be made or financed for the project that cannot be expended or financed by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating ordinance and has recommended that said appropriation be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$6,375,505 which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that whatever portion of said appropriation is extended may be financed by grants and Town general obligation bonds previously approved; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to complete the financing of the Thames Street Rehabilitation project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$6,375,505 appropriation which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended or financed as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 275, plus the portion which is reappropriated, shall not exceed \$6,375,505.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

1/27/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT