



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, February 04, 2014

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. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2014-0037	Battle of Mystic Battlefield Project Update by Kevin McBride	Referral
2014-0039	Request to Donate Piano to Groton Regency	Referral
2014-0040	Request to Transfer Funds to Arts Cafe Mystic	Referral
2014-0041	2014 Rates for Shennecossett Golf Course	Referral
2014-0043	Public Hearing on Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2014 Application	Referral
2014-0044	Debt Policy and Management/Fiscal Practices Amendment to Increase the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance	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. Temporary Rules Committee

b. Personnel/Appointments/Rules

c. Committee of the Whole

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2014-0039 Request to Donate Piano to Groton Regency Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF A TOWN-OWNED PIANO TO GROTON REGENCY

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center has received a donation of a new electric piano, and

WHEREAS, the upright piano used by the Senior Center since it was donated to the Town in 1981 is now surplus, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the donation of the upright piano to the Groton Regency.

Legislative History

1/22/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0040 Request to Transfer Funds to Arts Cafe Mystic Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE ARTS CAFE PROGRAM TO THE ARTS CAFE MYSTIC ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton held its final Arts Cafe Mystic program in 2010, and

WHEREAS, Arts Cafe programming is now sponsored by a non-profit community organization, and

WHEREAS, there are unexpended funds in the amount of \$571.75 remaining in an account designated for Arts Cafe Mystic programming, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the donation of \$571.75 to the Arts Cafe Mystic organization.

Legislative History

1/22/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0041 2014 Rates for Shennecossett Golf Course Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING 2014 RATES FOR THE SHENNECOSSETT GOLF COURSE

WHEREAS, the Golf Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission have reviewed and recommended changes to the fees for the Shennecossett Golf Course for 2014, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the municipal golf course rates for 2014 shall be the rates as attached to this resolution.

Legislative History

1/23/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of
1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0043 **Public Hearing on Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2014 Application** **Referral**

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2014 APPLICATION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Town of Groton's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2014 Application on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2014-0044 **Debt Policy and Management/Fiscal Practices Amendment to Increase the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance** **Referral**

RESOLUTION INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND'S UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$2.3 million, and

WHEREAS, because of that, the Fund Balance Applied of approximately \$1.5 million for FYE 2013 was not required, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Debt Policy and Management/Fiscal Practices reads that the Town shall maintain "An unassigned General Fund reserve maintained in an amount equal to at least seven and one-half (7.5%) percent of annual general fund expenditures", and

WHEREAS, the Town has an Aa2 bond rating from Moody's Investors Service and the Town's unassigned fund balance percentage is below the median (11.1%) and mean (11.2%) of other Aa2 Connecticut municipalities, and

WHEREAS, due to the positive results of operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council amends its Debt Policy and Management/Fiscal Practices and increases the General Fund's unassigned fund balance to an amount equal to at least seven and three-quarters (7.75%) percent of the annual general fund expenditures.

Legislative History

1/28/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Shennecossett Golf Course 2014 Rates

Proposed 2%

Season Passes	Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	1,465(1,437)	1,630(1,597)
Family/2 Person	2,350(2,306)	2,615(2,562)
Family/Full	2,590(2,542)	2,880(2,824)
Limited:		
Adult Economy	1,080(1,058)	1,200(1,175)
Senior Citizen	975(956)	1,085(1,062)
Youth	325(317)	360 (352)

Greens Fees	Guest Fee*	Daily Fees
<u>Weekday (Mon-Thurs)</u>		
18 Hole	38(37)	43(42)
After 12 PM		33(32)
9 Hole League		21(21)
18 Hole Youth		21(21)
Twilight		21(21)
9 Hole (After 12 PM)		21(21)
Tournament		41(40)
<u>Weekend/Holiday (Fri-Sun)</u>		
18 Hole	43(42)	48(47)
After 12 PM		38(37)
Twilight (After 5 PM)		21(21)
9 Hole (After 2 PM)		24(24)
Tournament		46(45)

Winter Rates

Dec 1-Mar 31 33(32)

Golf Cart Rates (per person)

Senior (Before 9 AM, M-F)	13(13)
18 Hole Single	18(18)
9 Hole Single	13(13)
Tournament	20(20)

* Discount applies to Groton residents, active military personnel and dependents, Town of Groton employees, Limited members on weekends, and guests of Shennecossett members.