



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Town Clerk 860-441-6640
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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 16, 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

2016-0059 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 2, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0039 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:

Sharon Montalbano in Memory of Alice Lettrech - \$10.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Hugo Simonelli - \$250.00 - Veterans' Memorial Park

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

SI Financial Group Foundation - \$1,000 - Library Renovations

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0032 National League of Cities Membership Referral

2016-0033 Establishment of Shared Services Task Force with Board of Education Referral

2016-0046	Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments	Referral
2016-0050	Appointment of Juan Melendez, Jr. to Water Pollution Control Authority	Referral
2016-0051	Appointment of Robert Frink to Housing Authority	Referral
2016-0052	Reappointment of Susan Sutherland to Zoning Commission	Referral
2016-0053	Reappointment of Kenneth Steere to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2016-0054	Reappointment of Allan Gaudet to Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2016-0055	Reappointment of Edward Martin to Shellfish Commission	Referral
2016-0056	Reappointment of Margil Steinfeld to Planning Commission	Referral
2016-0057	Reappointment of James Kamercia to Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2016-0058	Public Hearing on Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2016 Application	Referral
2016-0044	Adoption of 2016 Personnel and Appointments Committee Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2016-0060	Resolution Authorizing Payment of Arbitration Award to Pettini Contracting Corp.	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 - Chairman Watson**
- d. Rules**
- e. Public Safety**
- f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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| 2016-0032 | National League of Cities Membership | Referral |
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AUTHORIZATION TO SEND TWO TOWN COUNCILORS TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) is sponsoring the Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 5 -9, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Councilors Harry Watson and Bonnie Nault has expressed an interest in attending the conference, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for trip is approximately \$5,000.00 and the current balance in Town Council Professional Development (10010 5210) is \$2,338.00, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes two Town Councilors to attend the NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 5 - 9, 2016 with \$2,338.00 charged to Legislative Policy (1001) and the balance charged to Executive Management (1010).

Legislative History

1/21/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

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

Councilor Watson requested this referral. The National League of Cities (NLC) conference will be held in the beginning of March. Councilor Watson feels it is worthwhile for Councilors to attend the conference for the workshops and the opportunity to meet with federal legislators. Councilor Nault expressed a desire to attend along with Councilor Watson. It was noted that the Town is no longer a member of NLC and conference registration is more expensive for non-members. The consensus of Councilors was to forego membership and to obtain more information about the cost to attend the conference.

2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0033 Establishment of Shared Services Task Force with Board of Education Referral

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A JOINT TOWN COUNCIL/BOARD OF EDUCATION SHARED SERVICES TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, at the January 19, 2016 joint meeting of the Town Council Committee of the Whole and Board of Education the groups discussed the establishment of a joint task force on shared services consisting of three members of the Town Council and three members of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2016 meeting of the Town Council/City Council/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee the idea of a joint task force on shared services between the Town and Board of Education was positively received, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses support for the establishment of a Joint Task Force on Shared Services and looks forward to discussing the mission and timetable of the task force with the Board of Education so that the task force can be appointed.

Legislative History

1/21/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

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

Mayor Flax noted that this issue was discussed at the last joint meeting with the Board of Education. His desire is to work to find efficiencies in like departments of the Board of Education and Town. The proposal is to establish a shared services committee comprised of two Board of Education members, two Town Councilors, two RTM members, and the two Finance Directors from the Board of Education and Town. Mayor Flax explained his reasoning for the proposal.

Discussion followed on the difficulties in effectuating change and how the committee would work; the need for concrete proposals; using a bottom up approach for suggestions on efficiencies; and establishing a course through the Liaison Committee.

Mayor Flax expressed his desire for a resolution stating that the Town Council supports establishing a committee and a time frame to accomplish something. Discussion followed on potentially hiring a consultant to guide the process. The consensus was to have Councilor Watson report out to the Liaison Committee the Town Council's position before passing a resolution.

2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

**2016-0044 Adoption of 2016 Personnel and Appointments Referral
Committee Regular Meeting Schedule**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2016 TOWN COUNCIL PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee regular meeting schedule for 2016 as follows:

- Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (Special Meeting)
- Tuesday April 5, 2016
- Tuesday, May 3, 2016
- Tuesday, June 7, 2016
- Tuesday, July 5, 2016
- Tuesday, August 2, 2016
- Tuesday, September 6, 2016
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016
- Tuesday, December 6, 2016

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room 1, Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, on the first Tuesday of each month.

Legislative History

2/3/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Personnel & Ap

2/9/2016 Town Council Personnel & Recommended for a
Appointments Committee Resolution

2016-0046 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments Referral

**RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS AND AD HOC
COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED, that the following individual is appointed as noted:
Cable Television Advisory Council - William Johnson, 295 South Road

Legislative History

2/4/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

**2016-0050 Appointment of Juan Melendez, Jr. to Water Pollution Referral
Control Authority**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUAN MELENDEZ, JR. TO THE WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL AUTHORITY**

RESOLVED, that Juan A. Melendez, Jr., 228 Heather Glen Lane, Mystic, is hereby appointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/17.

- 2016-0056 Reappointment of Margil Steinfeld to Planning Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARGIL STEINFORD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLVED, that Margil L. Steinfeld, 32 Valley Road, is reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term ending 12/31/20.
- Legislative History
- 2/9/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0057 Reappointment of James Kamercia to Parks and Recreation Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES KAMERCIA TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESOLVED, that James Kamercia, 41 Meech Avenue, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/20.
- Legislative History
- 2/9/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0058 Public Hearing on Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2016 Application Referral**
- RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2016 APPLICATION
RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Town of Groton's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant 2016 Application on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.
- Legislative History
- 2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0060 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Arbitration Award to Pettini Contracting Corp. Referral**
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PETTINI CONTRACTING CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARBITRATION AWARD RELATING TO THE MYSTIC STREETSCAPES AND UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT
WHEREAS, Pettini Contracting Corporation ("PCC"), the contractor hired by the Town of Groton to perform the Mystic Streetscapes and Utility Relocation Project, commenced an arbitration proceeding with the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") against the Town claiming entitlement to additional monetary sums, and
- WHEREAS, AAA rendered an Interim Award dated December 8, 2015, and Corrected Final Award dated February 2, 2016, and ultimately found that the Town shall pay to PCC the total sum of \$600,070.05, now therefore be it:
- RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes, subject to approval of the RTM, payment to PCC in the amount of \$600,070.05 from the Capital Reserve fund, and be it further
- RESOLVED, this matter shall be referred to the RTM under Rule 6.5.3.
- Legislative History
- 2/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT