



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2008-0311 Proclamation Recognizing "Wear Red Day for Women"

Proclamation - TC

2009-0036 Proclamation Recognizing Benjamin J. Estep

Proclamation - TC

Recess for Pre-Budget Public Hearing

2009-0019 FYE 2010 Budget

Referral

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

2009-0051 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 10, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2009-0035 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:

Lawrence and Memorial Alumni Association - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Eugene and Dorothy Norton in memory of Doris Campbell - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Harry Curry - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church - \$1,073.38 - Social Services Discretionary
 Various Donations - \$83.14 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton Matching Funds - \$238.75 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2009-0031	Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Grant - Senior Center	Referral
2009-0040	Reauthorization of School Bonds - Fitch High School	Referral
2009-0042	Groton Education Foundation Grant - Jabez Smith House	Referral
2009-0043	Reauthorization of School Bonds - Kolnaski Elementary School	Resolution
2009-0044	Reauthorization of School Bonds - Northeast Academy Elementary School	Referral
2009-0045	Reappointment of James Sherrard to Planning Commission	Resolution
2009-0046	Reappointment of Ann Sloan Rankin to Harbor Management Commission	Resolution
2009-0047	Reappointment of Nancy Codeanne to Housing Authority	Resolution
2009-0048	Reappointment of Andrew German to Jabez Smith House Committee	Resolution
2009-0049	Reappointment of Michael Kindle to Fair Rent Commission	Resolution
2009-0050	Appointment of Susan Vincent to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Resolution

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 Brown-Tracy
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Monteiro

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2009-0031 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Grant - Senior Center Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT

WHEREAS, federal funds are available for the potential replacement of a Groton Senior Center van, under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Program, with applications to be submitted through the Connecticut Department of Transportation Office of Transit and Ridesharing, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may submit the Application for Capital Assistance for Private Nonprofit Organizations and Local Public Bodies to Provide Transportation Services for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may execute all such other reports and certifications as may hereinafter be required as a condition of receiving such capital assistance grant.

Legislative History

1/27/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

2/10/2009 Town Council Finance Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2009-0042 Groton Education Foundation Grant - Jabez Smith House Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT FOR THE JABEZ SMITH HOUSE

WHEREAS, the Groton Education Foundation, Inc. supports unique ideas developed by teachers and other educators in Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Town-owned Jabez Smith House plans to present 18th and 19th century living history events for families in Groton including a weekend long civil war encampment in Spring 2009, and

WHEREAS, the curator of the Jabez Smith House applied for, and has been notified that the program is eligible for, a \$500 grant from the Groton Education Foundation, Inc., now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may accept the grant in the amount of \$500 from the Groton Education Foundation to support a civil war encampment living history program at the Jabez Smith House.

Legislative History

2/9/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

2/10/2009 Town Council Finance Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2009-0040 Reauthorization of School Bonds - Fitch High School Referral

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR FITCH HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 260 at referendum on April 27, 2004, which appropriated \$45,000,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for renovations and additions to Fitch High School; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time the Ordinance became effective provided 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 on the project that cannot be expended 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 \$45,000,000 which has not been expended 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 continue the Town's renovations and additions to Fitch High School; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$45,000,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 260, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$45,000,000.

Legislative History

2/3/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of

2/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Discussed the Whole

The Town Manager explained that the school bonds are approaching the end of the five year life. This extension will protect the Town's investment while the projects are closed out, and assure the greatest amount of reimbursement from the state.

2/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a the Whole Resolution

2009-0043 Reauthorization of School Bonds - Kolnaski Elementary School Resolution

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SOUTHWEST

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 258 at referendum on April 27, 2004, which appropriated \$26,100,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for construction of a new elementary school to be located in the southwestern part of Groton; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time the Ordinance became effective provided 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 on the project that cannot be expended 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 \$26,100,000 which has not been expended 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 continue the Town's construction of a new elementary school to be located in the southwestern part of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$26,100,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 258, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$26,100,000.

Legislative History

2009-0044	2/10/2009 Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
Reauthorization of School Bonds - Northeast Academy Elementary School			

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER FREEMAN-HATHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SAME PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 259 at referendum on April 27, 2004, which appropriated \$20,800,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for demolition of the former Freeman-Hathaway Elementary School facility and construction of a new elementary school on the same property; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time the Ordinance became effective provided 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 on the project that cannot be expended 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 \$20,800,000 which has not been expended 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 continue the Town's construction of a new elementary school on the former Freeman Hathaway School property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$20,800,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 259, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$20,800,000.

Legislative History

2009-0045	2/10/2009 Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	Resolution
Reappointment of James Sherrard to Planning Commission			

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES R. SHERRARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that James R. Sherrard, 66 Algonquin Drive, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/13.

Legislative History

2009-0046	2/10/2009 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	Resolution
Reappointment of Ann Sloan Rankin to Harbor Management Commission			

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANN SLOAN RANKIN TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Ann Sloan Rankin, 25 Spring Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring 09/01/11.

Legislative History

2/10/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

2009-0047 Reappointment of Nancy Codeanne to Housing Authority Resolution

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NANCY CODEANNE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that Nancy S. Codeanne, 97 Front Street, Noank, is reappointed as a member of the Housing Authority for a term ending 07/31/13.

Legislative History

2/10/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

2009-0048 Reappointment of Andrew German to Jabez Smith House Resolution
Committee

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANDREW GERMAN TO THE JABEZ SMITH HOUSE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Andrew W. German, 42 West Mystic Avenue, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Jabez Smith House Committee for a term expiring 09/07/12.

Legislative History

2/10/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

2009-0049 Reappointment of Michael Kindle to Fair Rent Resolution
Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL J. KINDLE TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Michael J. Kindle, 13 Knoll Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Fair Rent Commission for a term expiring 07/01/11.

Legislative History

2/10/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

2009-0050 Appointment of Susan Vincent to Ledge Light Health Resolution
District Board of Directors

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN M. VINCENT TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLVED, that Susan M. Vincent, 1 New London Road, Mystic, is appointed as a member of the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term ending 11/10/2010.

Legislative History

2/10/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT