



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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

Tuesday, March 18, 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. Approval of Minutes

2014-0091 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 4, 2014 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2014-0078 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:

Robert E. Fitch Class of 1953 - \$50.00 - Spicer Trust Fund
Groton Public Library Circle of Friends - \$1,000 - Library Miscellaneous
Kathryn Taylor - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2013-0286 Town Council Goals Referral

2013-0291	Adoption of Rules for Twenty-Ninth Town Council	Referral
2014-0024	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding - GOSA Request for Application Endorsement	Referral
2014-0059	Policy on Assignment of Playing Fields	Referral
2014-0065	Police Chief Appointment	Referral
2014-0069	Complete Review of Office of Planning and Development Services with Hiring Freeze until Review Complete	Referral
2014-0071	Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2015)	Referral
2014-0076	Groton Rotary Grant - Groton Sailing Program	Referral
2014-0080	North Stonington Road Bridge - Update	Referral
2014-0081	Application for State Financial Assistance - Fusconi Property	Referral
2014-0083	Senior Center/William Seely School Room Rental Policy	Referral
2014-0084	Chelsea Groton Bank Foundation Grant - Trail Brochure	Referral
2014-0085	Annual RTM Budget Meeting	Referral
2014-0087	Appointment of Frederick Allen to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2014-0088	Appointment of Stephanie Guess to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Referral
2014-0090	Heritage Park Proposal - Request for Letter of Endorsement	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. Committee of the Whole

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

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| 2013-0286 | Town Council Goals | Referral |
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TOWN COUNCIL GOALS

RESOLVED, that the 29th Groton Town Council adopts the following goals for 2013-2014:

Economic Development

- Evaluate and restructure goals and direction of the current Economic Development Commission

to create a highly efficient, functioning Economic Development Commission.

- Increase revenue (grow the grand list).
- Implement quarterly meetings with the Economic Development Commission.

Charter Revision

- Establish a Charter Revision Commission with a focus on Chapters 5 and 9 to create a more efficient Town government.

Communication

- Create Town-wide Facebook page that all Town departments contribute to.
- Increase Councilor presence in the community.
- Evaluate efficiencies of Town-wide technology and analyze merging our systems to achieve savings in purchasing and maintenance with the possibility of outsourcing.

Co-location of Departments

Develop a viable strategic plan to build a Town of Groton Core Community Complex utilizing the current Town Hall and Fitch Middle School, to be bonded by a referendum.

Legislative History

12/3/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/10/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

A goal setting session was tentatively scheduled for January 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

12/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
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A meeting to discuss Town Council goals has been scheduled for January 11th at 9:00 a.m. Discussion followed on the need/desire for a facilitator or formal goal setting process, and the consensus was that there is no need. Councilors were asked to submit their suggestions for goals to the Town Manager by January 7th.

1/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
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Town Manager Oefinger distributed Councilor Cerf's goals and other information she provided.

Mayor Schmidt asked for the Council's thoughts on the previous Council's goals. Councilor Somers explained how previous Councilors have struggled with bringing goals and objectives from the corporate world into government and debated many goals versus measurable goals. Councilor Watson noted that the Town Manager needs the Town Council to set goals. The Town Manager agreed noting that ideally there should be an interconnection between the Council's goals and the administration. Councilor Watson provided an overview of past goal setting efforts.

Councilor Frink suggested that the Council consider initiatives rather than goals with a focus on areas that need improvement. He supports a limited number of goals. Councilor Cerf noted that metrics for processes make it easier to make decisions.

Councilor Moravsik expressed his hope that the Council will work well together, cooperate, and act as a team.

Councilor Frink reviewed his goals that are based on the 'Looking Ahead' section in the budget. He feels that the Council owes the public services, whether they are provided by the Town or not. He defined core skills as 'manageable' and suggested that the Town outsource 'do work.' Councilor Frink explained that his goals assume a fiscally constrained future, and the residents of Groton have shown no interest in investing in the Town's future. Councilor Peruzzotti asked how the Council can change that mindset.

Councilor Frink continued noting his suggestions include sustained quality service; reduction of in-house staffing; private sector involvement in providing Town services; and a staff reward system. This vision will require heavy Human Resources involvement and change management that identifies the step by step process to

go from 'as is' to 'to be.'

Discussion followed on core services. Councilor Peruzzotti feels that the Council must identify what services the Town can live without. Councilor Cerf feels it is possible to provide the same services if processes are streamlined. Councilor de la Cruz suggested that Town employees should be able to live in town and make a living wage. Contracting out services looks good on paper, but the Town will pay one way or another, perhaps through services provided to support lower wage earners.

Councilor Frink explained that he is proposing a three to five year plan.

Councilors discussed their suggested goals and outlined some of the issues they see facing the Town as follows:

- Councilor Somers: Improving the schools is an economic development issue. Fixing the schools will help bring people to town. The Town must be willing to spend money on marketing and reverse the negative mindset. As leaders, Councilors must be more positive. Councilor Somers provided background information on the School Facilities Task Force effort. The group is waiting on the Board of Education to provide a Vision Statement and educational specifications. After the plan is developed and presented to the Council, the Council must review the plan and support it as a united front for the community. Councilor Somers supports a charter revision that would look at Town Council authority, the RTM vs. establishing a Board of Finance, and Councilors' term limits and staggering. She feels that Economic Development should be in Town Manager's Office, not in Planning. All departments should have a Facebook page. With respect to the development process, the Town could establish a concierge position to assist developers with complicated developments. The Town Council must also review/renegotiate employee retirement contracts.
- Councilor Moravsik: He agrees with looking the schools. Also, departments should be consolidated at Fitch Middle School. The Town Council must show a united, positive front and work together in the public eye. He supports charter revision.
- Councilor Cerf: There have been failures in Planning and Development. Plans must be understandable to the public. She would support a school plan. Projects should be smaller and clearer with better communication of benefits. She feels there is a lack of leadership in economic development and there should be a search committee for an economic development person.
- Councilor de la Cruz: It is important to communicate a message about Groton's schools rather than comparing to other school systems. He suggested exploring free government design of a middle school and sharing the final design with the public. He noted that the new schools are not being used as community centers as envisioned. Councilor de la Cruz would like to identify all Town-owned property and decide whether to keep or not. He suggested establishing a liaison with downtown Mystic merchants and it was noted that Councilor Somers acts in this capacity now. He also suggested surveying anyone who has pulled a permit from the Town in the last year regarding the service they received and the process.
- Councilor Watson: The Town must market the schools better with a positive, offensive approach that touts achievements and counteracts negativity. Communication is important. Closed schools must be addressed. The Town Manager clarified that Fitch Middle School has NOT been offered to or turned over to the Town by the Board of Education. (Councilor Watson left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.)
- Councilor Flax: The Town's Economic Development Specialist should act as the Town's public relations person to enhance communication. For every issue facing the Town, someone has done their due diligence. Everything is funneled through the Town Manager. The RTM presents a hurdle to funding.
- Councilor Peruzzotti: Past efforts to place marketing money in the budget or hire a person for half a year to research grants saw the funding cut by the RTM. The Town needs to develop a more streamlined, user-friendly, consistent, and viable method for the development process.

Councilor Frink provided an overview of the Council's discussion points and the following overall subjects were identified and discussed, and Councilors who will work to 'flesh out' the goal/initiative were designated.

Economic Development (Councilors Somers and de la Cruz)

- Increase Revenue
- Grant Writer
- Marketing / PR Person
- Economic Development Reporting to the Town Manager.

- More User-Friendly Building Environment
- Building Department Survey
- Schools

Charter Revision (Councilors Frink and Flax)

- Set up Committee

Improved/Increased Communication of Town Business (Councilors Cerf and Watson)

- Downtown Mystic Liaison (Visibility)
- Town Manager / RTM
- Facebook Pages for All Departments

Co-location of Departments (Councilors Moravsik and Peruzzotti)

Councilor de la Cruz suggested it will be important to communicate the benefits of the Council's initiatives. Councilor Moravsik suggested identifying time lines to provide continuity for future Councils.

Councilors agreed to provide their reports at the January 28th Committee of the Whole meeting.

**1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Mayor Schmidt provided an overview of the Town Council's goal setting session held on Saturday, January 11th. Councilors have volunteered to meet and review potential goal areas, and to present their findings at the January 28th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councilor Somers suggested having one more goal setting session to refine the goals before they are presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

**1/28/2014 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole**

**2/4/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

The only Councilors who had a chance to meet on their goal section are Councilors Flax and Frink. Councilor Frink provided details about suggestions for charter revision. He was asked to provide copies to the entire Council. Although Councilors Moravsik and Peruzzotti have not met, Councilor Moravsik sent information to the Mayor and Town Manager for distribution. He provided an overview of his suggestions. Councilor Peruzzotti stated that she had absolutely no input into the information presented by Councilor Moravsik.

Councilors were unable to identify a next meeting date and asked that the item be placed on the February 11th Committee of the Whole meeting agenda to identify another meeting date.

**2/11/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Councilor Frink asked for input on what he sent out regarding charter revision.

Discussion followed on potential meeting dates to discuss goals. A meeting was scheduled for Saturday, March 1st at 8:30 a.m.

Councilor Somers arrived at 8:30 p.m.

**3/1/2014 Town Council Committee of Referred Town Council Committee of th
the Whole**

Mayor Schmidt distributed an overview of the four goal areas identified at the last meeting and information received from Councilors by staff to date.

1. Economic Development (Somers/de la Cruz)

Councilor Somers and de la Cruz agreed that goals should be attainable in the two-year term of the Council. With the Director of Planning and Development retiring, there is an opportunity to fill the position with a Director/Economic Development Specialist, reporting directly to the Town Manager. Councilors Somers and de la Cruz feel the Council should support the plan developed by the School Facilities Initiative Task Force. Fitch Middle School represents an opportunity to create a downtown presence with a Town green atmosphere. Councilor de la Cruz suggested that the Town must do a better job at communicating the need and the message.

Significant discussion followed on the lack of power and direction for the Economic Development Commission; the possibility of establishing a smaller group; previous goals associated with economic development; working collaboratively with the Commission to develop a plan for economic development; and the joint task force on establishing an economic development corporation.

The following goals were ultimately identified:

- Evaluate and restructure goals and direction of the current Economic Development Commission to create a highly efficient, functioning Economic Development Commission.
- Increase revenue (grow the grand list).
- Implement quarterly meetings with the Economic Development Commission.

2. Charter Revision (Frink/Flax)

Councilor Frink explained that the purpose of revising the charter is to facilitate other initiatives. He reviewed his previously-distributed suggestions for changes to the charter and discussion followed on the specific topics including the hiring process; special taxing districts and financial ramifications; creating of a Board of Finance and/or budget referendum; and employee retirement programs and benefits.

The following goal was ultimately identified:

- Establish a Charter Revision Commission with a focus on Chapters 5 and 9 to create a more efficient Town.

3. Improved/Increased Communication (Cerf/Watson)

Discussion followed on increasing content on the Town's Facebook page; using the Town Council/RTM/ Board of Education Liaison Committee to a greater extent; and establishing a Community Relations standing committee. Councilor Flax suggested that Councilors be more cognizant of who is talking to who when approached by members of the public so that the Town Manager's time is not being wasted. Councilors also discussed using GMTV to educate the public and collaborating with the subdivisions and Board of Education on technology.

The following goals were ultimately identified:

- Create a Town-wide Facebook page that all Town departments contribute to.
- Increase Councilor presence in the community.
- Evaluate efficiencies of Town-wide technology and analyze merging our systems to achieve savings in purchasing and maintenance with the possibility of outsourcing.

The consensus of the Council was to add a Community Relations standing committee to the draft Town Council Rules.

4. Co-location of Departments (Moravsik/Peruzzotti)

Councilor Moravsik distributed a conceptual plan on centralization of Town departments and the Board of Education, which he developed. Discussion followed on the need to support such a proposal in the community.

The following goal was identified:

- Develop a viable strategic plan to build a Town of Groton Core Community Complex utilizing the current Town Hall and Fitch Middle School, to be bonded by a referendum.

Staff will distribute draft goals to the Council for review and comment prior to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution

2013-0291

Adoption of Rules for Twenty-Ninth Town Council

Referral

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, at the first convening of the Twenty-Ninth Town Council on December 3, 2013, Mayor Schmidt appointed a Temporary Rules Committee, and

WHEREAS, members of the Temporary Rules Committee have recommended changes to the Council's rules, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council adopts the Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Ninth Town Council (attached), said Rules to be effective immediately.

Legislative History

12/3/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Temporary Rule
12/10/2013	Town Council Temporary Rules & Procedures Committee	Discussed	
12/30/2013	Town Council Temporary Rules & Procedures Committee	Discussed	
1/14/2014	Town Council Temporary Rules & Procedures Committee	Discussed	
1/29/2014	Town Council Temporary Rules & Procedures Committee	Discussed	
2/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Councilor Frink noted that the Temporary Rules Committee has met a number of times to develop the draft rules.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, to adopt the rules of the 29th Town Council.

Town Manager Oefinger distributed a number of comments from staff on the draft rules. The motion and second were withdrawn. Another issue that the Temporary Rules Committee may want to consider is conducting meetings by electronic means. It is allowed under FOI, but the Town Council rules do not allow it. Discussion followed and the consensus of the Council was to allow participation in meetings by electronic means.

Councilor Frink asked Councilors to let him know if they have any objections to staff's comments.

2/25/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
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The Temporary Rules Commission is meeting on Thursday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall Annex.

2/27/2014	Town Council Temporary Rules & Procedures Committee	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0024	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding - GOSA Request for Application Endorsement		Referral
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RESOLUTION REGARDING GROTON OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION

UNDER THE OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM WHEREAS, the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) has requested the Groton Town Council's endorsement of an application for grant funds to purchase a parcel of land located off Route 184 currently owned by Tilcon, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Council Committee of the Whole at its meeting on December 23, 2013 voted not to endorse GOSA's application, and

WHEREAS, GOSA asked for endorsement of a revised application that was reviewed by the Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Town Councilors expressed concern with removing the parcel from the tax rolls and the need to use public funds for the preservation of the property, which has been characterized as "undevelopable", now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council chooses to not endorse GOSA's application for grant funds to purchase the Tilcon, Inc. property and notes that the Council will discuss the parcel's development potential with a consultant at a later date.

Legislative History

1/9/2014 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

Town Manager Oefinger provided a brief history of the issue, noting that the Council should take formal action to send a letter to the state regarding GOSA's application and include reasons in the resolution.

Councilor Somers left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

After receipt of the GOSA's letter withdrawing their request for support from the Town, the Town Manager e-mailed the president of GOSA to ask if the group still intends to submit an application, but he has had no response.

1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to send a formal letter to the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection indicating that the Town does not support GOSA's proposed acquisition of the Tilcon, Inc. property.

Councilor Somers returned to the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Schmidt supports sending a letter to GOSA, but not to the DEEP. Councilor Moravsik would like to look at the property first. Councilor Frink noted the property is potentially developable

1/28/2014 Town Council Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken

1/28/2014 Town Council Tabled

Councilor Cerf noted that per a letter from Natalie Billing, DEEP would not approve a grant application without the endorsement of the Town because Groton is a distressed community. Councilor Cerf stated that the property is solid granite and the Town should not deprive Tilcon of a buyer for its property.

MOTION TO TABLE was made by Councilor Moravsik, seconded by Councilor Cerf.

Councilor Flax noted that if GOSA obtains the property it will be open space permanently, without the possibility of development. He stated that if it is true that grant applications affecting a distressed town would not be approved without that town's endorsement, there is be no need for a letter.

Councilor delaCruz stated that the Crystal Mall and Lisbon Landing were built on granite. He noted that if the Tilcon property were acquired by GOSA it would no longer be on the tax roll.

Town Manager Oefinger remarked that if there is any uncertainty, a definitive answer should be sought about grant applications which affect distressed Towns.

3/11/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

3/11/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

2014-0071 Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2015) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT FOR A HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document Preservation Program which will be enabled and enhanced by grant funding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager of the Town of Groton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Legislative History

2/24/2014 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

3/11/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2014-0076 Groton Rotary Grant - Groton Sailing Program Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GROTON ROTARY CLUB TO BENEFIT SUMMER ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH GROTON HUMAN SERVICES' 2014 GROTON SAILING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, at-risk Groton youth will benefit from an on-going, instructional sailing program which includes summer activities that foster sailing skills, communication and teamwork and,

WHEREAS, Groton Human Services, via its Groton Sailing Program, has the capacity and community connections to offer a summer sailing program geared toward the needs of at-risk Groton youth and,

WHEREAS, the Groton Rotary Club has grant funds available for community programs geared toward youth and families, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to seek grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 from the Groton Rotary Club, which will be utilized by Groton Human Services to benefit summer activities associated with the department's 2014 Groton Sailing Program.

Legislative History

2/26/2014 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

3/11/2014 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2014-0080 North Stonington Road Bridge - Update Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND SETTLEMENT REGARDING NORTH STONINGTON ROAD BRIDGE

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2014, the Town Council Committee of the Whole, during its regular meeting, met in executive session with the Town Manager, Director of the Department of Public Works and Town Attorney to discuss strategy and negotiations, including but not limited to possible

settlement discussions, related to pending litigation and/or pending claims concerning the North Stonington Road Bridge, James P. Purcell Associates, Inc. (now known as Alfred Benesch and Company) (“Benesch”) and issues with consulting engineering services performed in relation to said bridge, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that:

1. The Town Attorney, Director of the Town's Department of Public Works and Town Manager are hereby authorized to negotiate a settlement agreement between the Town of Groton and Benesch pertaining to the North Stonington Road Bridge, based on parameters discussed during said Executive Session; and
2. If such a settlement is negotiated, the Town Manager is hereby authorized to accept and execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the Town of Groton once approved by the Town Attorney, and to perform all acts ancillary thereto.

Legislative History

2/28/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion	
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0081 Application for State Financial Assistance - Fusconi Property Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE FUSCONI PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND REUSE PROJECT (ALSO REFERRED TO AS 5 CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD, GROTON PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 32-231 (Manufacturing Assistance Act - Revolving Fund), the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Groton make an application to the State for \$84,700 (including a 10% local match of \$7,700) in order to complete site remediation and to execute an Assistance Agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town of Groton Town Council

That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 32-231 (Manufacturing Assistance Act - Revolving Fund);

That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Groton in an amount not to exceed \$84,700 is hereby approved and that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Groton;

That it adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscrimination agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Acts 07-142 and 07-245, and for which purposes the “contractor”

is the Town of Groton and “contract” is said Assistance Agreement:

The contractor agrees and warrant that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the state of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation.

Legislative History

	2/28/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0083		Senior Center/William Seely School Room Rental Policy		Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARKS AND RECREATION BUILDING USE POLICY

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has developed a draft policy for room rentals at the Senior Center and William Seely School based on best practices from other agencies, and

WHEREAS, room rentals will provide a valuable service to the community and become an additional revenue stream for the Parks and Recreation special revenue fund, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that the policy can be modified in the future if experience warrants it, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Parks and Recreation Building Use Policy (attached), effective immediately.

Legislative History

	3/3/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0084		Chelsea Groton Bank Foundation Grant - Trail Brochure		Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHELSEA GROTON FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Chelsea Groton Foundation, Inc. offers grants to scientific, educational and charitable organizations located within the bank’s market area, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is seeking permission to apply for a \$1,500 grant to fund the printing of trail brochures that will highlight trails throughout Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to apply for a \$1,500 grant from the Chelsea Groton Foundation for the printing of trail brochures.

Legislative History

3/3/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0085 Annual RTM Budget Meeting Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING RTM BUDGET MEETING DATE ON THE FYE 2015 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 9.3.1 of the Groton Town Charter requires that the Town Council determine the date for the annual budget meeting of the Representative Town Meeting, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center, Newtown Road, Groton, Connecticut.

Legislative History

3/4/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Amended	
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0090 Heritage Park Proposal - Request for Letter of Endorsement Referral

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE THAMES RIVER HERITAGE PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Yale Urban Design Workshop is developing the Thames River Heritage Park project under the auspices of the Avery-Copp House, and

WHEREAS, the updated park concept presents an opportunity to capitalize on this investment, boost tourism, and stimulate economic development, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council endorses the Thames River Heritage Park concept and directs staff to prepare a letter of support for Mayor Schmidt's signature to be sent to the president of the Avery-Copp House.

Legislative History

3/7/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
3/11/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0087 Appointment of Frederick Allen to Harbor Management Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREDERICK ALLEN AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Frederick L. Allen, 898 Shennecossett Road, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending 09/01/16.

Legislative History

3/4/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2014-0088 Appointment of Stephanie Guess to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHANIE GUESS TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLVED, that Stephanie Guess, 31 Concord Court, is hereby appointed to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term ending 11/10/16.

Legislative History

3/4/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT