



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, April 01, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2014-0097 Proclamation Recognizing Carl Thomas Hogsten III

Proclamation - TC

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

2014-0101 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 18, 2014 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2013-0209 Groton Veterans Memorial - Update

Referral

2014-0089 Presentation by Goman and York Property Advisors, LLC

Referral

2014-0093 Tour of Former Noank School

Referral

2014-0102 Referral of Godfrey Street Easement to Planning Commission Under CGS Section 8-24

Referral

2014-0103 Noank School - Public Garden Proposal Presentation Extension

Referral

2014-0104 Scheduling of Public Hearing on Request for Financial Incentive - LBI, Inc.

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. Committee of the Whole
- b. Personnel and Appointments

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2013-0209 Groton Veterans Memorial - Update Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF VETERAN MEMORIAL TILES AT THE LIBRARY/SENIOR CENTER VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

WHEREAS, Mr. James Streeter has led an effort to add a memorial stone for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the Veterans Memorial Plaza located at the Library/Senior Center, and

WHEREAS, in October, 2012 the Town Council expressed its support for the memorial stone and Mr. Streeter's fundraising effort, which includes the sale of 8" x 8" veteran memorial tiles that will be used to create an expanded plaza area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the installation of the new veteran memorial tiles along with the memorial stone for veterans of the Persian Gulf wars at the Library/Senior Center Veterans Memorial Plaza as depicted on the handout submitted and subject to the receipt of necessary land use approvals/permits.

Legislative History

8/6/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
8/13/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Councilor Streeter provided an update to the Council via a PowerPoint presentation on the Groton Veterans Memorial Park Upgrade and Improvements Project. He provided a history of the park and photos of the existing panels. Councilor Streeter described the current initiative and committee. The first phase will be installation of a new panel recognizing Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. It includes landscaping and lighting improvements, removal of hedges, better lighting and signage. The committee has solicited donations and as an incentive, contributions in excess of \$250 will be recognized on a bronze plaque. The panel will cost \$9,200 and the group has raised \$15,000 to date. Phase II will be a veterans plaza with veterans memorial tiles and barriers. Surplus funds will be used to establish an endowment to replace flags, ceremonial wreaths, and flowers, and steam clean the memorials. Donations will be used to provide 67 loss of life tiles and 65 loss of submarines tiles. Mr. Streeter showed a proposed plan for the plaza. It is anticipated that the area will accommodate at least 500 tiles, which will cost \$100 each (\$50 profit per tile).

Town Manager Oefinger explained that in the old Charter, the Council could waive the bid requirement, but the new Charter does not include that provision. The requirement for purchases over \$7,500 to be bid is located in the Town's Purchasing Manual based on Connecticut General Statutes. However, the State is proposing to update the limit to \$25,000 as of October 1st. One option would be for the Council to increase limit in the Purchasing Manual, otherwise the veterans memorial panel will have to be bid. Councilor Streeter indicated he would like to have the panel in the ground by November 1st. The Council supported a modification of the Purchasing Manual and the Town Manager indicated he will propose specific changes for the Council's review.

- 8/13/2013 **Town Council Committee of Motion**
the Whole
to contribute \$1,000 to the Veterans Memorial Park upgrade project using funds from the Community Response account
- 3/25/2014 **Town Council Committee of Discussed**
the Whole
- 3/25/2014 **Town Council Committee of Recommended for a**
the Whole Resolution
- 2014-0102 Referral of Godfrey Street Easement to Planning Referral**
Commission Under CGS Section 8-24
- REFERRAL OF GODFREY STREET EASEMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER CGS SECTION 8-24
- RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the request for an easement off Godfrey Street in Mystic to the Groton Planning Commission, pursuant to CGS Section 8-24.
- Legislative History
- 3/25/2014 **Town Council Committee of Recommended for a**
the Whole Resolution
- 2014-0103 Noank School - Public Garden Proposal Presentation Referral**
Extension
- RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO NOANK RESIDENTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR REUSE OF THE FORMER NOANK SCHOOL PROPERTY
- WHEREAS, on October 22, 2013 a group of Noank residents led by Robert Palm presented a proposal to the Town Council for "Noank School Public Gardens" with elements including a community garden, orchard, farmers' market, and reuse of a portion of the Noank School building for classrooms, public events, and storage, and
- WHEREAS, on November 4, 2013 the Town Council gave Robert Palm, Timothy McDowell, and Clint Wright six months to develop a more formal and detailed plan for reuse of the Noank School building and property including comprehensive cost estimates and financing plans/alternatives, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Palm and Mr. Wright have indicated that they are now focused on the community garden rather than reuse of the building, and that they would like additional time to prepare their presentation, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Town Council gives Robert Palm, Timothy McDowell, and Clint Wright until May 31, 2014 to present their plan for reuse of the Noank School property including comprehensive cost estimates and financing plans/alternatives.
- Legislative History
- 3/25/2014 **Town Council Committee of Recommended for a**
the Whole Resolution
- 2014-0104 Scheduling of Public Hearing on Request for Financial Referral**
Incentive - LBI, Inc.
- RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL INCENTIVE BY LBI, INC.
- RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the request for financial incentive by LBI, Inc. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.
- Legislative History
- 3/25/2014 **Town Council Committee of Recommended for a**
the Whole Resolution

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT