



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

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

Tuesday, May 05, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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| 2015-0101 | Proclamation Recognizing National Arbor Day | Proclamation - TC |
| 2015-0113 | Proclamation Recognizing Soroptimist International | Proclamation - TC |

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Administrative Items

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| 2015-0112 | Special Trust Fund Contributions | Resolution - Consent |
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Dana Parfitt - \$35.55 - Social Services Discretionary

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Various Donations - \$60.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton - \$577.80 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

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| 2015-0111 | Fiscal Impact of Refurbishment of WPCF Effluent Pump Station and Rehabilitation of Fishtown Road Pump Station | Referral |
| 2015-0086 | Hyde Pond Dam Removal | Referral |
| 2015-0095 | FYE 2015 Fourth Quarter Transfers | 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 - Chairman de la Cruz

- b. Finance - Chairman Frink**
- c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Flax**
- d. Rules - Chairman Frink**
- e. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2015-0086 Hyde Pond Dam Removal Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FOR REMOVAL OF HYDE POND DAM

WHEREAS, Hyde Pond is a 5.5 acre pond on Whitford Brook, which forms the border of Groton and Stonington in Old Mystic, and

WHEREAS, the dam at the southern end of the pond is in poor condition and is owned by the Town of Groton on the Groton side, and

WHEREAS, the Long Island Sound Study Habitat Restoration data base indicates that removal of the Hyde Pond Dam would restore 4.1 miles of fishable waters, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE) has secured funds to remove the dam to restore historic fish passage in Whitford Brook, and

WHEREAS, CFE is asking the Town of Groton to enter into a memorandum of agreement to allow access to the Town open space abutting the pond in order to remove Hyde Pond Dam, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to sign a memorandum of agreement with the Connecticut Fund for the Environment to allow access to Town-owned open space to facilitate removal of Hyde Pond Dam.

Legislative History

3/30/2015 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

4/28/2015 Town Council Committee of Discussed the Whole

Deb Jones, Environmental Planner, explained that the Town was approached by the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE) about removing the Hyde Pond Dam. She described the location of the dam, which is co-owned by the Town of Groton and a private property owner on the Stonington side. Ms. Jones noted that a fish ladder was previously installed in this location, but had limited success. Removal of the dam will open about four miles of fishable waters. CFE is asking the Town to sign a Memorandum of Agreement to allow them to enter Town property to remove the dam. CFE will stabilize both sides of the dam and create a channel. The Town-owned property is open space acquired as part of subdivision approval. The dam was originally installed in the early 1800s as part of a mill on the Stonington side.

4/28/2015 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a the Whole Resolution

2015-0095 FYE 2015 Fourth Quarter Transfers Referral

RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2015 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Town Charter provides for supplemental appropriations to Adopted Budgets and transfers from the Contingency function during the year and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter also provides for the transfer of funds from one departmental function

to another departmental function during the last three months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, transfers and a supplemental appropriation are necessary and represent unforeseen or unexpected expenditures at the time the FYE 2015 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that transfers totaling \$288,630 be transferred from Contingency (#1074) to the following General Fund departments/functions and transfers of \$10,000 or more are referred to the RTM for approval:

Human Services (#10511-5609) Evictions @ \$2,989;
for unreimbursed relocation costs of City residents

Legal Services (#10060-5290) @ \$175,000;
for costs associated labor negotiations and Pettini lawsuit

Regional Agencies (#10071-5230) @ \$1;
Agency billed more than budgeted amount

Finance (#10130 5109) @ \$15,600;
For accumulated leave payment due to employee retirement & resignation

Public Works Snow/Ice Control (#10356 various) \$95,040;
For additional costs associated with materials and supplies, overtime, allowances & increased utilities related to the extreme winter weather; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$286,936 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance be made to the following function and referred to the RTM for approval:

Public Works Snow/Ice Control (#10356 various);
For additional costs associated with materials and supplies, overtime, allowances & increased utilities related to the extreme winter weather.

Legislative History

4/8/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/28/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Cindy Landry, Director of Finance, noted there are five accounts that require transfers with the bulk of the transfer for Public Works snow removal. The transfers will be taken from the balance in Contingency (\$288,630) and the Unassigned Fund Balance (\$286,936). Discussion followed on the increase in Legal Services.

Ms. Landry noted that the Town is expecting approximately \$100,000 from FEMA for storm costs, but it is not anticipated to be received before the end of the fiscal year.

Discussion followed on the responsibility of Human Services for costs associated with evictions.

4/28/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT