



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

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, May 06, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2014-0115	Proclamation Recognizing Earth Day	Proclamation - TC
2014-0126	Proclamation Honoring the United States Submarine Veterans Inc.	Proclamation - TC
2014-0128	Proclamation Recognizing National Arbor Day	Proclamation - TC
2014-0129	Proclamation Celebrating Groton Little League Opening Day	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

2014-0136	Approval of Minutes (Town Council)	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of April 15, 2014 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2014-0125	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:

Groton Utilities - \$13.28 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$10.55 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Barbara Weeman - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Aetna - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 E. H. Schoonmaker - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Various Donors - \$142.00 - Jabez Smith House
 Paul and Sara Blanchette - \$100.00 - Police Health and Welfare
 Groton Oil Comapny, Inc. - \$250.00 - Veterans Memorial Park Fund

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2014-0042	Non-Union Personnel Matter	Referral
2014-0068	Televise Special Meetings of the Town Council Committee of the Whole	Referral
2014-0086	Water Quality Testing	Referral
2014-0095	FYE 2015 Proposed Budget Deliberations	Referral
2014-0127	FYE 2014 PILOT Funds	Referral
2014-0067	Godfrey Street - Request for Easement	Referral
2014-0106	Pfizer Community Grant - Library Summer Reading Program	Referral
2014-0107	Mystic Garden Club Grant - Jabez Smith House	Referral
2014-0108	Disposal of Spicer Dock	Referral
2014-0110	Acceptance of Open Space Formerly Associated with the Hilltop Associates Subdivision	Referral
2014-0114	Adoption of 2014 Town Council Finance Committee Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2014-0118	FYE 2014 Fourth Quarter Transfers	Referral
2014-0123	Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant - Internet Connectivity	Referral
2014-0132	Reappointment of Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2014-0133	Reappointment of Tom Manning to Zoning Board of Appeals	Referral
2014-0134	Reappointment of Mary Ellen Furlong to Inland Wetlands Agency	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

2014-0067 Godfrey Street - Request for Easement Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR 20 GODFREY STREET IN MYSTIC

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton owns a paper street located off Godfrey Street in Mystic, and

WHEREAS, the paper street provides the access to a public street for a number of lots including 20 Godfrey Street, and

WHEREAS, representatives of the property's new owner have requested that the Town grant a formal access easement over the paper street for 20 Godfrey Street, and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2014 the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed easement under CGS Section 8-24 and expressed their support, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to have prepared and to execute a Deed of Easement for 20 Godfrey Street.

Legislative History

2/14/2014 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

3/25/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed the Whole

The Town Manager described the location of the paper street off Godfrey Street in Mystic, which serves 20 Godfrey Street, Rita's Rest Home, and other properties. The Town has received a request for an access easement over the paper street. This is a 'housekeeping' item, which does not obligate the Town to any more or less than the existing situation. The easement requires a CGS Section 8-24 referral to the Planning Commission.

3/25/2014 Town Council Committee of Motion the Whole

to refer the request for easement for 20 Godfrey Street to the Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24

4/22/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed the Whole

4/22/2014 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a Resolution the Whole

2014-0106 Pfizer Community Grant - Library Summer Reading Program Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PFIZER COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2014 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Pfizer Community grant offers competitive grants to non-profit organizations in southeastern Connecticut to fun programs focused on science and math education, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library has the capacity to offer a science-themed summer reading program and would like to provide and/or enhance science related enrichment activities and library materials as part of the program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to apply for a Pfizer Community Grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the Groton Public Library's 2014 Summer Reading Program.

Legislative History

3/28/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Not Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0107 Mystic Garden Club Grant - Jabez Smith House Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MYSTIC GARDEN CLUB
 WHEREAS, the Mystic Garden Club provides yearly grants to worthy organizations that further the club's purpose to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs; to aid in the protection of native plants; and to encourage civic planting, and

WHEREAS, the Jabez Smith House Committee would like to apply for a grant to support the Jabez Smith House gardens, which consist of vegetables, herbs, flowers, flax, and tobacco, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to apply for a grant from the Mystic Garden Club in the amount of \$1,000 in support of the Jabez Smith House gardens.

Legislative History

3/31/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Not Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0108 Disposal of Spicer Dock Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF THE OLD SPICER PARK DOCK TO THE NOANK ROWING CLUB

WHEREAS, the current Spicer Park dock, which is used for various Parks and Recreation programs and by members of the public and the Noank Rowing Club, is approximately 30 years old, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of concerns with the dock including insufficient length and width and the need to rebuild or renovate it, and

WHEREAS, the Noank Rowing Club has requested that the dock be donated to their organization to be used in a fundraising activity where the funds would be donated to the Town for purchase of a new dock, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the donation of the old Spicer Park dock to the Noank Rowing Club, with the understanding that proceeds from the dock will be donated to the Town and applied to the purchase of a new dock.

Legislative History

3/31/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Not Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0110 Acceptance of Open Space Formerly Associated with the Hilltop Associates Subdivision Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE HILLTOP ASSOCIATES SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Associates Subdivision was approved by the Planning Commission on November 14, 1989, and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1995 the Planning Commission recommended acceptance of a 4.53 acre open space parcel off of Conrad and Morgan Streets, and

WHEREAS, the deed for the property was determined to be invalid and acceptance was delayed, and

WHEREAS, in July 2006 the Town foreclosed on the property taking title to the open space parcel, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby designates the open space parcel formerly associated with the Hilltop Associates Subdivision as open space.

Legislative History

3/31/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Not Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0114 Adoption of 2014 Town Council Finance Committee Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014 TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Finance Committee regular meeting schedule for 2014 as follows:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 (Special Meeting)

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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

Legislative History

4/3/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/8/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Not Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0118 FYE 2014 Fourth Quarter Transfers Referral

RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2014 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 are necessary and represent unforeseen or unexpected expenditures at the time the FYE 2014 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that transfers totaling \$405,170 be transferred (\$335,350 from General Contingency #1074 and \$69,820 for Public Safety #1024) to the following General Fund departments/functions and transfers of \$10,000 or more be referred to the RTM for approval:

Public Works-Snow/Ice Control (#10356-5104) Overtime @ \$47,000;
for costs associated with additional overtime required for the number of call-outs due to the number of winter storms.

Public Works-Snow/Ice Control (#10356-5300) @ \$165,000;
for costs associated with materials and supplies required for the number of winter storms which required more treated salt than was budgeted.

Subdivisions-City of Groton-Highway Maintenance (#10901-5230) @ \$193,170;
for a mediation award where the Town and City were in disagreement on the Town's amount to fund the City's Highway Maintenance request for FYE 2014.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

4/9/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0123 Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant - Internet Connectivity Referral

RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROPOSED PROJECT FOR A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT OF \$18,700

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247 establishes the Regional Performance Incentive Program to fund projects or studies designed to provide cost saving services to municipalities on a regional basis, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has identified a project to benefit the Town by connecting to the State of Connecticut Nutmeg network for internet connectivity, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council endorses the Regional Performance Incentive Program referenced in Section 4-124s, as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247 and the proposal, submitted by the Town of Groton as follows:

- Connect to the State of Connecticut Nutmeg fiber network for Internet connectivity

Legislative History

4/9/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
4/22/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0132 Reappointment of Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WILLIAMS TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Barbara Williams, 129 Elm Street, Noank, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Legislative History

4/15/2014	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2014-0133 Reappointment of Tom Manning to Zoning Board of Appeals Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TOM MANNING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Tom Manning, 66 Little Gull Lane, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/18.

Legislative History

4/15/2014	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2014-0134 Reappointment of Mary Ellen Furlong to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARY ELLEN FURLONG AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Mary Ellen Furlong, 57 Fishtown Lane, Mystic, is hereby reappointed as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term ending 12/31/15.

Legislative History

4/15/2014	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT