



# 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 Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Joe de la Cruz, Greg Grim, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

##### Recess for Public Hearing on:

2016-0088 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2016)

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

2016-0138 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 3, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0111 Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2017)

Referral

2016-0114 Port Security Grant

Referral

2016-0116 Ledge Light Health District Community Health Assessment

Referral

2016-0122 Vergennes Court - Update

Referral

2016-0123 Appointment to Noank School Public Gardens Task Force

Referral

2016-0124 Reappointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission

Referral

2016-0125	Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission	Referral
2016-0126	Reappointment of Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2016-0127	Reappointment of Christine Grady to Zoning Board of Appeals	Referral
2016-0128	Appointment of Douglas Smith as a Regular Member of the Zoning Commission	Referral
2016-0129	Appointment of James Furlong to the Zoning Commission	Referral
2016-0130	Reappointment of Robin Moulding to Retirement Board	Referral
2016-0131	Reappointment of John Parfitt, Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals	Referral
2016-0132	Reappointment of Jackie Massett to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Referral
2016-0133	Reappointment of Denis O'Brien to Retirement Board	Referral
2016-0134	State Department of Transportation I-95 Signage Initiative	Referral
2016-0135	Resolution Appointing Members of the Charter Revision Commission	Referral
2016-0136	Resolution Setting the Organizational Meeting Date for the Charter Revision Commission	Referral
2016-0137	FYE 2017 Contingency Transfer for Support of the Charter Revision Commission	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 -
- b. Finance -
- c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Watson
- d. Rules -
- e. Public Safety -
- f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

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| 2016-0111  | Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2017) | Referral |
| <p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT FOR AN HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT<br/> WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Documents</p> |  |          |

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

4/27/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

5/10/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0114 Port Security Grant Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A PORT SECURITY GRANT FOR MARINE PATROL VESSEL MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) makes grant funding available to law enforcement agencies to support enforcement/homeland security operations, and

WHEREAS, a grant would be used to fund the proper maintenance of the Group II, Port of New London Marine Group patrol vessels and provide ongoing training through the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) which is a FEMA approved training organization, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or his designated agent may apply for the Port Security Grant of \$25,000 for maintenance of the Group II, Port of New London Marine Group patrol vessels and training through NASBLA.

Legislative History

5/2/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

5/10/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0123 Appointment to Noank School Public Gardens Task Force Referral**

APPOINTMENT OF HEATHER SOMERS TO NOANK SCHOOL PUBLIC GARDENS TASK FORCE

RESOLVED, that Heather Somers, 67 Ramsdell Street, is hereby appointed to the Noank School Public Gardens Task Force.

Legislative History

5/5/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

5/10/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0124 Reappointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SARAH MORIARTY TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Sarah D. Moriarty, 30 Fishers View Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/19.

Legislative History

5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0125 Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEPHEN HUDECEK TO THE ZONING COMMISSION  
 RESOLVED, that Stephen Hudecek, 33 Leeward Lane, is reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/20.

Legislative History

5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0126 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, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/17.

Legislative History

5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0127 Reappointment of Christine Grady to Zoning Board of Appeals Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHRISTINE GRADY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
 RESOLVED, that Christine Grady, 17 Palmers Cove Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/2020.

Legislative History

5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0128 Appointment of Douglas Smith as a Regular Member of the Zoning Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUGLAS SMITH AS A REGULAR MEMBER (FROM AN ALTERNATE MEMBER) TO THE ZONING COMMISSION  
 RESOLVED, that Douglas A. Smith, 37 Island Circle South, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

Legislative History

5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution

**2016-0129 Appointment of James Furlong to the Zoning Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES FURLONG AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION  
 RESOLVED, that James C. Furlong, 57 Fishtown Lane, Mystic is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/16.

Legislative History

5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution

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- 2016-0130 Reappointment of Robin Moulding to Retirement Board Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBIN MOULDING TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD  
RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby reappoints Robin Moulding, 107 Haley Road, Mystic as a participant member to the Retirement Board for a term expiring 12/31/18.
- Legislative History
- 5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0131 Reappointment of John Parfitt, Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN PARFITT, JR. TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS  
RESOLVED, that John W. Parfitt, Jr., 32 St. Paul Court, is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/18.
- Legislative History
- 5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0132 Reappointment of Jackie Massett to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JACKIE MASSETT TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESOLVED, that Jackie Massett, 78 Brandegee Avenue, is hereby reappointed to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term expiring 11/10/18.
- Legislative History
- 5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0133 Reappointment of Denis O'Brien to Retirement Board Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DENIS O'BRIEN TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD  
RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby reappoints Denis M. O'Brien, 23 Payer Lane, Mystic, to the Retirement Board for a term ending 12/31/18.
- Legislative History
- 5/3/2016 Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee Recommended for a Resolution
- 2016-0134 State Department of Transportation I-95 Signage Initiative Referral**
- RESOLUTION RESCINDING PAST RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING SIGNAGE FOR THE ALLYN STREET EXIT ON INTERSTATE 95  
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is proposing to replace highway signage including tourist attraction signs on Interstate 95, and
- WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council by resolutions dated March 1, 1976, August 16, 1983, March 15, 1988, and May 16, 1989 expressed its opposition to designation of this exit as a route to downtown Mystic, and
- WHEREAS, staff from the Office of Planning and Development Services, the Economic Development Commission, downtown Mystic merchants, and others recommend the addition of a specific reference to "Mystic" and/or "Downtown Mystic" to Exit 89 (Allyn Street) signage for both northbound and southbound lanes of I-95 because the action would be invaluable to the marketing

and promotion of downtown Mystic, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is mindful of residents' concerns, but feels there may be alternatives that will lessen any impacts of the new signage such as adding directional signs to parking areas, adding signage for the Exit 90 attractions before Exit 89 on I-95 North, and adding crosswalks at the Allyn Street/ Route 1 intersection, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council rescinds the resolutions dated March 1, 1976, August 16, 1983, March 15, 1988, and May 16, 1989 and withdraws its opposition to designation of Exit 89 (Allyn Street) as a route to downtown Mystic.

Legislative History

	5/6/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	5/10/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
	5/10/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion	
2016-0135	Resolution Appointing Members of the Charter Revision Commission			Referral
2016-0136	Resolution Setting the Organizational Meeting Date for the Charter Revision Commission			Referral
2016-0137	FYE 2017 Contingency Transfer for Support of the Charter Revision Commission			Referral

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**