



# 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, May 20, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING - Revised Agenda

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2014-0138 Proclamation Honoring Officer Vernal Taylor 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

2014-0160 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of March 27, 2014 and May 6, 2014 are hereby accepted and approved.

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

2013-0066 Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities

Referral

2013-0125 City of Groton FYE 2014 Highway Budget - Request for Mediation

Referral

2014-0113 Request for Number of Town Employees in Each Department by Calendar Quarter

Referral

2014-0135 Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction - Update

Referral

2014-0139 Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

Referral

2014-0141 Tour of Fitch Middle School and William Seely School

Referral

2014-0146 John Kelley Memorial Statue - Update

Referral

2014-0148 Reappointment of Ranjna Bindra to Library Board

Referral

2014-0149	<b>Appointment of Deborah Monteiro as an Alternative to the Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	Referral
2014-0150	<b>Reappointment of Eunice Sutphen to Inland Wetlands Agency</b>	Referral
2014-0151	<b>Reappointment of Richard Wood to Shellfish Commission</b>	Referral
2014-0152	<b>Appointment of Barbara Tarbox as an Alternate to the Planning Commission</b>	Referral
	RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA TARBOX AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION	
	RESOLVED, that Barbara Tarbox, 74 Algonquin Drive, Mystic is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/16.	
	<u>Legislative History</u>	
	5/6/2014      Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
2014-0154	<b>Noank School - D'Agostino Proposal</b>	Referral
2014-0158	<b>Noank School - Public Garden Proposal Presentation</b>	Referral
2014-0161	<b>Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date on Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Applications</b>	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

2014-0139	<b>Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)</b>	Referral
	RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE	
	RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council approves the following:	
	STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE	
	We recognize the Guard and Reserve are essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities.	

In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

- We fully recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).
- We will provide our managers and supervisors with the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
- We appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills Service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ Guardsmen, Reservists, and Veterans.
- We will continually recognize and support our country's Service members and their families in peace, in crisis, and in war.

**Legislative History**

4/24/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/13/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
5/13/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0141

**Tour of Fitch Middle School and William Seely School**

**Referral**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING PREPARATION OF A LEASE FOR A PORTION OF FITCH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO PROJECT LEARN

WHEREAS, Project LEARN has expressed a desire to use a portion of Fitch Middle School for the LEARN Dual Language and Arts Magnet Middle School for a period of one to two years, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the final use of Fitch Middle School will not be determined and necessary funding secured for at least two years, which will allow LEARN to occupy a portion of the building during this time period (School Years 2015 and 2016), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Town Manager and Town Attorney to work with LEARN to prepare a lease for a portion of Fitch Middle School for Town Council review, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed leasing of a portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN be referred to the Planning Commission under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

**Legislative History**

5/1/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/7/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

*Bill Robarge led a 45-minute tour of Fitch Middle School in that included the boiler room, cafeteria, classroom wings, and the two story front section of the building including the auditorium.*

*It was noted that although a significant amount of books, supplies, and furniture are still in the building, significant progress has been made in clean up.*

*Councilors Moravsik, Frink, and Cerf, Dr. Graner, Jerry Lokken, Mark Berry, and Town Manager Oefinger then proceeded to William Seely School for a tour conducted by Jerry Lokken.*

*The level of Parks and Recreation programming and significant amount of storage occurring in the building were noted.*

5/13/2014      **Town Council Committee of  
the Whole**      **Discussed**

5/13/2014      **Town Council Committee of  
the Whole**      **Recommended for a  
Resolution**

2014-0146

**John Kelley Memorial Statue - Update****Referral**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REVISED FINAL DESIGN AND PLACEMENT OF THE JOHN KELLEY MEMORIAL STATUE

WHEREAS, Mr. James Roy, Chairman of the John Kelley Memorial Fund, is leading an effort to establish a memorial to honor the late John Kelley, a two-time Olympian, Fitch High School teacher, winner of the 1957 Boston Marathon and Groton resident, and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2012 the Town Council expressed support for locating the John Kelley memorial statue in the parklet at the corner of Route 1 and Bank Street in Mystic pending additional review of the statue's design and approval of the location within the parklet, and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2014 the Town Council approved the design and placement of the statue in the middle of the parklet, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roy has, as part of land use permit applications/approvals, proposed a larger-than-life 7'1" tall statue of Mr. Kelley on an 8" base rather than a life-size statue as originally authorized by the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roy has also proposed installation of a boulder with a bronze informational plaque near the stairs leading to the parklet rather than at the base of the statue, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roy, in a presentation to the Town Council on May 13, 2014, has now proposed that the boulder have a 14" x 24" informational plaque on the front and a second 12" x 24" plaque to list lead donors on the back, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council supports the larger-than-life John Kelley memorial statue, placement of the statue in the middle of the Bank Street parklet, and placement of the boulder/plaque near the parklet's stairs, subject to review and approval of necessary local land use applications.

**Legislative History**

5/5/2014      **Mayor**      **Referred**      **Town Council Committee of the W**

5/13/2014      **Town Council Committee of  
the Whole**      **Discussed**

5/13/2014      **Town Council Committee of  
the Whole**      **Recommended for a  
Resolution**

2014-0158

**Noank School - Public Garden Proposal Presentation****Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH NOANK SCHOOL PUBLIC GARDENS FOR USE OF THE NOANK SCHOOL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Noank School Public Gardens (NSPG), a non-profit (pending) group that wants to create a park and community gardens on the site of the former Noank Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, NSPG presented their ideas for the property during two presentations to the Town Council in October 2013 and May 2014, and

WHEREAS, NSPG has demonstrated community support for the public gardens concept, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its desire that the Town of Groton enter into a lease agreement with Noank School Public Gardens to utilize the Noank Elementary School property and hereby directs the Town Manager and Town Attorney, working with NSPG, to identify and develop proposed terms and conditions of the lease, which will be subject to final Town Council approval, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed leasing of the property to NSPG be referred to the Planning Commission under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

Legislative History

5/9/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/13/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
5/13/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion	

**2014-0148 Reappointment of Ranjna Bindra to Library Board Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RANJNA BINDRA TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Ranjna Bindra, 171 Neptune Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/16.

Legislative History

5/6/2014	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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**2014-0149 Appointment of Deborah Monteiro as an Alternative to the Board of Assessment Appeals Referral**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEBORAH B. MONTEIRO AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Deborah B. Monteiro, 70 Spyglass Circle, is hereby appointed as an alternate member, from a regular member, of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/14.

Legislative History

5/6/2014	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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**2014-0150 Reappointment of Eunice Sutphen to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EUNICE SUTPHEN TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Eunice Sutphen, 120 Cedar Road, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Legislative History

5/6/2014	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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**2014-0151 Reappointment of Richard Wood to Shellfish Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICHARD WOOD TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Richard Wood, 150 Dogwood Lane, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/18.

Legislative History

2014-0152	5/6/2014 <b>Town Council Personnel &amp; Appointments Committee</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>Appointment of Barbara Tarbox as an Alternate to the Planning Commission</b>			

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA TARBOX AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
 RESOLVED, that Barbara Tarbox, 74 Algonquin Drive, Mystic is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/16.

Legislative History

2014-0161	5/6/2014 <b>Town Council Personnel &amp; Appointments Committee</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date on Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Applications</b>			

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS  
 WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut provides tax credits to businesses that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies, and  
 WHEREAS, the Town must conduct a public hearing and submit all approved program applications to the State Department of Revenue Services by July 1st, and

WHEREAS, a number of non-profit organizations have expressed an interest in potentially participating in the program, but have not yet provided applications to the Town, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on any applications received under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

2014-0140	5/13/2014 <b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>Connecticut Humanities Grant</b>			

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**