



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2012-0143 Proclamation Recognizing Ryan Hall Newsome

Proclamation - TC

Recess for:

2012-0195 Public Hearing on an Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts

Referral

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE CHANGING AND REDEFINING THE VOTING DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF GROTON

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

That Section 6-1 of the Code of Ordinances, "Voting districts", consisting of ordinances Nos. 105, 212, 217, and 254 adopted by the Town Council on October 2, 1972, February 18, 1992, March 2, 1993 and July 2, 2002, respectively, is hereby repealed, and the following ordinance is hereby enacted in lieu thereof:

1. The following areas shall hereafter constitute the Voting Districts in the Town of Groton and are hereby adopted to conform to the Congressional District Plan prepared by the Connecticut Supreme Court appointed Special Master on January 13, 2012:

FIRST VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this voting district at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 and the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running southerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to a point at its intersection with the centerline of the northerly portion of Indian Field Road; thence running easterly and southerly with the centerline of Indian Field Road to Debby Drive; thence running easterly with the centerline of Debby Drive to Ring Drive; thence running northerly, easterly and southerly with the centerline of Ring Drive to U.S. Route 1; thence running easterly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to its intersection with the centerline of Fort Hill Brook; thence running southerly with the centerline of Fort Hill Brook to Mumford Cove; thence running southerly with the centerline of Mumford Cove and crossing Fishers Island Sound to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton to its intersection with the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running northerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove; thence running northwesterly and northerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove and Birch Plain Creek to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary on the south side of Poquonnock Road; thence running northwesterly along the City of Groton boundary and the south side of Poquonnock Road to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary; thence running northerly along the City of Groton boundary to its intersection with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension; thence running southeasterly and easterly with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension to U.S. Route 1; thence running northwesterly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to the intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Connecticut Route 349 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway); thence running easterly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Connecticut

Route 349 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway) to its intersection with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp; thence running easterly with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 and the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the First Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SECOND VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwest corner of this voting district at a point on the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running due east to the intersection of Eastern Point Road and Nicholas Avenue; thence running easterly with the centerline of Nicholas Avenue to Benham Road; thence crossing Benham Road to Hynes Avenue and continuing easterly with the centerline of Hynes Avenue to Brandegee Avenue; thence running northerly with the centerline of Brandegee Avenue to Rainville Avenue; thence running easterly and northeasterly with the centerline of Rainville Avenue to Poquonnock Road; thence running southeasterly with the centerline of Poquonnock Road to a point on the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary on the south side of Poquonnock Road; thence running southeasterly along the City of Groton boundary to the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running southerly and southeasterly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Birch Plain Creek and Baker Cove; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove and Fishers Island Sound to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line to a point due west of the intersection of Eastern Point Road and Nicholas Avenue at the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Second Voting District of the Town of Groton.

THIRD VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwest corner of this voting district and the northwest corner of the City of Groton; thence running easterly along the north boundary of the City of Groton and the north side of Grove Avenue; thence running southeasterly, southerly and southeasterly along the northeast boundary of the City of Groton to a point in the vicinity of Meridian Street Extension; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton on to a point in the centerline of Poquonnock Road; thence running northwesterly with the centerline of Poquonnock Road to Rainville Avenue; thence running southwestly and westerly with the centerline of Rainville Avenue to Brandegee Avenue; thence running southerly with the centerline of Brandegee Avenue to Hynes Avenue; thence running westerly with the centerline of Hynes Avenue to Benham Road; thence crossing Benham road to Nicholas Avenue and continuing westerly with the centerline of Nicholas Avenue to Eastern Point Road; thence running due west to the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line to the northwest corner of the City of Groton and the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Third Voting District of the Town of Groton.

FOURTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwestern corner of this voting district running along the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the intersection of Connecticut Route 117; thence running southerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117; thence running westerly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp; thence running southwestly with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp to its intersection with U.S. Route 1; thence running southeasterly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to the intersection of Meridian Street Extension; thence running westerly and northwesterly with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension to its intersection with the easterly boundary of the City of Groton; thence running northerly and northwesterly along the northeast boundary of the City of Groton to a point on the north side of Grove Avenue; thence running westerly along the north boundary of the City of Groton to the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line and the GROTON-WATERFORD town

line to its intersection with the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the point of beginning. All Areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Fourth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

FIFTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this district and the northeast corner of the Town of Groton at a point in Hyde Pond; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line through Whitford Brook and the Mystic River to its intersection with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running westerly in the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117; thence running northerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to its intersection with the GROTON-LEDYARD town line; thence running easterly along the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Fifth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SIXTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this voting district at a point where the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95 crosses the GROTON-STONINGTON town line in the Mystic River; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line through the Mystic River to a point southeasterly of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running northwesterly through the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove to a point in Beebe Cove west of Half Penny Island; thence running northerly in Beebe Cove to a point in line with the prolongation southeasterly of the centerline of Fishtown Road; thence running northwesterly with the prolongation of Fishtown Road, crossing Beebe Cove, the shore and Connecticut Route 215 to Fishtown Road; thence running northwesterly and northerly with the centerline of Fishtown Road to its intersection with Connecticut Route 1 and Noank Ledyard Road; thence running northerly, northerly, northeasterly and northerly with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road to its intersection with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95 to the GROTON-STONINGTON town line and point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Sixth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SEVENTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the GROTON-STONINGTON town line southeast of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton to a point south of Mumford Cove; thence running northerly along the centerline of Mumford Cove to Fort Hill Brook; thence running northerly along the centerline of Fort Hill Brook to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Route 1; thence running westerly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to Ring Drive; thence running northerly, westerly and southerly with the centerline of Ring Drive to Debby Drive; thence running westerly with the centerline of Debby Drive to Indian Field Road; thence running northerly and westerly with the centerline of Indian Field Road to Connecticut Route 117; thence running northerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to its intersection with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road; thence running southerly, southwesterly and southerly with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road to its intersection with Connecticut Route 1 and Fishtown Road; thence running southerly and southeasterly with the centerline of Fishtown Road to its intersection with Connecticut Route 215; thence running southeasterly along the prolongation southeasterly of the centerline of Fishtown Road, crossing Route 215, the shore and Beebe Cove; thence running southerly in Beebe Cove to a point west of Half Penny Island and northwesterly of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running southeasterly in Beebe Cove through the railroad bridge to the GROTON-STONINGTON town line and point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Seventh Voting District of the Town of Groton.

2. Changes to Districts One, Four and Five have been made as required by the 2012 Redistricting

Plan enacted by the State of Connecticut.

3. By vote of the Groton Town Council, the former Districts Four and Five have been combined for the purposes of all elections, including referenda and primaries. The resulting district will henceforth be known as District Four.

4. Districts Six, Seven and Eight have been renumbered to reflect the combining of Districts Four and Five. Henceforth, District Six will be District Five; District Seven will be District Six; and District Eight will be District Seven.

Legislative History

6/5/2012

Town Council

Scheduled for Public
Hearing

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0194 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 5, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2012-0166 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

City of Groton - \$41.66 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Bobby Allison - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Mary Atha - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$8.26 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Edward Card - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Kay Chester - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Richard Davies - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Peter and Ana Dikan - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Martha Dow - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

P. Golden - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Charles and Rosemary Hall - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

William Hossack - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Bonnie Laganga - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Michael and Pamela Maffia - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Gail Narita - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Rose O'Brien - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Lynn Rogers - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Colleen Shay - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Mona Szegda - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Michael C. Mondello - \$2,000 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

William L Grundy dba Legs Landscaping - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2011-0231 Town Council Orientation

Referral

2012-0009	FYE 2013 Budget	Referral
2012-0034	FYE 2013 Budget Requests - City of Groton	Referral
2012-0035	FYE 2013 Budget Requests - Groton Long Point	Referral
2012-0079	October 2011 Revaluation - Update	Referral
2012-0099	FYE 2013 Proposed Budget Deliberations	Referral
2011-0218	Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update	Referral
2012-0040	Town Council Goal Setting	Referral
2012-0176	Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments - TVCCA Board of Trustees	Referral
2012-0179	Appointment of Michael Doyle to Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2012-0180	Reappointment of A. Neil Brown Jr. to Shellfish Commission	Referral
2012-0181	Reappointment of Patricia Semancik to Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2012-0182	Reappointment of Theodore Hespeler to Community Development Advisory Committee	Referral
2012-0183	Reappointment of Lenore White to Library Board	Referral
2012-0184	Reappointment of Joseph Kane to Shellfish Commission	Referral
2012-0185	Reappointment of Carol Pratt to Retirement Board	Referral
2012-0186	Reappointment of Charles Stevens to Board of Assessment Appeals	Referral
2012-0187	Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee	Referral
2012-0188	Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2012-0189	Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2012-0190	Appointment of Mark Somers as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission	Referral
2012-0191	Appointment of James Kimenker as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission	Referral
2012-0192	Appointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission	Referral
2012-0193	Appointment of Todd Brady to Historic District Commission	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2011-0218 Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update

Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AN AMENDED AGREEMENT REGARDING FITCH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton ("Town"), the Groton Board of Education ("BOE") and the Bristol Collegiate Baseball Club, Inc., ("Corporation") entered into an Agreement in 2011 which, in part, addressed improvements to the Fitch High School Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, a dispute arose between the parties regarding unpaid invoices associated with the improvements and the Corporation's responsibility for same, and

WHEREAS, an amended Agreement has been prepared in the interest of resolving outstanding issues and allowing the Corporation to continue utilizing Fitch for the purposes defined in the original agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign, and to make minor revisions to, the amended agreement regarding the Fitch High School Baseball Field, subject to review and approval of the amended agreement by the Board of Education.

Legislative History

11/10/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

11/15/2011 Town Council Referred Town Council Committee of th

11/15/2011 Town Council Discussed

Mayor Streeter stated that the purpose of this discussion is to gather information regarding the circumstances and issues surrounding the upgrades to the Fitch Senior High School baseball field.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Kadri distributed a spreadsheet which reflects the chronology of events regarding the costs associated with the upgrade to the Fitch Senior High School baseball field. Mr. Kadri began by explaining the school district's approach to student test results and its plans to continue to keep Groton's schools ahead of their peers in Connecticut, even though funding has been at the legal minimum for years.

Councilor O'Beirne raised a "Point of Order" stating that discussion should be limited to the baseball field. Mayor Streeter concurred to keep the subject matter limited to the baseball field.

Superintendent Kadri gave a summary of the costs of improvements to the Fitch Senior High School baseball

field to enable it to be utilized by a collegiate team. He noted that an anonymous donor donated \$500,000 for the upgrades; initial cost projections were \$838,100; the project went to bid twice with the accepted bid of \$523,000; project costs are now estimated at \$653,000 (including engineering and lights); the team was to pay for lighting and there was a communication glitch when the team paid for the lighting out of the money designated for construction costs; the original donor gave an additional \$75,000 toward construction costs; loan arrangements were made with the team for the shortfall (guaranteed by the original donor); the total amount paid by the team to date is \$514,000; the team no longer feels it has the revenue to pay back the loan; the balance remaining unpaid is \$139,000.

Brian Shirvell, Chairman of the Board of Education, believes that this issue should have been treated as a contractual dispute and addressed informally with the Town Attorney, Board of Education Attorney, the parties involved, the Town Manager, and the Superintendent.

Councilor O'Beirne remarked that the Board of Education is asking to use \$139,000 worth of educational funds for something that has nothing to do with the education of Groton's children. He is concerned that the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to sign the agreement with the Superintendent and the representative of the team was made December 21, 2010, but the agreement was not actually signed until July 1, 2011, after construction was complete. That means that the day the contract was signed, it was already in default. Councilor O'Beirne asked the Superintendent what authority he had for performing the project without a signed contract.

Superintendent Kadri stated that it was an innovative, creative project that brought \$500,000 in to the Town. He stated that there were negotiation delays and changes to the language of the contract by the Town Attorney, the Board of Education Attorney, and the team's attorney. He noted that if they had waited for the contract to be finalized, the project would have died.

Councilor O'Beirne noted that the Town Attorney was in agreement with the contract in December. He asked Mr. Kadri again what authority he had to proceed with this project without a signed contract in place.

Mr. Kadri said it was either move forward or give up the \$500,000 donation. He stated that the shortfall was the result of a contract default.

Councilor O'Beirne remarked that the improvements made to the field are nice to have, but not necessary. Students do not need a press box, dugouts, or lights, as there are no night games.

Mr. Kadri added that the improvements benefit families and he believes that everyone wants the team to stay here.

Councilor Flax noted that there should be more communication between the Town Council, the Board of Education, and the community. The deal was done with "handshakes" and the Town does not conduct business that way.

Superintendent Kadri stated that after the baseball season he became aware that the money from the team was not available, adding that the Town deals with contract defaults all the time.

Councilor Flax remarked that the \$500,000 was to improve the baseball field and if the price was more than that, there should have been further discussion.

Superintendent Kadri stated that there is a risk involved with opportunities like this, but there was no risk to the taxpayers. He said that the area is a soccer field, baseball field, and an enhancement to the school district.

In answer to Councilor Sheets, the Town Manager stated that the understanding on July 1, 2011, was that costs exceeded the initial estimates and the weekly discussions with the project team had stopped. Mr. Greenleaf contacted him and made him aware that the bids came in considerably over the initial estimates and solicited any ideas that the Town Manager might have.

Councilor Johnson noted that when he voted on the project he was under the impression that \$500,000 was for a completed project, and the Council should have been informed if that was not the case.

Councilor Monteiro noted that unless the money can be collected from the team, taxpayer dollars will be used for the shortfall, noting that federal grants are taxpayer money as well. She added that the public was upset that the project, proposed to cost \$500,000 with no additional cost to the Town, now has a \$140,000 shortfall.

Councilor Monteiro stated that the Town did not need the improvements to the field and it is hard to swallow in an economy where people can barely put food on the table.

Councilor Watson thanked the anonymous donor and remarked that the project was a good deal. He has watched some of the baseball games this summer. He added that the Town Council and the Board of Education need to communicate with each other more frequently.

Mr. Kadri stated that he would like to approach the team to renegotiate the contract to have more flexibility to do other things with the field. It could become a revenue generator.

In answer to Councilor O'Beirne's question about whether DOD impact aid will be used for the shortfall, Mayor Streeter stated that payments are in negotiation.

Town Attorney Eileen Duggan stated that discussion of payment, negotiations, and pending claims may involve executive sessions.

**2/14/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

that the members of the Town Council, together with Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan go into executive session at 7:12 p.m., pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1 200(6)(B), for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to a pending claim regarding the agreement between the Town, Board of Education and Bristol Collegiate Baseball Club, Inc

**2/14/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

The executive session concluded at 7:52 p.m.

**2/28/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

that the Town Council, along with Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Superintendent of Schools Paul Kadri, Town Attorney Eileen Duggan, and the following members of the Board of Education: Kirsten Hoyt, Chaz Zezulka, Kim Watson, and Elizabeth Gianacoplos, go into executive session at 9:05 p.m. pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 1-200(6)(B) to discuss a potential claim related to improvements to the Fitch High School Baseball Field

**2/28/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

The executive session concluded at 9:40 p.m.

**3/6/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to enter executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss 2012-0218 Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update and to invite Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Attorney Eric Callahan to attend

**3/6/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

The executive session ended at 8:16 p.m.

**3/13/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to go into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

**3/13/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Town Councilors came out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

**3/27/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to enter executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss 2011-0218 Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update and to invite the Town Manager and Town Attorney Eric Callahan to attend

**3/27/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

The executive session ended at 8:10 p.m.

**3/27/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to direct the Town Attorney on the Town's behalf to send the amended contract to the baseball team with a time limit for them to respond

**4/23/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Mayor Somers explained that she invited Mr. Kelleher to speak to the Town Council directly in executive session and he would be arriving shortly. The Town Council recessed at 6:45 p.m., pending Mr. Kelleher's arrival.

The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

**4/23/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to enter executive session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing 2011-0218 Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update, and to invite Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Attorneys Eileen Duggan and Erica Callahan, Kevin Kelleher, Dennis Long, and upon their arrival, Paul Kadri and Kirsten Hoyt, to attend the meeting

**4/23/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Mr. Kadri and Ms. Hoyt arrived at 8:40 p.m. and joined the executive session. Council Watson left the executive session at 9:05 p.m.

The executive session ended at 9:29 p.m.

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to enter executive session at 9:37 p.m. to discussion 2011-0218 Fitch High School Baseball Field - Update, and to invite the Town Manager and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan to attend

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Councilor O'Beirne returned to the meeting and joined the executive session.

The executive session ended at 10:25 p.m.

**5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Town Manager Oefinger noted that revisions have been made to the agreement addendum and they have been forwarded to the team's attorney. There was some initial feedback, but there has been no formal response from the baseball team.

**6/12/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to enter executive session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss the Fitch High School baseball field agreement, and to invite the Town Manager and Town Attorney Eric Callahan to attend

**6/12/2012 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution**

Councilor Streeter arrived at 7:25 p.m. and joined the executive session.

The executive session concluded at 7:25 p.m.

**6/12/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to authorize the Town Manager to sign the amendment to the baseball agreement subject to review and approval by the Board of Education

2012-0040

Town Council Goal Setting

Referral

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TWENTY-EIGHTH GROTON TOWN COUNCIL GOALS
RESOLVED, that the 28th Groton Town Council adopts the following goals for 2012-2013:

State

Strongly advocate both independently and through a regional approach to the State Legislature and Officials by calling them to the Council quarterly to address and correct the unfunded mandates that are unfairly pushed onto local municipalities at great economic cost and undue burden. Work to actively promote local fiscally responsible governments to gain the authority to levy their own fees and taxes.

"It is fundamentally inappropriate and inequitable to force towns and cities to assume all or most of the costs of policies the State has decided to implement - and thus pass these costs onto local property taxpayers." CCM

Economic Development

Work to develop policies and the climate for diversification of development that is suitable for the Town of Groton focusing on the ability to increase the Grand List which ultimately will help the overall well-being of the Town's residents.

Revise and update the incentive programs offered by the Town.

Provide a framework and direction to the Economic Development Commission.

Establish a Revenue Generation Task Force.

Environment

Work to educate citizens and elected officials on the benefits of a full time grant writer dedicated to improving energy efficiency throughout the Town.

Work with the Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Committee to develop a plan to target specific obtainable goals for energy efficiency and create policy in pursuit of those goals.

Develop environmental programs together with the Board of Education to help reduce energy consumption and encourage recycling in our schools.

Infrastructure

Develop a more consistent, viable method to provide safe and well-maintained roads for the Town of Groton and both subdivisions through a Strategic Paving and Maintenance Plan that will be bonded through a referendum on roads.

Legislative History

1/25/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
1/31/2012	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Mayor Somers noted that a list of Town programs were provided to the Council if the Council chooses to rank/prioritize those programs as part of its goal setting process. Town Manager Oefinger explained that the programs were identified as part of the Performance Measures effort. The purpose of reviewing the programs and prioritizing them is because there should be some correlation between what the Town is working on day-to-day and the Town Council's goals. Mayor Somers thought that the categories were helpful to define the services provided by the Town.

Councilor Flax expressed support for the goal setting format used by the last Council. He stated that one of his goals is to maintain the roads in Groton in an affordable manner.

Councilor Watson arrived at 5:18 p.m.

**1/31/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Councilor Peruzzotti noted that she felt the overall impression of the previous Town Council was a lack of unity. She would expect from Councilors a willingness to cooperate and not campaign against an issue if they are on the "losing" side. Councilor Peruzzotti also feels that Councilors should be involved with the goals that they are assigned.

Councilor Antipas noted that unlike the RTM members who are elected to represent their respective districts, the Town Council is comprised of nine people elected to represent the Town at large.

Councilor Schmidt agreed that it is an issue of respect for different opinions, but then respecting the ultimate will of the Council.

Mayor Somers outlined some of the goals she had developed, consisting of broader goals supported by specific initiatives. Discussion followed and the Council identified the following goals and Councilors who would take responsibility for further developing and refining the goals:

1. Develop a robust economic development strategy and marketing plan (Johnson/Peruzzotti)

- Work more closely with the Economic Development Commission.
- Establish a Revenue Generation Task Force.
- Infrastructure to support economic development strategy.
 - o Flanders Road
- Revise all marketing materials

2. Become a more environmentally conscious Town (Schmidt)

- Establish the Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Committee.
- Hire a full time grant writer dedicated to improving energy efficiency for the Town and Board of Education.
- Establish an energy challenge to reduce consumption across the Town by 10%.
- Residential trash pickup/single stream recycling.

3. Better focus on the military and submarine base. (O'Beirne/Antipas)

- Establish a Liaison Committee

4. Provide a diverse, consistent, quality education experience for the Town of Groton.

(Watson/Peruzzotti/Somers)

- Foster an enhanced relationship with the Board of Education.
- Pursue common goals with the Board of Education.
- Continue to work with the Town Council/Board of Education/RTM Liaison Committee.
- Phase II.

5. Support Groton's infrastructure. (Peruzzotti/Watson)

- Road maintenance/pavement management plan.

The Town Manager updated the Council on efforts to obtain a grant from the State for the area in the vicinity of the Submarine Base. This issue is related to the purchase of the Fusconi property. The Town Manager will provide an update at a future meeting.

Discussion followed on the Town-wide fire assessment and the attempts to bring the parties to the table. The Town Manager differentiated between the fire chiefs and the fire district boards. He noted that there was a small group of people that were meeting on the issue and he suggested that Councilors reach out to Nancy Beckwith for her perceptions about the process.

6. Improve the relationship with the Fire Districts. (Streeter/Flax)

The Town Manager indicated he would provide a copy of the Pavement Management Plan to Councilor Antipas.

The Council discussed the Old Mystic Fire District's attempts to obtain a portion of the Mystic Education Center property.

In response to Councilor Peruzzotti, Town Manager Oefinger provided an update on RTM budget deliberations on certain items.

Councilor Streeter feels that the RTM is looking for the Town Council to start the referendum process on the road bond. With respect to schools, Councilor Streeter feels that the Town Council goals should include Phase II.

Councilor Flax feels that ranking is important and every Councilor should be involved with a goal. Councilor Watson feels that assigning goals makes people accountable. He suggested that the Council has already made progress on the education goal.

Councilor O'Beirne expressed concern with groups of Councilors working on goals together due to FOI issues. Mayor Somers noted that the Councilors associated with the goals were only assigned to refine the goals not be responsible for those goals. Goals should be discussed and agreed upon by the group, even if individual Councilors have more of an interest in one subject area or another.

Councilor Peruzzotti stated her top three goals are economic development, becoming a more environmentally conscious Town (although it could be difficult without a grant writer position), and infrastructure. She feels that communication with the Board of Education is not a goal, but a necessity.

Councilor Flax feels that it does not have to be a Town Council goal for Councilors to discuss the item, such as improving the relationship with the fire districts.

The consensus was to condense the goals to three measurable goals.

Councilor Peruzzotti suggested that if an item on the list is not made a goal, it should be referred to committee since all of them are important.

Town Manager Oefinger directed the Council to the list of questions that would be helpful to refine the goals.

Discussion turned to potential goal #1 - Develop a robust economic development strategy and marketing plan.

Discussion followed on economic development versus growing the Grand List and the Council's role in such a goal. Councilor Johnson suggested that the goal should be to take a proactive approach by working with the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and Planning and Development staff. Councilor Antipas feels the EDC is an idea-generating body, but they do not know if their ideas would be supported by the Council or not.

Mayor Somers feels that goals should be broad, with specific action items associated with them. For example, a goal would be to support economic development. Specific tasks would be providing direction to the EDC; establishing a Revenue Generation Task Force; and supporting the Town's Economic Development Coordinator.

Councilor O'Beirne suggested that the EDC meet periodically with the Town Council Economic Development Committee to identify the expectations of each group.

Discussion turned to potential goal #4 - Provide a diverse, consistent, quality education experience for the Town of Groton.

Streeter expressed support for this being a goal.

Mayor Somers offered to develop a list of broad goals and bulleted tasks for Councilors to review and mark up. She polled the Council on the potential goals. The consensus was that potential goals #3., #6, and #7 should be referrals rather than goals.

The Town Manager stated it would be good to wrap up goals soon so they can be included in the Adopted Budget. The Commission asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the May 22nd Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Mayor Somers distributed draft goals to the Council for review. She asked that Councilors forward their comments to her by May 29th.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THEODORE HESPELER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Theodore Hespeler, 21 Tower Avenue, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 2/7/15.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0183 Reappointment of Lenore White to Library Board Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LENORE WHITE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Lenore White, 76 Brook Street, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/14.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0184 Reappointment of Joseph Kane to Shellfish Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH KANE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Joseph D. Kane, 131 Prospect Hill Road, is reappointed as an alternate member to the Shellfish Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0185 Reappointment of Carol Pratt to Retirement Board Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CAROL PRATT TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD

RESOLVED that the Town Council reappoints Carol W. Pratt as a participant member to the Retirement Board for a term ending 12/31/14.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0186 Reappointment of Charles Stevens to Board of Assessment Appeals Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES STEVENS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Charles Stevens, 12 Stony Hill Drive, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/14.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0187 Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DOROTHY EAMES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Dorothy Eames, 83 Pine Island Road, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 2/7/15.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0188 Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID SCOTT TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that David Scott, 191 Pequot Avenue, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term ending 12/31/12.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0189 Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT ASHWORTH TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Robert L. Ashworth, 39 Whitney Road, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term ending 12/31/12.

Legislative History

6/13/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0190 Appointment of Mark Somers as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK J. SOMERS AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Mark J. Somers, 67 Ramsdell Street, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0191 Appointment of James Kimenker as a Regular Member to Historic District Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES KIMENKER AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that James Kimenker, 31 Gravel Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/13.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0192 Appointment of Sarah Moriarty to Historic District Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH MORIARTY AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Sarah D. Moriarty, 30 Fishers View Drive, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0193 Appointment of Todd Brady to Historic District Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TODD BRADY AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Todd F. Brady, 17 Water Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/16.

Legislative History

6/12/2012 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2012-0199 Mystic Arts Center Parking Lot Lease Referral

2012-0169 Introduction of an Ordinance for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Referral

2012-0170 Setting Public Hearing Date on an Ordinance for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Referral

2012-0171 Referral of Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project to Planning Commission Under CGS 8-24 Referral

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT