



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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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, August 02, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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

2016-0196 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of July 19, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0191 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:

Thomas Norris - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

First United Methodist Church - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0181 Market Analysis Presentation

Referral

2016-0187 Library of America/National Endowment for the Humanities Grant

Referral

2016-0188 Groton Education Foundation Grant - Library

Referral

2016-0192	Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments - School Readiness	Referral
2016-0193	Additional Resolution on Mystic Education Center Brownfield Grant	Referral
2016-0195	Expansion of and Appointments to Noank School Public Gardens Task Force	Referral
2016-0194	Town Council/Board of Education Joint Task Force on Shared Services	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. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Watson
- b. Rules -
- c. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2016-0187	Library of America/National Endowment for the Humanities Grant	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A LIBRARY OF AMERICA/NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Library of America/National Endowment for the Humanities offers competitive grants to present public programs, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library is currently involved in presenting several programs celebrating Connecticut's Submarine Century, and

WHEREAS, the grant would assist the library in continuing related programming and expanding the program to include topics in World War I history, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R Oefinger or his designee is authorized to submit a grant application in the amount of \$1,200 for two programs or \$1,800 for three programs to the Library of America/National Endowment for the Humanities.

Legislative History

7/14/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
7/26/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0188	Groton Education Foundation Grant - Library	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GROTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LIBRARY SUNDAY OPENING

WHEREAS, the Groton Education Foundation supports educational innovation and excellence within the Groton community through grants, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library has been working to secure funding to allow the Library to remain open on Sundays from September 18, 2016 to April 30, 2017, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to submit an application to the Groton Education Foundation for grant funding in the amount of \$520.00 to cover the cost of opening the Library on one Sunday during FYE 2017.

Legislative History

7/14/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/26/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0192 Miscellaneous and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments - School Readiness Referral

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENT TO MISCELLANEOUS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE
 RESOLVED, that Town Councilor Harry Watson is appointed as the Mayor's designee to the School Readiness Council.

Legislative History

7/21/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/26/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

7/26/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0193 Additional Resolution on Mystic Education Center Brownfield Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF BROWNFIELDS GRANT FOR THE MYSTIC EDUCATION CENTER

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2016 the Groton Town Council passed resolution #2016-0183 authorizing an application for and receipt of a brownfields grant for the Mystic Education Center, and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Community and Economic Development requires specific language in the resolution, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act No. 15-193 Sections 3 and 4, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Groton make an application to the State for \$50,000 in order to undertake the reuse of the state-owned former Mystic Education Center and to execute an Assistance Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Town Council

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Public Act No. 15-193 Sections 3 and 4; and
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Groton in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 is hereby approved and that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, or his designee, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town

of Groton.

Legislative History

7/21/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

7/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2016-0195 Expansion of and Appointments to Noank School Public Gardens Task Force Referral

RESOLUTION EXPANDING THE NOANK SCHOOL PUBLIC GARDENS TASK FORCE AND MAKING ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town Council established the Noank School Public Gardens Task Force to oversee and manage the day-to-day functions of the Town-sanctioned public gardens at the former Noank School property in accordance with a Guiding Document dated October 21, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council subsequently appointed seven individuals to serve on the Task Force, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has requested that the Town Council expand the Noank School Public Gardens Task Force membership to nine people, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has recommended that one of the new positions be reserved for a student of either Fitch High School or Grasso Technical High School and that the other position be filled by Eric Larson, 61 Prospect Hill Road, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expands the Noank School Public Gardens Task Force from seven members to nine members, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council designates one member of the Noank School Public Gardens Task Force as a student from Fitch High School or Grasso Technical High School (to be chosen by the Task Force) and appoints Eric Larson, 61 Prospect Hill Road as the final member of the Task Force.

Legislative History

7/26/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2016-0194 Town Council/Board of Education Joint Task Force on Shared Services Referral

X. ADJOURNMENT