



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor James L. Streeeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL 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

2011-0160 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of July 19, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0159 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:

Diane Stewart - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Colleagues of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaufhold in memory of Antonia Broaca - \$135.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Anne O'Brien in memory of Antonia Broaca - \$30.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Janet Theroux in memory of Antonia Broaca - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Groton Public Library Circle of Friends - \$540.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Janice, Dave, Drew and Angela Capolupo in memory of Antonia Broaca - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

2011-0161 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:
 Patricia M. Ludwig - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Joan Razzane in memory of Toni Broaca - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Ledge Light Health District - \$2,875.00 - Maritime Academy Miscellaneous
 Various Donations - \$19.84 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Groton Utilities Matching Funds - \$3.70 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2008-0121	Condition of Chipperini Property on Library Street	Referral
2009-0284	Judson Avenue Drainage	Referral
2010-0169	Utilization of Commercial Solid Waste Fund Balance	Referral
2010-0170	Local Vendor Bid Preference	Referral
2011-0012	Power Outages in Noank	Referral
2011-0152	Central Hall Building Project - Update	Referral
2011-0046	Reappointment of Michael Sarasin to Historic District Commission	Referral
2011-0054	Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission	Referral
2011-0133	Clean Water Fund Grant for Water Pollution Control Facility	Referral
2011-0164	Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2012)	Referral
2011-0166	Reauthorization of Application for Port Security Grant for a Marine Patrol Vessel	Referral
2010-0191	Bluff Point to Preston Trail - Update	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 Peruzzotti
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

- g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 2011-0054 Reappointment of Stephen Hudecek to Zoning Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEPHEN HUDECEK TO THE ZONING COMMISSION
RESOLVED, that Stephen Hudecek, 33 Leeward Lane, Noank, is reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Legislative History

2/22/2011	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Not Discussed	
5/24/2011	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
6/7/2011	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
6/7/2011	Town Council	Re-referred	Town Council Personnel/Appo Councilor Watson is concerned by Mr. Hudecek's limited knowledge of Roberts Rules.

Councilor Flax suggested re-referring this item to the Personnel/Appointments/Rules Committee to conduct an additional interview.

By consensus this item was re-referred.

8/9/2011	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
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- 2011-0046 Reappointment of Michael Sarasin to Historic District Commission Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL SARASIN TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLVED, that Michael A. Sarasin, 27 Gravel Street, Mystic, is reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

Legislative History

2/22/2011	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Discussed	
8/9/2011	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

- 2010-0191 Bluff Point to Preston Trail - Update Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BLUFF POINT TO PRESTON TRAIL
WHEREAS, the Bluff Point to Preston Trail Committee, now the Tri-Town Trail Committee, was

established in 2008 to plan a hiking and biking trail between Bluff Point in Groton and the Town of Preston, and

WHEREAS, grants are available through the Recreational Trails Program to support regional trail development, and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Town Trail Committee has requested that the Town of Groton apply for a grant in an amount up to \$200,000 to establish section of trail from Bluff Point to the Mystic Marriott on Route 117, and

WHEREAS, a similar request is being made to the Town of Ledyard where grant funds would be used for trail design, and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Town Trail Committee has indicated that it will be responsible for obtaining the 20% match required by the grant (up to \$40,000), and

WHEREAS, the grant award is not expected until Spring 2012 which will allow time for the Town to review details of the proposal, assure provision of the 20% match, incorporate the project into the Capital Improvement Plan and decide whether or not to ultimately pursue the grant, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut under the Recreational Trails Program in an amount up to \$200,000 for a section of the Bluff Point to Preston Trail.

Legislative History

9/8/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
9/14/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

A prepared report was distributed to the Council. Dave Holdridge, Chairman of the Tri-Town Trail Committee, provided a brief history of the Committee that has been working with a consultant to identify a preferred route for a Bluff Point to Preston trail and working with legislators to identify grant opportunities. The Committee is also seeking private donations and has partnered with the Parks and Recreation departments of the three towns as well as recreational clubs. The Committee is working to line up stakeholders and relevant landowners, however they have made no progress gaining access to Groton Utilities' reservoir property. Chad Frost, consultant, spoke about the Committee's desire to start the project at Bluff Point and move north with on-road bike lanes along Depot Road, North Road, and then off-road on Route 117 heading north. The Committee is asking for the Council's support and encouragement and permission to work with Town departments to gather necessary information.

The Town Manager suggested that if the Council is willing to consider bike lanes, a referral be made to the Traffic Authority so that the issue can be studied. Mayor Streeter made the referral.

Mr. Frost described the attempts to work with Groton Utilities on access to the reservoir property.

The Town Manager asked for additional information from Mr. Frost on desired widths and lengths for the bike lanes.

9/14/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Referred	Traffic Authority
8/2/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
8/9/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
8/9/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2011-0164	Historic Documents Preservation Grant (2012)	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT FOR AN HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document 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

8/3/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

8/9/2011 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

8/9/2011 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2011-0166 Reauthorization of Application for Port Security Grant Referral
for a Marine Patrol Vessel

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PORT SECURITY GRANT FOR A MARINE PATROL VESSEL

WHEREAS, the Port Security Grant Program provides funds to public safety and law enforcement entities to acquire necessary equipment to enhance port security and address associated homeland security issues, and

WHEREAS, the grant would fund training in equipment use as well as practical exercises to further develop and improve upon the recognized standard skills, methods and techniques in the prevention, detection, response and recovery from terroristic attacks, activities or incidents to the Port of New London and its surrounding waters, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Police plan to use the grant to purchase a marine patrol, mission-specific, equipped and designed vessel along with related training of personnel in the use of said vessel to enhance the public safety for recreational, commercial, and military vessels, as well as swimmers and other citizens using the navigable waters within the jurisdictional water boundaries of the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, in April 2010 the Town Council authorized a grant application in the amount of \$353,384 and in July 2011 the Town of Groton received notice of a funding award in the amount of \$400,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or his designated agent may accept the 2010 Port Security Grant of \$400,000.

Legislative History

8/3/2011 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

8/9/2011 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

8/9/2011 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT