



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

*Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Dean Antipas, Joe de la Cruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Patrice Granatosky, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, September 01, 2015

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

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

##### a. Administrative Items

2015-0211 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:

Donna & John Purdy - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Oliver Porter - \$30.00 - Library Renovations

Barbara Pantalone - \$20.00 - Library Renovations

Mystic Photography Group - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Sara Psimer - \$25.00 - Library Renovations

Chris Daniels & Laurel Butler - \$250.00 - Library Renovations

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

2015-0195 Request for Waiver of Building Permit Fees - Mystic Arts Center

Referral

2015-0200 Senior Resources Title III Older Americans Grant

Referral

2015-0210 Conversion of High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Street Lights to LED

Referral

2015-0212 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program - Additional Roads For Calendar Year 2015

Referral

2015-0213 Request for Waiver of Land Use Permit Fees - Christ United Methodist Church

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



**2015-0200 Senior Resources Title III Older Americans Grant Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK A TITLE III OLDER AMERICANS GRANT THROUGH SENIOR RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A SENIOR LEARNING NETWORK ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Senior Learning Network (SLN) recognizes the continuous learning needs of citizens by developing programming specifically designed for people age 55 and up, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center would like to establish a regular ongoing SLN program with program fees partially covered by grant funding in the first year and then fully funded by participant fees in subsequent years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee to seek funding in the amount of \$2,500 from the Title III Older Americans Grant program through Senior Resources which will be utilized by the Groton Senior Center to establish a Senior Learning Network program.

Legislative History

8/10/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
8/25/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
8/25/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2015-0210 Conversion of High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Street Lights to LED Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF STREET LIGHTS IN THE GROTON UTILITY SERVICE AREA AND EXPLORATION OF A PROJECT TO CONVERT STREET AND PARKING LOT LIGHTS TO LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED)

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) has undertaken an LED Street Light Retrofit Initiative and entered into service agreements with three qualified lighting contractors, and

WHEREAS, the conversion to LED lighting can significantly reduce energy and maintenance costs with an estimated payback period of four to eight years, depending on whether or not the municipality owns the street lights, and

WHEREAS, the Town currently owns all of the approximately 1400 street lights in the Eversource service area and has had informal discussions with Groton Utilities about purchasing the approximately 1100 street lights in their service area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to pursue the acquisition of the street lights in the Groton Utility service area, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works is authorized to enter into discussions with the three CCM vetted contractors to develop a proposal for conversion of street and parking lot lights to LED, with the proposal to be reviewed by the Town Council.

Legislative History

8/13/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
8/25/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
8/25/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2015-0212 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program - Additional Roads For Calendar Year 2015 Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ROADS IN THE TOWN'S YEAR 3 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in November 2012 Groton voters approved a five-year road maintenance and rehabilitation program for calendar years 2013 through 2017 that provides funding for the Town, City, and Groton Long Point to maintain and rehabilitate the community's road system, and

WHEREAS, the program requires each entity to file a report with the Town Council by December 30th of each year that identifies the roads completed in the calendar year, compares estimated costs to actual costs, and identifies the roads to be addressed in the upcoming year, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has asked to add Watrous Avenue, Wightman Avenue, and Hillside Drive to the roads previously authorized by the Town Council for the Year 3 program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the addition of Watrous Avenue, Wightman Avenue, and Hillside Drive to the Year 3 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program for the Town of Groton.

Legislative History

8/17/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
8/25/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
8/25/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2015-0213 Request for Waiver of Land Use Permit Fees - Christ United Methodist Church Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER TO CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DENYING A REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LAND USE APPLICATION FEES

WHEREAS, Christ United Methodist Church, a non-profit ecclesiastical association, requested a waiver of the fees associated with a variance application for a freestanding sign at the intersection of Hazelnut Hill Road and Route 117, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council reviewed the Town Code of Ordinances Section 2-86 entitled "Permit, application fees" and determined that the ordinance only exempts "boards, commissions, councils, and departments of the Town of Groton" from fee requirements, and

WHEREAS, in addition to lacking the authority to grant a waiver, the Town Council feels it would not be in the Town's best interest to waive land use application fees for all non-profit organizations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to send a letter to Christ United Methodist Church relaying the findings of the Town Council as noted in the resolution.

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**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**