



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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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, October 06, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2015-0244 Proclamation Recognizing Alexis Bastien Conant

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

2015-0243 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 15, 2015 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2015-0225 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:

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Photography Group - \$25.00 - Library Renovations

Peter Wilson - \$10.00 - Library Renovations

Robert & Phyllis Boggs - \$15.53 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Marian Galbraith - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Fred & Gail Yeo - \$150.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2015-0220	Discussion of Town Council Rules	Referral
2015-0226	Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant	Referral
2015-0227	Groton Education Foundation Grant - Senior Center	Referral
2015-0234	Reauthorization of CIP Funds for Replacement Workstation Console Tables in Emergency Communications Center	Referral
2015-0235	Chelsea Groton Foundation Grant - Parks and Recreation	Referral
2015-0236	Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program - Additional Roads For Calendar Year 2015	Referral
2015-0237	Preliminary Results of Operations - FYE 2015	Referral
2015-0239	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Grant	Referral
2015-0242	Capital Campaign Services Associated with the Procurement of the USS Groton Sail	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. Public Safety - Chairman Moravsik
- f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2015-0226	Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A NORCROSS WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town's Trails Coordinating Task Force serves as an educational and advocacy group for the use and expansion of the Town's trail network, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force would like to develop a printed trail guide that would include trail etiquette, a locator map, and information on the benefits of walking and hiking, and

WHEREAS, The Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant offers grants for program-related office and field equipment and materials and public-education materials, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to apply for a

Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,300 to hire a graphic designer to layout a trail brochure and to print 1,000 copies that will be sold at a nominal fee to cover the cost of reprinting.

Legislative History

9/3/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Commi
9/15/2015	Town Council Finance Committee (2014)	Recommended for a Resolution	

2015-0227 Groton Education Foundation Grant - Senior Center Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GROTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Groton Education Foundation provides "mini-grants" to fund unique projects based on ideas from teachers or other educators in Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center and Claude Chester Elementary School provide intergenerational education experiences for students and seniors, and

WHEREAS, grant funds could be used for a five-month program entitled "Let's Get Crafty" that would pair seniors with third grade students to make different crafts each month, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for a grant in the amount of \$500.00 from the Groton Educational Foundation to fund an intergenerational program to benefit children at Claude Chester School.

Legislative History

9/3/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Commi
9/15/2015	Town Council Finance Committee (2014)	Recommended for a Resolution	

2015-0234 Reauthorization of CIP Funds for Replacement Workstation Console Tables in Emergency Communications Center Referral

RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING FUNDS ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED FOR REPLACEMENT RADIO CONTROL CONSOLE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in FYE 2013 and FYE 2014 the Town Council and RTM approved Town funding in the amount of \$695,000 for a Replacement Radio Control Console System project, and

WHEREAS, unexpended funds in the amount of \$55,000 are expected to remain in account 50103 5536G upon completion of the project, and

WHEREAS, the Town is proposing to replace eight workstation console tables in the Emergency Communications Center, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$50,000 designated for the Replacement Radio Control Console System be reauthorized to purchase eight replacement workstation console tables for the Emergency Communications Center.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

9/14/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
9/22/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

- 9/22/2015 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution
- 2015-0235 Chelsea Groton Foundation Grant - Parks and Recreation Referral**
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHELSEA GROTON FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION
WHEREAS, the Chelsea Groton Foundation, Inc. offers grants to scientific, educational and charitable organizations located within the bank's market area, and
- WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is seeking permission to apply for a \$16,000 grant to fund recreation program scholarships for families with financial need, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee is authorized to apply for a \$16,000 grant from the Chelsea Groton Foundation for recreation program scholarships for families with financial need.
- Legislative History
- 9/14/2015 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th
- 9/22/2015 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution
- 2015-0236 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 a portion of Briar Hill Road 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 a portion of Briar Hill Road to the Year 3 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program for the Town of Groton.
- Legislative History
- 9/15/2015 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th
- 9/22/2015 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed
- 9/22/2015 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution
- 2015-0239 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Grant Referral**
- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NOAA CLIMATE AND SOCIETAL INTERACTION PROGRAM GRANT
WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has studied and planned for climate change and hazard mitigation, and
- WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is offering a Climate

and Societal Interaction Program grant entitled "Improving Coastal Community Resilience from the Group Up," and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the Town in its preparedness for extreme weather events, and

WHEREAS, the Town is partnering with UCONN, other universities, municipal organizations, and state organizations to apply for the grant, with UCONN being the lead agency, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the NOAA Climate and Societal Interaction Program grant as a co-applicant.

Legislative History

9/17/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
9/22/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0242	Capital Campaign Services Associated with the Procurement of the USS Groton Sail		Referral

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SERVICES TO PROCURE THE USS GROTON SAIL

WHEREAS, the committee investigating the procurement of the USS Groton sail has reviewed a proposal by a consultant, Harvest Development Group, LLC, to conduct capital campaign services, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the first nine months of the 24-month study is \$45,000 and includes forgiveness of the \$10,000 receivable for the previously contracted feasibility study, and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton has indicated a willingness to share the costs equally and will commit \$22,500 to hire the consultant, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the above-noted proposal and that the Town's share (\$22,500) of the required funding come from the following functions:

- 1001 Legislative Policy - \$2,500
- 1010 Executive Management - \$15,000
- 1046 Planning and Developmetn Services - \$5,000

Legislative History

9/22/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0245	Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program - Additional Roads For Calendar Year 2015 - City of Groton		Referral
2015-0246	Authorization for Signatory Responsibilities under RCSA Section 22a-449(c)-110 for Hazardous Materials Management, DEEP		Referral
2015-0247	Proposed Settlement with Green Mountain and Arcadis		Referral

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT