



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
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Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Town Council

Mayor James L. Streeter, 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, October 18, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2011-0185 Proclamation Recognizing Ben Dinovelli

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

2011-0200 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of October 11, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0194 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:

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2011-0189 Groton Education Foundation Grant - Senior Center

Referral

2011-0193 Thames Street - State Financial Assistance

Referral

2011-0196	Appointment of Susan Sutherland to the Zoning Commission as a Regular Member	Referral
2011-0197	Appointment of Robert Occhialini to the Shellfish Commission	Referral
2011-0198	Appointment of William Gaynor to the Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2011-0199	Board of Education/Groton Schools Custodian and Maintenance Association Collective Bargaining Agreement	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

2011-0189	Groton Education Foundation Grant - Senior Center	Referral
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GROTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT - SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Groton Educational 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 program with the Granite State Zoe called "Wildlife Encounters Experiential Learning," now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for a grant of \$486.90

from the Groton Educational Foundation.

Legislative History

9/27/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
10/11/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2011-0193 Thames Street - State Financial Assistance Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE THAMES STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66c, 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 \$500,000 for final design and construction administration costs for the Thames Street Reconstruction Project and execute an Assistance Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Groton Town Council

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66c;
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Groton in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved and that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger 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; and
3. That it has adopted as its policy (in Resolution 2007-0292 on December 18, 2007) to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Acts 07-142 and 07-245, and for which purposes the "contractor" is the Town of Groton and "contract" is said Assistance Agreement.

Legislative History

10/7/2011	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
10/11/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
10/11/2011	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2011-0196 Appointment of Susan Sutherland to the Zoning Commission as a Regular Member Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN SUTHERLAND AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Susan K. Sutherland, 32 Neptune Drive, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) of the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

Legislative History

- 10/11/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2011-0197 Appointment of Robert Occhialini to the Shellfish Commission** Referral
- RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT OCCHIALINI AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Robert R. Occhialini, 49 Prospect Hill Road, is appointed as an alternate member of the Shellfish Commission for a term ending 12/31/14.
- Legislative History
- 10/11/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2011-0198 Appointment of William Gaynor to the Harbor Management Commission** Referral
- RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM GAYNOR AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that William G. Gaynor, 377 Tyler Avenue, is appointed as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission, for a term ending 09/01/12.
- Legislative History
- 10/11/2011 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2011-0199 Board of Education/Groton Schools Custodian and Maintenance Association Collective Bargaining Agreement** Referral
- GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GROTON SCHOOLS CUSTODIAN AND MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
- WHEREAS, the Groton Board of Education and the Groton Schools Custodian and Maintenance Association reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, and
- WHEREAS, the Groton Board of Education does not have exclusive authority over the Town's pension plan and does not have authority to bargain over and/or approve modifications to the terms and conditions of the pension plan, and
- WHEREAS, the ultimate authority to approve changes to the Town's pension plan rests with the Town, and
- WHEREAS, the parties have reached specific tentative agreements on subsections a and b of Article 19 - Pension which are cost neutral, and
- WHEREAS, approval of the tentative agreements on subsections a and b of Article 19 - Pension are recommended by the Town's negotiators, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, the Groton Town Council hereby approves the parties' tentative agreement on subsections a and b of Article 19 - Pension.
- Legislative History
- 10/11/2011 Town Council Committee of
the Whole Recommended for a
Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT