



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road  
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Town Clerk (860)441-6640  
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*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Dean Antipas, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Bruce S. Flax, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, and Paulann H. Sheets*

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2009-0283 Proclamation Recognizing Veterans Day

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

2009-0289 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 4, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

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

2009-0217 Contract Agreement between the Groton Board of Education and the Groton Education Association

Referral

2009-0263 Bluff Point to Preston Trail - Update

Referral

2009-0271 Budget Guidelines for FYE 2011

Referral

2009-0274 Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant

Referral

2009-0285 Appointment of Penelope Fox to Library Board

Referral

2009-0286 Reappointment of Kristin Vaughn to Historic District Commission

Referral

2009-0287 Reappointment of Stephen Garmon to Cable TV Advisory Council

Referral

- 2009-0288 Pending Litigation Settlement Referral  
 2009-0290 Public Hearing on Groton Utilities Lease (SEA-CMEEC) 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 Brown-Tracy
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Flax
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## X. NEW BUSINESS

- 2009-0217 Contract Agreement between the Groton Board of Education and the Groton Education Association Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE GROTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the agreement between the Groton Board of Education and the Groton Education Association for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013.

Legislative History

8/21/2009	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
8/25/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

*Mayor Watson received a call from the Chairman of the Board of Education and he was told that contract negotiations with the teachers have started. The Town Council is supposed to be involved in that process and communications with the Town Attorney have confirmed that fact., which means that a representative of the Town Council is needed.*

*Rita Volkmann and Dan Campbell of the Board of Education, Hugh Hunter, and Attorney Floyd Dugas were present to address the Council. Mr. Dugas explained that under the teacher negotiation act, there are two roles for the Town Council. Prior to commencement of negotiations, the Board of Education is supposed to*





**2009-0271 Budget Guidelines for FYE 2011 Referral**

## RESOLUTION SETTING BUDGET GUIDELINES FOR FYE 2011

WHEREAS, the Town Council has discussed how and whether to provide guidance prior to his submission of the Proposed Budget for FYE 2011, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council's guidance to the Town Manager and the Board of Education for their respective FYE 2011 proposed budgets is for a zero dollar increase over FYE 2010.

Legislative History

10/20/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

10/27/2009 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed  
the Whole

*Consideration of this item was tabled to the next meeting.*

11/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

11/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Motion  
the Whole

**2009-0274 Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant Referral**

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION 2009-2010 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AGAINST DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND INTOXICANTS (DUI)

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton annually uses State of Connecticut DOT grants to provide extra patrol shifts for driver safety and DUI enforcement during 49 enforcement dates including major holidays, and

WHEREAS, a 75% funding grant for the 2009-2010 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program, with the Town paying 25% of the costs, is within the budget and work program of the Groton Town Police, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a 2009-2010 state DUI grant of up to \$\$77,000, with the Town to provide matching funds of up to \$19,250.

Legislative History

10/27/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

11/10/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

**2009-0285 Appointment of Penelope Fox to Library Board Referral**

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING PENELOPE FOX TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Penelope Fox, 221 Elm Street, is appointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/11.

Legislative History

11/10/2009 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee

**2009-0286 Reappointment of Kristin Vaughn to Historic District Commission Referral**

## RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KRISTIN VAUGHN TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED that Kristin Vaughn, 42 Clift Street, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Historic

District Commission for a term ending 12/31/14.

Legislative History

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| 2009-0287  | 11/10/2009    Town Council<br>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br>/Legislation Committee | Recommended for a<br>Resolution | Referral |
| <b>Reappointment of Stephen Garmon to Cable TV<br/>         Advisory Council</b> |   |                                 |          |

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEPHEN GARMON TO THE CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that Stephen C. Garmon, 78 Brandegee Avenue, is reappointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a term ending 7/1/11.

Legislative History

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| 2009-0288                            | 11/10/2009    Town Council<br>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br>/Legislation Committee | Recommended for a<br>Resolution | Referral |
| <b>Pending Litigation Settlement</b> |   |                                 |          |

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT IN RESOLUTION OF PENDING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has met with the Town Attorney to discuss a proposed settlement of pending litigation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town council consents to resolve a pending EEOC claim titled Jayne LaLonde v. Town of Groton, et. al., as agreed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the Town Manager and/or the Town's insurer to cause to be prepared and to execute the requisite legal documents to effectuate the settlement, subject to the final approval of the Town Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Legislative History

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| 2009-0290  | 11/10/2009    Town Council Committee of<br>the Whole | Recommended for a<br>Resolution | Referral |
| <b>Publc Hearing on Groton Utilities Lease (SEA-CMEEC)</b> |  |                                 |          |

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY TO GROTON UTILITIES

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed lease of Town-owned property on Gary Court to Groton Utilities on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex, Community Room #1.

Legislative History

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| 11/10/2009 | Town Council Committee of<br>the Whole | Recommended for a<br>Resolution |
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**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**