



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, April 01, 2008

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2008-0064 Proclamation Recognizing Girl Scout Week Proclamation - TC

2008-0087 Proclamation Recognizing Twenty Years of Televising Town Council Meetings 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

2008-0085 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 4, 2008 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2008-0068 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:

Various Donations - \$799.89 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
City of Groton - \$1,212.83 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Susan Decorte - \$249.86 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Jude Rittenhouse - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe-Mystic
Connie Cousens - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Bethany Luciano - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut - \$4,000.00 - Arts Cafe-Mystic
Pedigree Dog Food - \$206.62 - Animal Control Facility

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2008-0014	Par Four Restaurant Lease	Referral
2008-0044	Bluff Point to Preston Bike Trail	Referral
2008-0056	Status of Property Foreclosures	Referral
2008-0057	Status of Municipal Bond Insurance Markets	Referral
2008-0059	Burnett's Corners Preservation Society Plan	Resolution
2008-0063	Connecticut Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative Grant (Human Services)	Referral
2008-0065	Traffic Signal on Allyn Street at Sandy Hollow Road	Referral
2008-0067	Historic Document Preservation Grant	Resolution - Consent
2008-0070	Summer Food Service Program (2008)	Resolution - Consent
2008-0071	Local Prevention Council Grant Program	Resolution - Consent
2008-0072	Connecticut Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative Grant (Senior Center)	Referral
2008-0073	Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding Membership Dues	Referral
2008-0074	Submarine Capital of the World Inc. Request for Donation	Referral
2008-0078	Long Island Sound (LIS) Fund Grant	Referral
2008-0079	State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG)	Referral
2008-0080	Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding	Resolution - Consent
2008-0082	Public Hearing on Gravel Street Pump Station Lease	Referral
2008-0083	Introduction of an Ordinance Creating an OPEB Trust	Ordinance
2008-0084	Resolution Setting Public Hearing on an Ordinance Creating an OPEB Trust	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 Bond
- 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 Streeter
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Monteiro
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2008-0014 Par Four Restaurant Lease Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AND CONCESSIONAIRE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the current concessionaire at the Town-owned Shennecossett Golf Course has provided food service for the past 21 years, and

WHEREAS, the concessionaire, Par Four Restaurant, has worked cooperatively with the Town to conduct popular golfing events, and

WHEREAS, a new lease has been negotiated that will include numerous changes in the premises and equipment for the benefit of all parties, including installing systems for reduced energy usage, and

WHEREAS, the commitments to be undertaken by both the Town as lessor, and Par Four Restaurant as lessee, would be economically justified by a lease term of sufficient length, and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and referred by the Town Council to the Groton Planning Commission for their review and report pursuant to CGS Sec. 8-24, and was accepted by the Planning Commission with no objections, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the lease of premises at Shennecossett Golf Course for a term of ten years, renewable for ten years, to the concessionaire, Anthony Christina and Peter Ganacopolos, owners of the Par Four Restaurant.

Legislative History

1/3/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of t

**1/8/2008 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Town Manager Oefinger noted ongoing discussions with the owners of Par 4 regarding a lease. He hopes to be able to distribute a draft of the lease on January 22nd. The restaurant owners are looking for a long term lease that will allow them to make some improvements to the space and the Town is looking to establish incentives for energy conservation.

**1/22/2008 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Town Manager Oefinger noted this item is on the agenda for information purposes only. The Town Manager will invite the owners of Par Four to the next meeting to describe their proposed renovations.

**2/12/2008 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

The most recent draft lease was distributed. The Town Attorney has determined that the lease must be referred to the Planning Commission under CGS 8-24. Town Manager Oefinger explained that proposed interior renovations will be done by the restaurant owners. Other improvements to the building (e.g. roofing) will appear in the CIP.

**2/12/2008 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

the three Towns approximately six months after its organization. At that time, each Town may make additional requests of the Committee and set a time line for a final report, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council urges that the Committee's efforts include Groton Utilities as an essential participant and stakeholder.

Legislative History

2/6/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

2/12/2008 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

2/26/2008 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

Mayor Watson reported on the meeting held on February 9th. He suggested the group look at reservoir systems that have permitted passive recreation. The consensus of the Committee was to place this item on the agenda for the joint meeting with the City.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

Representative Tom Reynolds is looking for Groton's support of this proposal and appointment to a committee to study it. They are not looking for monetary support. The resolution would indicate the Council's willingness to have someone serve on the Committee to investigate options. Mayor Watson noted he has received calls from two people interested in serving on the Committee - Rick DeMatto and Bill Billing.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, to amend the resolution to allow the Mayor to make the appointments to the Committee.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on the need to involve Groton Utilities in the discussion and encourage their participation

2008-0059 Burnett's Corners Preservation Society Plan Resolution

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN TO RECOVER OWNERSHIP OF A PROPERTY AT BURNETT'S CORNER

WHEREAS, in September, 1995, the Town of Groton conveyed to the Burnett's Corner Preservation Society ("Society") a parcel of property know as Old Masonic Hall, and

WHEREAS, that conveyance carried the condition that the Society was to accomplish stabilization of the structure by December, 1995, and

WHEREAS, at various times from 1995 until the present, the Town Council, the Town Manager and the Town Building Official have conferred with representatives of the Society and have notified the Society of serious and urgent concerns about the deteriorated and potentially unsafe state of the structure, and have requested that steps be taken to preserve the building and prevent entry, and

WHEREAS, those same concerns have been more intensively pursued in late 2007, and continuing to date, in communications from Town staff and in meetings of the Town Council Committee of the Whole with officials of the Society, at which the Society represented that it would promptly return with plans to stabilize and protect the structure of the Old Masonic Hall, and

WHEREAS, after very thorough consideration and lengthy forbearance, the Town Council deems that the efforts of the Burnett's Corner Preservation Society have been clearly inadequate, and deems that the Society should forfeit its ownership under the terms of the conveyance, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Town Attorney to begin legal proceedings for the

Mr. Oefinger believes that the Society's desire is to preserve the structure to a point where it does not disappear forever. It may be advisable to delay action and invite members of the Society back for further questions.

Councilor Bond yielded the floor to John Scott. He is concerned by the statement that neighbors are willing to be involved. Mr. Scott remarked that, to his knowledge, neighbors surrounding his house have not been approached. He firmly believes that the property should be made into something or be demolished.

Councilor Sheets cannot comfortably sign off on a demolition project at this point without making efforts to see if there is State money available for help with this preservation.

The Town Manager stated that the Preservation Society had applied for a grant and the Town was going to match it, but the Society ultimately did not accept the grant because it would have required further specifications to be accomplished that were cost prohibitive.

3/4/2008 Town Council Re-referred Town Council Committee of the Whole
Councilor Sheets suggested that Kevin Quinn attend the meeting with the Committee of the Whole as well as the Preservation Society. She would also like to encourage the Society to bring those neighbors that have stated their willingness to contribute and participate in this project.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution
Town Manager Oefinger distributed an e-mail from Jim Mitchell of the Burnett's Corners Preservation Society indicating that he would not be present tonight. Councilor Streeter expressed frustration that Mr. Mitchell tried just today to contact Mr. Fossum to attend the meeting, even though Mr. Mitchell was notified of the meeting by letter dated March 12th. The Town Manager read a previous e-mail from Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Oefinger's response that prompted the communication distributed to the Council. Councilor Monteiro asked for a review of the process to obtain the property and demolish the building. The Town Manager indicated that the Town Attorney would have to be engaged and staff can develop an outline of the process for the Council.

Manager of Inspection Services Kevin Quinn noted the engineering report from 10 years ago encouraged expedition of the restoration plan to prevent further deterioration of the building. Mr. Quinn feels the Preservation Society's money would be better spent hiring an engineer to evaluate the building again.

Councilor Streeter noted that the Council requested a restoration plan, not a painting plan.

Councilor Schmidt stated she knew of funds available for historic restoration that would have to be applied for by October, but work on the structure would need to be done in the interim. The Town Manager explained that such grants often require more extensive, historically accurate, preservation work. One of the challenges in this case has been the definition of "preservation". Although the Town views preservation as a "ground up", structural rehabilitation, the Burnett's Corners Preservation Society's goal appears to be making sure the structure isn't demolished. The Society has not identified a long-term use for the building other than storage.

Councilor Sheets asked if the Groton Historical Society would have jurisdiction over this building. Councilor Streeter stated that this type of project is not within the mission statement of the Society, which is more archival in nature.

Councilor Monteiro expressed concern that this will be a much bigger project than the Burnett's Corners Preservation Society anticipates and the terms restoration and preservation need to be defined.

Town Manager Oefinger explained that if the building is determined to be structurally unsound, the Building Code gives the Building Official the authority to order the property owner to provide an engineer's structural assessment and/or to order demolition. There is no value in the Town owning this property, except to take the building down, but that burden could be placed on the property owner.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to initiate the process to repossess the property.

A motion was made by Councilor Bond, seconded by Mayor Watson, to amend the motion to use the Town's expertise or require the property owner to determine if the building is structurally sound and if sound, to ask the Burnett's Corners Preservation Society to come back with a restoration plan.

The amendment to the motion carried unanimously

2008-0063 Connecticut Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative Grant (Human Services) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING REQUEST TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES 2008 SPECIAL FUNDING INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, funding is available to the Town of Groton via the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services' Aging Services Division as part of the Connecticut Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the funding is specifically designated for the support and/or development of case management services to the Town's senior population age 60 and older, and

WHEREAS, Groton Human Services currently provides comprehensive case management services to Groton senior citizens, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to submit a request to the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services' Aging Services Division, for a grant in the amount of \$1500 to support and/or develop case management services provided via Groton Human Services for adults age 60 years and older residing in the Town of Groton.

Legislative History

3/4/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Commi
3/25/2008	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2008-0065 Traffic Signal on Allyn Street at Sandy Hollow Road Referral

RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE TOWN'S INTENT TO HELP FUND A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT ALLYN STREET AND SANDY HOLLOW ROAD

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Traffic Authority requested a study by the State Traffic Commission based on police observations and citizen concerns about high traffic and low visibility in the vicinity of the Exit 89 ramps from both northbound and southbound I-95, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has notified the Town's Traffic Authority of its intent to install a traffic light at the northbound exit ramp at no cost to the Town, and

WHEREAS, DOT has also determined that a traffic light is warranted at the intersection of Allyn Street and Sandy Hollow Road and that as part of DOT's project said traffic light would be installed if the Town agreed to fund 10% of the project cost estimated to be \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, the installation of a signal at the Allyn Street and Sandy Hollow Road intersection by the Town itself at a later date could cost in excess of \$100,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Town Manager to notify DOT of the Town's intent to participate in the project and authorizes the expenditure from existing appropriated funds of \$10,000 as a cost share for the planned traffic signal, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to enter into any agreements with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and to execute all required documents and certifications for the effectuation of this project.

Legislative History

3/10/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of tt
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3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

Town Manager Oefinger explained the proposal by the State Department of Transportation to install a traffic light at the Exit 89 north bound ramp and an additional light at the Allyn Street/Sandy Hollow Road intersection with a contribution from the Town of \$10,000. One concern raised with DOT is what will be done when the exit ramp geometrics are fixed in the future. Councilor Sheets thought that DOT should consider a light at the Exit 89 south bound ramp.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2008-0067 Historic Document Preservation Grant Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT FOR A 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

3/12/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

3/25/2008 Town Council Finance Recommended for a
Committee Resolution

2008-0070 Summer Food Service Program (2008) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TO OPERATE A 2008 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GROTON

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides funding through the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, for a Summer Food Service Program for Children, and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program for Children promotes and provides good nutrition during the summer months when at-risk, low-income children are not receiving the benefits of the Federal School Breakfast/Lunch Programs through their schools, and

WHEREAS, units of local government may act as sponsors for the Summer Food Service Program and the Town of Groton Department of Human Services is capable of administering Groton's Summer Food Service Program for Children, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs for the purpose of establishing and operating a Groton-based Summer Food Service Program for Children, overseen by Groton Human Services, during the months of June, July and August 2008 and sign claims for reimbursement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual, (Town Manager Oefinger,) the Town Finance Director, Salvatore M. Pandolfo, is designated to sign claims for reimbursement.

Legislative History

3/17/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

3/25/2008 Town Council Finance Recommended for a
Committee Resolution

2008-0071 Local Prevention Council Grant Program Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR FYE 09 LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL FUNDS VIA THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ACTION COUNCIL (SERAC)

WHEREAS, prevention initiatives are needed to help deter Groton youth from substance abuse, and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC - formerly Citizens' Task Force on Addictions in New London County,) in conjunction with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), offers an annual recurring grant through its capacity as a Local Prevention Council (LPC) to Groton and other municipalities, and

WHEREAS, Groton Human Services has demonstrated its commitment and ability to administer the LPC/SERAC grant to foster initiatives that prevent the onset of alcohol, drug and tobacco use among Groton children and youth, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to apply to the Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC) for FYE 09 LPC grant funds in such amount as may be determined, which will be utilized by Groton Human Services for programs aimed at deterring Groton youth from substance abuse.

Legislative History

3/17/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Commi
3/25/2008	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2008-0072 Connecticut Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative Grant (Senior Center) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL FUNDING INITIATIVE GRANT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division, provides funds to develop or enhance a program for older adults, and

WHEREAS, it would benefit Groton's seniors to have the services of a trainer in teaching individuals how to prevent falls as well as a program to help seniors check up on their available benefits, and

WHEREAS, grant funds for such programs can be most effectively used in a planned collaboration with other towns, specifically East Lyme and Waterford, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$3,000 under the 2008 Special Funding Initiative for Senior Centers and is authorized to execute all required documents and certifications.

Legislative History

3/17/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Commi
3/25/2008	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2008-0073 Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding Membership Dues Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR THE CONNECTICUT COALITION FOR JUSTICE IN EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Town Council approved the Town of Groton's participation in a joint effort with numerous other municipalities, called the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF), and

WHEREAS, the CCJEF formed an approach to require the State of Connecticut to bear more fully its responsibility for the funding of public schools in all cities and towns, and

WHEREAS, CCJEF has utilized a public service project consisting of faculty and students at Yale University School of Law to bring judicial attention, at a minimal cost, upon the central issues of shortfalls in the educational funding accomplishments of the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, continuation of the litigation already commenced, and possible additional arguments and pleadings, requires further contributions from participating municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton may be expected to benefit in future years by receiving significant additional educational cost sharing if CCJEF litigation is successful, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves of the payment of \$3,500 to CCJEF, from already appropriated funds, to serve as the Town of Groton's dues for the current fiscal year.

Legislative History

3/17/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

The requested contribution from the Town Council is for \$3,500 for last fiscal year, \$3,500 for the current fiscal year, and \$5,250 in FYE 09. Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent noted CCJEF's efforts have been inconsistent, but they are the only group that is addressing this issue. The first lawsuit was dismissed, however it was done in such a way that it will be easy for CCJEF to appeal to a higher court. The potential payoff is significant so it may be worthwhile for the Town to contribute. Town Manager Oefinger expressed concern that the Town cannot find a total of \$7,000 to pay the past and current dues and the Town Manager did not include the dues in the FYE 09 Proposed Budget. The Board of Education also only participated in 2006.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to pay the \$3,500 FYE 08 dues, and to discuss the FYE 09 dues during budget deliberations

2008-0074 Submarine Capital of the World Inc. Request for Donation Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO SUBMARINE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD INC.

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Town of Groton to support efforts to enhance and retain the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, and

WHEREAS, an organization has recently been formed for that purpose, named Submarine Capital of the World Inc., also to be known as Subcap, and

WHEREAS, Subcap intends to produce and distribute video publicity and other material of a persuasive nature as to the value to the country of preserving and enhancing the U.S. Navy's submarine commands and operations based in Groton, and

WHEREAS, business and other organizations have begun contributing to the costs of Subcap, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has previously appropriated funds in the current Town budget for activities in support of the Submarine Base, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the payment of up to \$5,000 to Subcap from already appropriated funds for FYE 2008.

Legislative History

3/17/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

Bud Fay explained the mission of Submarine Capital of the World Inc. The group monitors what the Navy is doing and what is happening in Congress and addresses the need for an independent voice, not beholden to the legislature or the military community. The Board of Directors is comprised of prominent business men and women from the community. It is a 501(c)3 company and initial funding was provided by Groton Utilities (\$10,000) and Charter Oak Credit Unit (\$5,000, with another \$5,000 in escrow). Mailing, printing and intern services are also provided by Charter Oak. The group has created a website (subcap.com). Other achievements include production of two videos, networking of organizations, and lobbying for state funding for the Sub Base.

Town Manager Oefinger noted that the Town budgets for Navy related activities if the Town Council would like to contribute to the group.

Mr. Fay explained that the funds will be used to produce a highly professional video to tell the submarine story to lay people around the country.

Councilors thanked Mr. Fay for his efforts.

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to authorize a contribution of up to \$5,000

2008-0078 Long Island Sound (LIS) Fund Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LONG ISLAND SOUND FUND

WHEREAS, the latest Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Groton includes a shelter for the Esker Point Beach, with a projected cost of \$60,000, and

WHEREAS, the Esker Point Beach improvement program is a continuing effort to improve the beach facilities and accessibility, and

WHEREAS, the planned shelter may qualify for an accessibility grant from the Long Island Sound Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Long Island Sound Fund and execute all documents and certifications that may be required.

Legislative History

3/18/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

3/25/2008 Town Council Finance Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2008-0079 State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FLANDERS ROAD UTILITIES EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered proposals for extension of utilities to the Flanders Road industrial area and has accepted, by resolution on March 4, 2008, the report of the Flanders Road Utilities Extension Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is seeking funding sources to help pay for a portion of the project's cost, and

WHEREAS, members of the Town Council recently visited Washington D.C. and raised the issue of Flanders Road Utilities funding with members of our Congressional delegation, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been informed that the federally funded State and Tribal Assistance Grant program, a highly competitive grant program, is a potential source for a significant portion of the funds we need, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to submit a grant application for up to \$7,700,000 from the State and Tribal Assistance program.

Legislative History

3/18/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

3/25/2008 Town Council Finance Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2008-0080 Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2009 YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FUNDING

WHEREAS, continued short-term counseling, crisis intervention, group work and programs are needed for Groton youth and families and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Connecticut Department of Education to supplant a portion of the salaries of Groton Youth and Family Services Counselors who provide intervention and prevention services for at-risk Groton youth, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Education (DOE) for FYE 09 youth services funding in an amount to be determined by the DOE and amend contractual agreements for such funding to ensure continuation of short-term counseling, crisis intervention, support programs and group work with Groton youth and families.

Legislative History

3/19/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Commi

3/25/2008 Town Council Finance Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2008-0082 Public Hearing on Gravel Street Pump Station Lease Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON A LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 07-218, effective October 1, 2007, the Town Council must conduct a public hearing on the proposed sale, lease, or transfer of real property owned by the Town, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed lease of a portion of the Gravel Street Pump Station in Mystic on April 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

3/25/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2008-0083 Introduction of an Ordinance Creating an OPEB Trust Ordinance

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING: (1) THE CREATION OF AN OPEB TRUST TO HOLD, INVEST AND ADMINISTER FUNDS FOR POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFITS AND (2) THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

Under authority of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-450 and to meet the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board, the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized and directed to establish a trust (the "VantageCare RHS Employer Investment Program Town of Groton Integral Part Trust") to hold and invest the assets of the Town's postemployment health benefit system as part of the "VantageCare RHS Employer Investment Program" and to enter into an "Administrative Services Agreement" with the International City Management Association Retirement Corporation ("ICMA-RC") for the administration thereof and any other agreements and/or documents ancillary thereto. The execution of any documents hereunder is subject to the approval by the Town Attorney of their form and legality. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Director of Administrative Services are hereby empowered to serve as a committee to act as Trustee of said Trust, and the Town Manager may appoint up to two other town employees to serve as Trustees as part of said committee. This Ordinance shall become effective 44 days after publication of notice of passage.

Legislative History

3/25/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
2008-0084	Resolution Setting Public Hearing on an Ordinance Creating an OPEB Trust		

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING: (1) THE CREATION OF AN OPEB TRUST TO HOLD, INVEST AND ADMINISTER FUNDS FOR POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFITS AND (2) THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION THEREOF
RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance Authorizing: (1) the creation of an OPEB trust to hold, invest and administer funds for postemployment health benefits and (2) the execution of an agreement and ancillary documents for the creation and administration thereof on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex Community Room 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Finance Director to obtain a qualified cost estimate from the actuary for altering the benefit system, as per CGS 7-450a(b).

Legislative History

3/25/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT