



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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, October 21, 2008

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2008-0209 Proclamation Honoring John G. Casey

Proclamation - TC

2008-0226 Proclamation Recognizing Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center

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

2008-0257 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of October 14, 2008 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2008-0249 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 - \$157.42 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Various Donations - \$59.00 - Jabez Smith House Discretionary

Susan Decorte - \$249.86 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2008-0047 20th Anniversary of Mystic Pizza

Referral

2008-0105	Tercentennial Legacy Playground - Update	Referral
2008-0242	Hybrid Vehicle Grant	Referral
2008-0251	Reappointment of Eleanor Schoolcraft to Community Development Advisory Committee	Resolution
2008-0252	Reappointment of Paul Bates and Francis Crowley to Harbor Management Commission	Resolution
2008-0253	Reappointment of Charles Nado to the Historic District Commission	Resolution
2008-0254	Reappointment of Enrico DeMatto, W. Gordon Lange, and Richard Monteiro to the Permanent School Building Committee	Resolution
2008-0256	Representation on Outside Agencies	Resolution

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

2008-0242	Hybrid Vehicle Grant	Referral
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RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL (HYBRID) MOTOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has previously acquired, and now uses, hybrid motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Town's experience with the economic performance of such vehicles has been favorable, and

WHEREAS, grants are available to cover the premium cost of hybrid vehicles that are scheduled to be listed in the FYE 2010 Town Manager's Proposed Budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark Oefinger, is authorized to sign the Program Confirmation Form and subsequent agreements and related documents with the State of Connecticut for a cash grant toward the purchase of six alternative fuel motor vehicles.

Legislative History

10/7/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of tt
10/14/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works, noted this is the third year of the state grant for hybrid vehicles. The Town is currently using the vehicles purchased with the first round of grants, and is in the process of purchasing the second round of vehicles. This grant would be used in FYE10 to purchase six vehicles to replace older SUVs. If the purchases are not approved as part of the budget, the Town will not expend the grant. Mr. Schneider noted that the switch will result in significant greenhouse gas reduction.

Councilor O'Beirne stated he will not support this request because of the low mileage on the vehicles proposed for replacement. He suggested pooling vehicles.

Town Manager Oefinger noted that although these vehicles may not have a lot of miles, they are not highway miles. Two are inspectors' vehicles. The Town has been criticized for having too many SUVs in its fleet and this will begin to address that concern. The Town has "stretched" the replacement schedule many times, but in this case these vehicles need to be replaced because they are costly to maintain and they are gas guzzlers. The Council can discuss the vehicle replacements at budget time, but this grant can be approved as a placeholder. Mr. Schneider noted that the mileages will be much higher in a year's time when the vehicles are scheduled for actual replacement.

10/14/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2008-0251	Reappointment of Eleanor Schoolcraft to Community Development Advisory Committee	Resolution
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ELEANOR SCHOOLCRAFT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Eleanor Schoolcraft, 350 Ring Drive is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term expiring 2/7/10.

Legislative History

10/14/2008	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2008-0252	Reappointment of Paul Bates and Francis Crowley to Harbor Management Commission	Resolution
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAUL BATES AND FRANCIS CROWLEY TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Paul Bates, 47 Church Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending 9/1/11, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Francis L. Crowley, 8 Palmer Court, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending 9/1/11.

Legislative History

10/14/2008	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2008-0253 Reappointment of Charles Nado to the Historic District Commission Resolution

REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLES A. NADO TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
 RESOLVED, that Charles A. Nado, 380 High Street, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 12/31/13.

Legislative History

10/14/2008 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee

2008-0254 Reappointment of Enrico DeMatto, W. Gordon Lange, and Richard Monteiro to the Permanent School Building Committee Resolution

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ENRICO DEMATTO, W. GORDON LANGE, AND RICHARD MONTEIRO TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Enrico DeMatto, 401 Sandy Holl Road, Mystic, is reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/11, and be it further

RESOLVED, that W. Gordon Lange, 1 Soundbreeze Avenue, Groton Long Point, is reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/11, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Richard Monteiro, 70 Spyglass Circle, is reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/11.

Legislative History

10/14/2008 Town Council Recommended for a
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2008-0256 Representation on Outside Agencies Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS
 WHEREAS, the Town of Groton makes contributions to outside cultural and service agencies, and

WHEREAS, Section 8.10 of the Town Charter requires that each organization have at least one board member who has been nominated by the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following representatives are approved for Fiscal Year 2008-09:

Literacy Volunteers of America - Betty Anne Reiter, 32 West Mystic Avenue, Mystic
 Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut - Ellen C. Brown, 7 Main Street, Noank
 Connecticut Legal Services - John Casey, 190 Clift Street, Mystic

Legislative History

10/14/2008 Town Council Recommended for a
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT