



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

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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, November 20, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING - REVISED

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2007-0202	Proclamation Recognizing National Make a Difference Day	Proclamation - TC
2007-0228	Proclamation Honoring Barbara Bostwick	Proclamation - TC
2007-0239	Proclamation Recognizing 9-1-1 for Kids Week and Town of Groton 9-1-1 Heroes Day	Proclamation - TC
2007-0247	Proclamation Honoring the Rev. Dr. G. Kenneth Carpenter	Proclamation - TC
2007-0248	Proclamation Honoring the USS Paul Hamilton and the USS Twiggs	Proclamation - TC
2007-0263	Proclamation Recognizing Take a Veteran to School Day	Proclamation - TC
2007-0264	Proclamation Honoring John P. Casey	Proclamation - TC

IV. 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 ten 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

2007-0240	Approval of Minutes (Town Council)	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of October 2, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

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2007-0267 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 7, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2007-0245 Groton Education Foundation Grant Referral

2007-0246 2008 Rates for Shennecossett Golf Course Referral

2007-0254 Adoption of 2008 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

2007-0255 Adoption of 2008 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

2007-0256 Adoption of 2008 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

2007-0257 Adoption of 2008 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

2007-0258 Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Referral

2007-0259 Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant Referral

2007-0260 Appointment to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2007-0235 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:

J. D. McClathcy - \$500.00 - Arts Cafe-Mystic

Joellen Anderson - \$300.00 - Library Discretionary

Robinson Trust - \$2,000.00- Parks and Recreation Revolving

2007-0244 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 - \$509.11 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Groton Utilities - \$493.24 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Donald Barley, Jr. - \$5,020.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Inner Wisdom Chiropractic - \$140.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Pfizer United Way Campaign - \$69.54 - Library Discretionary

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary

CSEA Chapter 416 - \$150.00 - Library Discretionary

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Peter Deveau - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program - \$300.00 - Library Discretionary

Groton Artwaves - \$3,000.00 - Arts Cafe-Mystic

Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Nick Sahin - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Marie Oko - \$45.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Multiple donations (see attached list) - \$382.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Multiple donations (see attached list) - \$2,227.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Marilyn Goodman - \$7.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Bonnie Pollard-Johnson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Gale Oko - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Josephine Lau - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Patrice Granatosky - \$10.00 - Skate Park
 Lou Smith - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Amy Sicard - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Various donations - \$624.55 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development
- b. Economic Development
- c. Education/Health & Social Services
- d. Environment & Recreation
- e. Finance
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules
- g. Public Safety
- h. Public Works
- i. Committee of the Whole

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2007-0245 Groton Education Foundation Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT

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

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center and the Claude Chester Elementary School have collaborated for several years to bring about intergenerational experiences for students and seniors, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center has requested funding for an intergenerational program called 'Exploring Dance, to give the opportunity for seniors and students to interact, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to apply for a grant of \$450 from the Groton Educational Foundation.

Legislative History

10/15/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

Tuesday, July 8, 2008
 Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Tuesday, August 12, 2008
 Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
 Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
 Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Wednesday, November 12, 2008*
 Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
 Tuesday, December 23, 2008

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*NOTE: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 is Veterans Day.

Legislative History

10/24/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
11/13/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Councilor Sheets asked that cancellation of the Group meetings be minimized and that Committee chairmen be consulted. Mayor Watson asked that Committee chairs notify the Town Manager if there are referral items that they would like to have placed on an agenda for discussion.

11/13/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2007-0255	Adoption of 2008 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
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RESOLUTION APPROVING 2008 GROUP II COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group II Committees meeting schedule for 2008 as follows:

Tuesday, January 8, 2008
 Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
 Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
 Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
 Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Tuesday, May 13, 2008
 Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
 Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Tuesday, July 8, 2008
 Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Tuesday, August 12, 2008
 Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
 Tuesday, September 23, 2008

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Legislative History

	10/24/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
	11/13/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2007-0256		Adoption of 2008 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule		Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2008 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Committee of the Whole meeting schedule for 2008 as follows:

Tuesday, January 8, 2008
 Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
 Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
 Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
 Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Tuesday, May 13, 2008
 Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
 Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Tuesday, July 8, 2008
Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Tuesday, August 12, 2008
Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Wednesday, November 12, 2008*
Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
Tuesday, December 23, 2008

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*NOTE: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 is Veterans Day.

Legislative History

	10/24/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	11/13/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2007-0257		Adoption of 2008 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule		Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2008 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Town Council meeting schedule for 2008 as follows:

Wednesday, January 2, 2008*
Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Tuesday April 1, 2008
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Tuesday, June 3, 2008
Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Tuesday, July 1, 2008
Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Tuesday, August 5, 2008
 Tuesday, August 19, 2008

Tuesday, September 2, 2008
 Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
 Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Wednesday, November 5, 2008**
 Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Tuesday, December 2, 2008
 Tuesday, December 16, 2008

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*NOTE: Tuesday, January 1, 2008 is New Year's Day.
 Tuesday, November 4, 2008 is Election Day.

Legislative History

10/24/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
11/13/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2007-0258	Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant		Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, Connecticut Public Act 07-239, Section 8, has created a Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant to fund proposals for the joint provision of services currently provided by separate municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), of which the Town of Groton is a member, has decided that the best project for a joint regional effort would be a web-based regional geographic information system, similar to the system now employed by the Capitol Region Council of Governments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council endorses the application of SCCOG, pursuant to Section 8 of P.A. 07-239, for a grant from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to establish a web-based regional geographical information system, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may execute all certifications and other documents that may be required for the Town of Groton's support of, and participation in, the SCCOG proposal.

Legislative History

10/24/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
11/13/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Town Manager Oefinger explained the grant for funds to be used by Regional Councils of Government to support regional activities. The COG has decided to request \$300,000 in grant funds for a regional GIS system. The Town of Groton would participate by providing some in-house expertise. Member communities of the COG must authorize the submittal.

Councilor Sheets noted the intent of the grant is to encourage regionalization and reduce costs and she questioned how that would happen. She expressed concern that Groton will be responsible for creating a regional GIS. Town Manager Oefinger emphasized that this is not a Groton project and it will be the COG's responsibility to maintain and update the system.

11/13/2007 **Town Council Committee of the Whole** **Recommended for a Resolution**

2007-0259 Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION 2007-2008 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AGAINST DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND INTOXICANTS (DUI)

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton annually uses State of Connecticut Department of Transportation 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 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 state DUI grant of up to \$63,200, with the Town to provide matching funds of up to \$15,800.

Legislative History

10/25/2007 **Mayor** **Referred** **Town Council Committee of the Whole**

11/13/2007 **Town Council Committee of the Whole** **Recommended for a Resolution**

2007-0260 Appointment to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARRY WATSON AND MARY LOU SMITH TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT WATER AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Harry Watson, 175 Shennecossett Parkway, and Mary Lou Smith, 326 Judson Avenue, Mystic are hereby appointed to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board for a term expiring 9/1/09.

Legislative History

10/29/2007 **Mayor** **Referred** **Town Council Committee of the Whole**

11/13/2007 **Town Council Committee of the Whole** **Recommended for a Resolution**

11/13/2007 **Town Council Committee of the Whole** **Motion**

to appoint Harry Watson and Mary Lou Smith to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT