



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski,
Frank O'Beirne, Jr., John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, James L. Streeeter, and Elissa T. Wright.*

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2006-0308	Proclamation Honoring Johnnie F. & Marie H. McCoy	Proclamation - TC
2006-0310	Proclamation Recognizing Mentor Month	Proclamation - TC
2006-0318	Proclamation Honoring John Duplin	Proclamation - TC
2006-0319	Proclamation Honoring Pierre "Pete" Rochon	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

2007-0015	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 December 19, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2003-0045	Economic/Strategic Plan Update	Referral
2006-0005	Labor Negotiations (2006 Standing Referral)	Referral
2006-0006	Pending Litigation (2006 Standing Referral)	Referral
2006-0007	Legislative Policy (2006 Standing Referral)	Referral
2006-0008	Town Participation in CCM Lawsuits and Interventions (2006 Standing Referral)	Referral

2006-0025	Joint Meeting with City Council (2006 Standing Referral)	Referral
2006-0055	Joint Meeting with Board of Education (2006 Standing Referral)	Referral
2006-0166	Governor's Economic Diversification Commission	Referral
2006-0213	Lighting on Riverview Avenue, Noank	Referral
2006-0220	FYE 2008 Budget Discussion with RTM	Referral
2006-0079	Electronic Voting/Use of Paper Ballots	Referral
2006-0297	Town Clerk Compensation	Referral
2006-0320	Charles B. Allyn Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2007-0014	Appointment of Patricia Semancik to the Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2006-0315	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Marilee Clabby - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Laurel Butler - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 James and Robin Moulding - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Anil Agarwal - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Paige Parsons - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Eileen Flynn - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Barbara Strother - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Paul and Elizabeth Duarte - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Johnson Hardware and Supply Co., Inc - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Robert and Leslie Westhaver - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 George, Susan and Pamela Allen - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 E. Jane Schmidt - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Dorothy Papp - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Severn Carlson - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Margil and Joan Steinford - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Helen Robinson - \$30.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Cicchese Family - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 John Watson - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Kathleen Walach - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Allen and Rosemary Palmer - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Karl and Gabrielle Robinson - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Kelsner Physical Therapy - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 James and Irma Streeter - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 John Sebastian - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Soundview Orthopaedic Associates, LLP - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Carol W. Kimball - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 H. G. & Barbara Sawyer - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Theresa M. Courchaine - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Irene Wahlstrom - \$450.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Jennifer Corbeil - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Sidney and Sandy Van Zandt - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 George Marshall - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Catherine, Christopher and Bryan Hoffman - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Groton Artwaves, Inc. - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitney - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Groton Town Police P.B.A. - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Joellen Anderson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
John Scott and Rafael Burgos - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Beth Crowley - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Douglas and Catherine Hoffman - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Denise A. Descheneaux - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
David and Jane Francis - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Marilyn E. Charette - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Charles Barnum Elementary School Staff - \$161.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Lea Graner Kennedy - \$30.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Jeff & Tammy Donath - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Julie Laffargue - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Sharon Hollay - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Grader Jewelers, Inc. - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Various Donations - \$2,176.53 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Groton Utilities - \$13.38 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
United Way of S.E. Connecticut - \$164.89 - Groton Special Needs
Joellen Anderson - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Patti Anderson - \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Anonymous - \$15.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Anonymous - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Ruth Bonewitz - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Paul Brindamour - \$10.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Carol Case - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Charles DiBona - \$2,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Chase and Trey DiBona - \$9.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Dicesare-Bentley - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Falk Chiropractic - \$228.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Nora Ferriell - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Patrick Flanagan - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Nancy Giommi - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Paul Henschel - \$60.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Elizabeth Leclercq - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Library - \$5.00 - Social Services Discretionary
George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Nancy McKay - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Russ Mussante - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Noank PTO - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Marge Robinson - \$10.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Janiss Rudolph - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary
St Andrew Presbyterian Church - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Fay Taylor - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
USPS - \$70.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Maura Vogt - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Joseph Wallace - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Eileen Cicchese - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Andrew Holmes - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Tammy Donath - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Scott and Irene Ritter - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Frank and Elisabeth Bohlen - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Mary C. Hardesty - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Kathryn W. Baker - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
LuElen F. Socha - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Carol A. Pitman - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Dunkin Donuts - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Jane & John Couto - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Lee D. Vincent - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Lisa Knobloch - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Mystic Seaport's Advancement Office - \$100.00 Parks and Recreation Revolving
Wesley H. Johnson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Mark and Marlene Santucci - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Amy E. Lehofer - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Thomas & Nina Nelson - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
John and Robin Silsby - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Harry A. Watson, Jr. - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Peter and Kristin Georgetti - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Dr. Anthony Angelo - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Connie Bouchard - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Linda Stankewich - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
William Brissette - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Fitch High School Interact Club - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Maureen J. Anderson - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Dale Hoxie - \$95.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Catherine Kolnaski - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Mystic Lions Club - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Christine Grady - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Greg MacKenzie - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Patrice Granatosky - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Tolland Development Company, LLC - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Max Aaron Grossman - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Bailey Agencies, Inc. - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
John & Sue Sutherland - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Maureen Lamontagne - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Marilyn Laznovski - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Richard and Deborah Monteiro - \$150.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Victoria Rossman - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Patricia M. Kelly - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Laurie Kotfer - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Victoria Woods - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Mark R. Oefinger and Barbara A. Nagy - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Timothy Evers - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Kathleen Hanson - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Diana Gill - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Marsha Zimmerman - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Gail Narita - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital - \$5,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Rebecca Guilini - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Harry A. Watson, Jr. - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Charter Oak Credit Union - \$420.90 - Animal Shelter
Jill Dreesman - \$38.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Marci Lyn Casey - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Steve and Maggie Matzdorff - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Edward and Ruth Williams - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Mildred A. Jensen - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Russell Sergeant - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Nancy and Bob Congdon - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
E. C. Lambert - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
Lisa Knobloch - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Charlene and Larry Lynch - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Children First Groton - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Sharon Hollay - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Dr. Rene and Sheri Alova - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Maureen Reubelt - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Anonymous - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Janet Ledwidge - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Diane Darling, Wesley Williams and David Freedman - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 George and Claire Kenyon - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Pat Garcia - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Karen Eisenbeiser - \$8.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Richard and Suzanne Palmieri - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Dr. & Mrs. James E. Mitchell - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 The Helios Foundation - \$5,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Anonymous - \$50,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Pfizer Foundation - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary
 Groton Library - \$7.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Rotary Club of Mystic - \$750.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund
 S.B. Butler (Mrs. Gynther's 5th Grade) - \$223.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Tim and Brooke Boyd - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Jennifer E. Smuts - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Jennifer and Michael Nowak - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Elissa Wright - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 S. B. Butler PTO - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Chelsea Groton Savings Bank - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Patricia Wilbur - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Healthier Pilz - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 James Sweeney - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Susan Hellen - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Katherine Zod - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Anonymous Donor - \$2.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Marcia Parisi - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Donald F. Robinson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Francis Robinson - \$2,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 James Wollschager - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Deborah Spinnato - \$200.00 - Animal Control Facility

d. Tax Refund

2007-0013

Tax Refund

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refund indicated below is hereby approved.

Paradise Properties LLC - \$2,387.13 - Excess payment

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 - Chairman O'Beirne

b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski

d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets

e. Finance - Chairman Wright

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Scott

g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2006-0079 Electronic Voting/Use of Paper Ballots Referral

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 has developed a uniform set of requirements for each voting system used in an election for federal office;

WHEREAS, the Election Assistance Commission has determined that lever voting machines are not compliant with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut has used federal funds advanced through the Help America Vote Act to purchase voting machines in compliance with this law, these being the "LHS optical scan voting machines";

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton is a municipality in the State of Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton, through its elected officials and the employees thereof, is responsible for conducting primaries and elections, federal and otherwise, within its borders;

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton, through its legislative body is responsible for providing suitable voting machines for use within its own municipality;

THEREFORE, the legislative body of the Town of Groton hereby accepts ownership of the said "LHS optical scan voting machines" and will begin to use said voting machines with the election to be held on November 6, 2007.

Legislative History

3/11/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
1/9/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0297 Town Clerk Compensation Referral

TOWN CLERK COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the performance of the Town Clerk exceeds expectations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall receive a 3.02% salary increase, from \$80,566 to \$83,000, effective January 1, 2007.

Legislative History

11/21/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
11/21/2006	Town Council	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
12/12/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/9/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0320 Charles B. Allyn Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of \$5,000 from the Charles B. Allyn Foundation.

Legislative History

12/27/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
1/3/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
1/9/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0014 Appointment of Patricia Semancik to the Parks and Recreation Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICIA SEMANCIK TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Patricia M. Semancik, 93 Hilltop Road, Mystic, is appointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 2/31/2011.

Legislative History

1/9/2007	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**