



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., Rita M. Schmidt, John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter.

Tuesday, May 15, 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

2007-0090 Proclamation Honoring Ruth Keys

Proclamation - TC

Recess for Public Hearing

2007-0125 Public Hearing on Senior Center Addition Ordinance

Referral

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,310,000 FOR ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

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

Section 1. That the sum of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,310,000) is appropriated for renovations and additions to the Groton Senior Center. The project shall include (1) additions for new administrative offices and activity classrooms, (2) addition to house a new aqua therapy center and changing rooms, (3) additions of a new computer room, music room, and exercise and fitness rooms, (4) renovations and additions for kitchen facilities, (5) renovations to the existing multi-purpose room, including a stage, (6) renovations and additions for the entry vestibule and lobby, (7) renovations and additions to house various activities, including arts and crafts, ceramics, cards and games, health screening, special programs, a senior store, toilets and electrical, mechanical and storage rooms, and (8) relocation of the roller hockey rink offsite to a location to be determined by the Town Manager on the recommendation of the Director of Parks and Recreation. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, materials, site improvements, moving and temporary relocation costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town Council may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,310,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town of Groton. The Town does hereby covenant and agree with the holders of the bonds or notes and all notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds or notes that in each year while any such bonds or notes are outstanding, it will levy and collect ad valorem taxes upon all taxable properties within the Town in an amount sufficient, with such other funds of the Town as shall be available for such purpose, to pay the interest and principal on the bonds or notes as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes

outstanding at any time shall not exceed THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,310,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town, payable as provided in Section 2. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

Section 4. That the Town Council shall determine the amount of bonds or notes authorized by Section 2 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance shall determine the amount of any temporary notes authorized by Section 3 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

Section 7. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective only if it has been adopted by vote of not less than five (5) members of the Town Council and by the Representative Town Meeting, and only if the appropriation set forth in Section 1 and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance said appropriation have been approved by the voters at referendum in accordance with Section 8.12 of the Town Charter, and notice of passage has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter.

Legislative History

4/24/2007

Town Council

Scheduled for Public
Hearing

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

2007-0124 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of April 24, 2007 and May 1, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0045	2006 Revaluation	Referral
2007-0108	Reappointments to Boards, Agencies and Commissions	Referral
2007-0110	Human Services Assistant Job Description	Referral
2007-0111	Pumpout Boat Grant Contract	Referral
2007-0112	Assistant Animal Control Officer Job Description	Referral
2007-0113	Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor - WPCF Job Description	Referral
2007-0115	CIP Project Reauthorization - High School Auditorium	Referral
2007-0116	AT&T Exceleator Grant	Referral
2007-0118	Appointment of Susan Sutherland to the Zoning Commission	Referral
2007-0119	Appointment of Nancy A. Mitchell to the Historic District Commission	Referral
2007-0120	Appointment of Scott Russotto to the Zoning Board of Appeals	Referral
2007-0121	Appointment of Christine Grady to the Zoning Board of Appeals	Referral
2007-0122	Reappointment of Edward Stebbins to the Zoning Board of Appeals	Referral
2007-0123	Reappointment of Michael Meyer to the Housing Authority	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2007-0109 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:

Shoprite Supermarkets - \$2,500 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Susan Decorte - \$221.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Harry and Neda Freed - \$100.00 - Library Discretionary
 Core Plus Federal Credit Union - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Mystic Irish Parade Foundation - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 The Anderson-Paffard Foundation, Inc. - \$1,500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 IAFF Local #1964 (Groton City Firefighters) - \$1,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

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 Schmidt
- 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

2007-0116 AT&T Exclerator Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR AN AT&T EXCELERATOR GRANT FOR THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center wishes to develop a web site for the Groton Adult Computer Learning Center, and for the training of volunteer instructors in web site design and implementation, and

WHEREAS, the AT&T Foundation provides grants to fund programs that focus on helping non-profit organizations integrate technology into their operations and community service, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$5,000 from the AT&T Foundation, Inc.

Legislative History

5/3/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
5/8/2007	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0108 Reappointments to Boards, Agencies and Commissions Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING A FORM AND PROCEDURE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the terms of persons serving as members of boards and commissions and other appointed officials expire following terms of two to five years, as provided by State Statutes, the Town Charter, or enabling resolutions, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, in coordination with the Town's political party committees and staff of the Town Clerk and Town Manager's offices, must provide for the prompt, efficient and thorough consideration of reappointments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Reappointment Questionnaire, attached to this agenda, is approved and required - effective immediately - for use by Town Council committees, political committees, heads of boards and commissions, and staff.

Legislative History

4/24/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr
5/8/2007	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0110 Human Services Assistant Job Description Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR HUMAN SERVICES ASSISTANT

WHEREAS, Groton Department of Human Services is in need of a part time staff employee who will handle the client and family case intakes for Youth and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, the proposed position will replace a higher paid job that was vacated by retirement, and

WHEREAS, the proposed job was provided for in the FYE 2008 budget approved by the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the job description for Human Services Assistant, dated April, 2007.

Legislative History

5/1/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr
5/8/2007	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0112 Assistant Animal Control Officer Job Description Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

WHEREAS, animal control duties for the Town of Groton, including the City of Groton, require the services of two employees, and

WHEREAS, the revised job description will conform to State of Connecticut laws and regulations and will better reflect the actual duties of the position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the job description of Assistant Animal Control officer, dated April, 2007.

Legislative History

5/2/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr
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reappropriated, and

WHEREAS, this situation has occurred with a CIP associated with the Board of Education, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the remaining balance of \$48,400 for FYE 2003 CIP#5C (Air Conditioning Replacement-Hagerty Auditorium) be reappropriated and referred to the RTM for approval via RTM Rule 6.5.3.

Legislative History

5/3/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

5/8/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0118 Appointment of Susan Sutherland to the Zoning Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN K. SUTHERLAND AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Susan K. Sutherland, 32 Neptune Drive, is hereby appointed as an Alternate to the Zoning Commission, for a term expiring 9/30/08.

Legislative History

5/8/2007 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0119 Appointment of Nancy A. Mitchell to the Historic District Commission Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NANCY A. MITCHELL AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Nancy A. Mitchell, 711 Cow Hill Road, Mystic, is hereby appointed as a Regular Member, formerly an Alternate, to the Historic District Commission, for a term expiring 12/31/2011.

Legislative History

5/8/2007 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0120 Appointment of Scott Russotto to the Zoning Board of Appeals Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT RUSSOTTO AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Scott Russotto, 25 New London Road, Mystic, is hereby appointed as a Regular Member, formerly an Alternate, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term expiring 12/31/2007.

Legislative History

5/8/2007 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0121 Appointment of Christine Grady to the Zoning Board of Appeals Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTINE GRADY AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Christine Grady, 17 Palmers Cove Drive, is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as a Regular Member, formerly an Alternate, for a term expiring 12/31/2010.

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| 2007-0122 | Reappointment of Edward Stebbins to the Zoning Board of Appeals | 5/8/2007 Town Council
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- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EDWARD STEBBINS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
- RESOLVED, that Edward Stebbins, 251 Elm Street, Noank, is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term expiring 12/31/2011.

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| 2007-0123 | Reappointment of Michael Meyer to the Housing Authority | 5/8/2007 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee | Recommended for a
Resolution | Referral |
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- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL MEYER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
- RESOLVED, that Michael Meyer, 18 New London Road, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Housing Authority, for a term expiring 7/31/2011.

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| 5/8/2007 | Town Council
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**