



# 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. Streater*

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2008-0217 Proclamation Recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Mystic Hook and Ladder Company 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

2008-0225 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 2, 2008 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

2008-0222 Special Trust Fund Contributions Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL FUNDS

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

George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Pfizer United Way Campaign - \$61-86 - Social Services Discretionary

Various Donations - \$580.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton - \$43.75 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

##### c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2008-0029 Global Warming Assessment Referral

2008-0107	FYE 2008 Audit	Referral
2008-0215	Acceptance of Open Space at Neal Subdivision	Referral
2008-0218	Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant	Referral
2008-0220	TVCCA Supportive Housing Program Grant	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**

2008-0029	Global Warming Assessment	Referral
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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Town Council's Environment and Energy Committee has given extensive consideration to a range of possible local responses to the causes and effects of climate change, and

WHEREAS, there is a statutory mandate by the State of Connecticut, under Public Act 08-98, directing municipalities and other governmental units to meet certain future goals to reduce carbon emissions and increase the use and efficiency of sustainable energy resources,

WHEREAS, it is desirable for municipalities to take the lead and to engage knowledgeable citizens in a collaboration to investigate climate effects, energy efficiency and more sustainable living arrangements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council establishes, for a period of two years, a Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community, said task force to consist of nine members and three alternates,

to be appointed by the Town Council for terms of two years, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall deliver an annual report and plan of action to the Town Council, such reports to be given at the Town Council meetings next following July 4, 2009, and 2010, and the Task Force shall meet with appropriate committees of the Town Council when appropriate, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution incorporates by reference the Task Force organizational statement attached to the agenda for this date.

Legislative History

1/8/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Environment/E
1/22/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
2/12/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
3/25/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
5/6/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
5/13/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
6/24/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
7/22/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
8/12/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Discussed	
8/26/2008	Town Council Environment/Energy Committee	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
9/9/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

*Councilor Sheets explained that she and the Environment and Energy Committee would like the Committee of the Whole to consider establishing a task force on climate change and sustainable community. The project envisioned can not be undertaken by the Council or a Council committee because it will be a sustained, multi-year effort. In Committee discussions, global warming was agreed to be a given, and there was no debate on the causes. While the Committee was looking at this issue, the state legislature passed legislation requiring a statewide reduction in carbon emissions.*

*Using the Guide to Boards and Commissions format, Councilor Sheets prepared a description of the proposed committee, noting applicable legislation, general powers and duties, etc. Councilor Sheets solicited volunteers for the Task Force. She reviewed an issues diagram and organizational chart. Development of a mission statement will be left to the Task Force.*

*Councilor Sheets explained the desire to have task force members reimbursed for expenses. She also provided an overview of some of the issues that enter into a discussion of climate change.*



9/9/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution  
 2008-0215 Acceptance of Open Space at Neal Subdivision Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE AT NEAL SUBDIVISION IN MYSTIC

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has been offered a parcel of open space consisting of 1,890 square feet at the northeast corner of the Neal Subdivision, which fronts at 119 New London Road, Mystic, and

WHEREAS, that parcel of open space directly adjoins a substantial parcel of open space that was previously acquired and dedicated from the Wolfbrook Subdivision east of Noank Ledyard Road and Daniel Brown Drive, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission recommended acceptance of this open space at its meeting of August 12, 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts the open space identified herein.

Refer to RTM

Legislative History

8/21/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Public Works/ I  
 8/26/2008 Town Council Public Works/ Recreation Committee Recommended for a Resolution  
 2008-0218 Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION 2008-2009 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 a number of enforcement dates including major holidays, and

WHEREAS, a 75% funding grant for the 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 state DUI grant of up to \$73,300, with the Town to provide matching funds of up to \$18,325.

Legislative History

8/27/2008 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of t  
 9/9/2008 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution  
 2008-0220 TVCCA Supportive Housing Program Grant Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING TVCCA/HUD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, homelessness is being addressed on several fronts by numerous programs but remains an ongoing problem for Groton and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, homeless persons with disabilities and homeless families in which at least one member is disabled require extensive counseling, support and case management services, and

WHEREAS, the Supportive Housing Program, operated by TVCCA as the grantee of record with the

Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides funding to enable agencies and municipalities to provide counseling, support and case management services via participation the Housing Collaborative Network, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, to enter into an agreement with Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. to accept grant funding in the amount of \$9000 to conduct a Supportive Housing Program in Groton for the period of February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 and to utilize said funding to supplant a portion of the salaries and related fringe benefits of selected Groton Human Services staff, who shall provide counseling, support and case management services to the specified Groton client population via participation in the Housing Collaborative Network.

Legislative History

8/28/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
9/9/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**