



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, March 06, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2007-0040 Proclamation Honoring George Edwards, Jr.

Proclamation - TC

Recess for Public Hearing

2007-0055 Public Hearing on Mystic River Homes Tax Abatement Ordinance

Referral

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ENHANCED TAX ABATEMENT ON FORTY-SIX HOUSING UNITS OWNED BY MYSTIC RIVER HOMES, INC. AND USED SOLELY FOR RENTAL TO LOW OR MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILIES

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

That pursuant to Section 8-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Mystic River Homes, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut with a principal place of business in the Town of Groton, County of New London, State of Connecticut, for a full abatement of taxes on the land and buildings located in the village of Noank, Town of Groton, Connecticut that comprise the forty-six units of housing used solely for rental to low or moderate-income persons or families which were constructed in or around 1978 (the "Housing Units"). The Housing Units to which this Ordinance applies have been given an abatement in the amount of 80% pursuant to Town of Groton Ordinance No. 107 and the "Tax Abatement Agreement" between the Town of Groton and Mystic River Homes, Inc. authorized by resolution of the Town Council on June 3, 1974. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to increase the abatement to be applied to said Housing Units from 80% to 100%. This Ordinance shall supersede the provisions of Ordinance No. 107 specifically applicable to said Housing Units. The remaining provisions of Ordinance No. 107 shall remain in full force and effect. The 80% abatement applicable to said Housing Units shall continue until the execution of the agreement authorized by this Ordinance. In no event shall the term of said agreement be longer than the term of the existing agreement. This Ordinance shall become effective 44 days after publication of notice of passage.

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

2007-0054 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 20, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0255	Use of Fleet Maintenance Services by Ambulance Services	Referral
2006-0295	Overview of Town Departments	Referral
2007-0028	Pavement Management System Update	Referral
2007-0034	Cutler Middle School Boiler Replacement	Referral
2006-0236	Acceptance of Open Space at East Farm Subdivision	Referral
2007-0038	Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant	Referral
2007-0026	Appointment to Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority Board	Referral
2006-0302	Town's Representation on Groton Ambulance Board of Directors	Referral
2007-0044	Appointment of Rosemary Duval-Arnould to Library Board	Referral
2007-0045	Appointment of Mariellen French to the Zoning Commission	Referral
2007-0046	Appointment of Thomas Skrmetti to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2007-0047	Reappointment of John Webster to Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2007-0048	Reappointment of A. Neil Brown to the Shellfish Commission	Referral
2007-0049	Reappointment of Catherine Talbot to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2007-0050	Reappointment of Rosemary Palmer to the Library Board	Referral
2007-0051	Reappointment of Jennifer Lane to Library Board	Referral
2007-0052	Reappointment of Joseph Kane to the Shellfish Commission	Referral
2007-0053	Reappointment of Kenneth Steere to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2007-0043	Public Hearing on FYE 2008 Proposed Budget	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2007-0036 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:

Raymond Bartolucci - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Charles Barnum PTO - \$931.44 - Social Services Discretionary
 Patricia Collins, Charles Barnum PTO - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Randall Collins, Charles Barnum PTO - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 William Colom, Charles Barnum PTO - \$5.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Christine Ganacoplos - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Sandra Grinzi, Charles Barnum PTO - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Theresa Prior, Charles Barnum PTO - \$9.56 - Social Services Discretionary
 Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Various Donations - \$1,158.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton - \$621.69 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 James and Penelope Sherrard - \$120.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 The Bittl Family in memory of Frank Cashman - \$300.00 - Library Discretionary
 Richard and Nancy Seager - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Marilyn and Chuck Stevens - \$500.00 - 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**

2006-0236 Acceptance of Open Space at East Farm Subdivision

Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE AT EAST FARM SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the East Farm Subdivision, adjacent to Noank Road, was approved January 11, 2005,

and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission, on August 8, 2006, recommended acceptance of a parcel of open space consisting of approximately 1.94 acres, and

WHEREAS, this open space consists in large part of attractive wetlands that are highly desirable for preservation, and

WHEREAS, the open space parcel will be marked with signs as part of the Town's Coastal Public Access lands, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts the parcel of open space designated on the officially approved plans of East Farm Subdivision, and that this matter be referred to the Representative Town Meeting.

Legislative History

2007-0038	8/28/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Environment & Re
	2/27/2007	Town Council Environment & Recreation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
				Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT UNDER THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library maintains a Public Computer Learning Center offering free computer classes, and

WHEREAS, the PC Learning Center especially helps persons aged fifty and above to pursue lifelong learning, enhanced job skills and recreational and personal computer skills, and

WHEREAS, a grant program administered by the Connecticut State Library could provide funds to hire a part-time contractual employee and upgrade existing computer equipment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to apply for and receive an LSTA grant of \$24,860 through the Connecticut State Library.

Legislative History

2007-0026	2/26/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
	2/27/2007	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
				Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN CARRINGTON TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that John Carrington, Assistant Director of Public Works, 134 Groton Long Point Road is hereby appointed, replacing Frank O'Beirne, as alternate representative to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority for a term ending 4/16/09.

Legislative History

2/6/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr
2/6/2007	Town Council	Referred	Town Council Personnel/Appointr

Upon the suggestion of the Town Clerk, the Mayor made a referral for the Council's appointment to fill the alternate vacancy on the SCRRA to the Personnel/Appointments/Rules Committee.

2006-0302	2/27/2007 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
<p>Town's Representation on Groton Ambulance Board of Directors</p> <p>RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN REPRESENTATIVES IN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Town of Groton makes contributions to outside cultural and social service agencies and to contractual service organizations, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Section 8.10 of the Town Charter requires that each organization receiving Town funds have at least one board member who has been nominated by the Town Council, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Town Council has continued to have discussions with Groton Ambulance on a number of issues of mutual interest including a potential expansion of the Groton Ambulance facility on Route 117, which is owned by the Town, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Town Council is of the opinion that it would be appropriate during these discussions to have a Town Councilor serve as the Council's representative to the Groton Ambulance Association Board, now therefore be it</p> <p>RESOLVED, that James L. Streeter, 64 Pleasant Street, is hereby appointed as representative to the Groton Ambulance Association, replacing George T. Law, to serve for the balance of Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and to serve thereafter until reappointed or replaced, such appointment to be effective immediately following the approval of this resolution.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> <p>11/21/2006 Mayor Referred Town Council Public Safety Comm</p> <p>11/21/2006 Town Council Referred Town Council Public Safety Comm</p> <p><i>Councilor Streeter requested a referral to the Public Safety Committee to discuss the Town's representation on the Groton Ambulance Board of Directors.</i></p> <p>2/27/2007 Town Council Public Safety Committee Recommended for a Resolution</p>			
2007-0044	2/27/2007 Town Council Public Safety Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
<p>Appointment of Rosemary Duval-Arnould to Library Board</p> <p>RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROSEMARY E. DUVAL-ARNOULD TO THE LIBRARY BOARD</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Rosemary E. Duval-Arnould, 90 Colony Road, is appointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/09.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p>			
2007-0045	2/27/2007 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
<p>Appointment of Mariellen French to the Zoning Commission</p> <p>RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARIELLEN FRENCH AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Mariellen French, 12 Little Gull Lane, Mystic, currently an alternate member, is appointed as a regular member of the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/08.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p>			
<p>2/27/2007 Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee Recommended for a Resolution</p>			

- 2007-0046 Appointment of Thomas Skrmetti to Harbor Management Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS SKRMETTI AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Thomas Skrmetti, 71 Lapstrake Court, Mystic is appointed as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission, for a term ending 09/01/07.
- Legislative History
- 2/27/2007 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee
- 2007-0047 Reappointment of John Webster to Permanent School Building Committee Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN WEBSTER TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
- RESOLVED, that John Webster, 455 Noank Road, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term expiring 9/29/09.
- Legislative History
- 2/27/2007 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee
- 2007-0048 Reappointment of A. Neil Brown to the Shellfish Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A. NEIL BROWN, JR. TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that A. Neil Brown, Jr., 79 Edgcomb Street, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/11.
- Legislative History
- 2/27/2007 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee
- 2007-0049 Reappointment of Catherine Talbot to Harbor Management Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CATHERINE TALBOT TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Catherine Talbot, 10 Florence Drive, Mystic, is reappointed as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission, for a term ending 09/01/09.
- Legislative History
- 2/27/2007 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee
- 2007-0050 Reappointment of Rosemary Palmer to the Library Board Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROSEMARY PALMER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD
- RESOLVED, that Rosemary Palmer, 14 Birch Lane, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term expiring 12/31/09.
- Legislative History

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| 2007-0051 | <p>2/27/2007 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> <p>Reappointment of Jennifer Lane to Library Board</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JENNIFER H. LANE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD
RESOLVED, that Jennifer H.Lane, 70 Pearl Street, Noank, is reappointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/09.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |
| 2007-0052 | <p>2/27/2007 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> <p>Reappointment of Joseph Kane to the Shellfish
Commission</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH KANE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION
RESOLVED, that Joseph D. Kane, 131 Prospect Hill Road, Noank, is reappointed as an alternate member to the Shellfish Commission for a term ending 12/31/11.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |
| 2007-0053 | <p>2/27/2007 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> <p>Reappointment of Kenneth Steere to Harbor
Management Commission</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KENNETH STEERE TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
RESOLVED, that Kenneth Steere, 144 East Shore Avenue, Groton Long Point is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring 09/01/09.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |
| 2007-0043 | <p>2/27/2007 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> <p>Public Hearing on FYE 2008 Proposed Budget</p> <p>RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON FYE 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET
RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on the FYE 2008 Proposed Budget, pursuant to Section 8.4.1 of the Town Charter, on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center, 102 Newtown Road (Route 117), Groton, Connecticut.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |
| | <p>2/27/2007 Town Council Committee of
the Whole</p> <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> | |

XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**