



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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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, September 04, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2007-0181 Proclamation Honoring the Fifth Infantry Division, Proclamation - TC
United States Army

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

2007-0207 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of August 21, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0224	Potential Land Acquisition - Fort Rachel	Referral
2006-0278	Tourism District Issues	Referral
2006-0313	Tanglewood Park Fence	Referral
2007-0210	USS Groton Sail Committee	Referral
2007-0209	Burnett's Corner Property Reversion	Referral
2007-0194	Potential Renaming of Midway Oval Park	Referral
2007-0196	Agreement for Grant-Assisted Purchase of Hybrid Vehicles	Referral
2007-0204	Groton Ambulance Accessory Structure	Referral

- 2007-0205 Appointment of Richard Cady to the Zoning Commission Referral
- 2007-0206 Appointment of Betty Prochaska to the Groton Housing Authority Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

- 2007-0199 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 - \$136.47 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Groton Utilities - \$28.50 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Marjorie Fondulas - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary

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

- 2007-0210 USS Groton Sail Committee Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING THE SAIL OF THE USS GROTON

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has decommissioned the submarine USS Groton and the ship is currently being mothballed awaiting final disposition, and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to have the sail structure and possibly its propeller brought back to Groton for permanent installation and display in an appropriate place, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, upon recommendations of the Town Manager, shall appoint a committee to study and make recommendations to the Town Council concerning the feasibility, cost, permitting requirements, and logistics of obtaining Groton's sail and propeller, and to make recommendation concerning one or more appropriate locations for their permanent display. Membership on the committee may include, but not be limited to, the Town Council, Groton Sub Base, Electric Boat, Nautilus Chapter of Subvets, and the Submarine Force Museum.

Legislative History

8/28/2007 **Town Council Community & Cultural Development Committee** **Recommended for a Resolution**

2007-0209 Burnett's Corner Property Reversion Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL PROCESS FOR THE RECOVERY BY THE TOWN OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AT BURNETT'S CORNER

WHEREAS, in September, 1995, the Town of Groton transferred the Old Masonic Hall Building to the Burnett's Corner Preservation Society, with the expectation that the Society would "stabilize" the structure, and

WHEREAS, based on observations and numerous complaints about the condition of the structure, it appears that the Society has not adequately complied with its obligation, and

WHEREAS, the structure may also pose a danger of collapse and injury to persons, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to begin the legal process, and report back to the Town Council any further action necessary, so that the property may revert to and vest absolutely in the Town of Groton, as provided in the quit claim deed dated September 22, 1995.

Legislative History

8/28/2007 **Town Council Committee of the Whole** **Recommended for a Resolution**

2007-0194 Potential Renaming of Midway Oval Park Referral

RESOLUTION RENAMING MIDWAY OVAL PARK

WHEREAS, Raheem Ali Carter was raised in the Fort Hill neighborhood where his family has lived for more than fifty years, and

WHEREAS, Raheem, from his early youth, through his years at Fitch High School and in his career as a New London Policeman, devoted himself to the wellbeing of other young people and of his community, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter died in April, 2007, at the age of only 25 years, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has received an appealing and persuasive request that Midway Oval Park be renamed for Raheem Ali Carter, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Parks and Recreation Commission has determined that the renaming request complies with their policy and has recommended that the renaming be approved, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the renaming of Midway Oval Park to the Raheem Ali Carter Memorial Park in honor of Mr. Carter.

Legislative History

8/16/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
8/28/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
8/28/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Councilor Sheets asked that family members be invited to attend the Town Council meeting and that a formal presentation of the resolution be made.

2007-0196 Agreement for Grant-Assisted Purchase of Hybrid Vehicles Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL (HYBRID) MOTOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Department of Public Works has previously acquired, and now uses, hybrid motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Town's experience with the economic performance of such vehicles has been favorable, and

WHEREAS, grants are available to cover the premium cost of hybrid vehicles that are scheduled to be listed in the FYE 2009 Town Manager's Proposed Budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to sign the Program Confirmation Form and subsequent agreements and related documents with the State of Connecticut for a cash grant toward the purchase of four alternative fuel motor vehicles.

Legislative History

8/20/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
8/28/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works, applied for a state grant and received authorization to purchase four hybrid vehicles. The grant program pays for the cost differential between a regular vehicle and a hybrid vehicle. The fuel savings reported in Mr. Schneider's referral memo are actual savings that are tracked by the Town's fueling system. Councilor O'Beirne expressed concern with replacing vehicles early, and the Town Manager noted that the vehicles will not be replaced until the end of 2008, which is when the vehicles were originally scheduled to be replaced (FYE 09).

8/28/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
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2007-0204 Groton Ambulance Accessory Structure Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GROTON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION TO ERECT A STRUCTURE ON LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN

WHEREAS, the Groton Ambulance Association occupies a Town-owned building on Town-owned land on Route 117, Newtown Road, and

WHEREAS, the Association urgently needs a building to serve as a garage facility for the near-term storage and protection of a new ambulance and for the long term storage of records and other materials and supplies, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Ambulance Association may erect, entirely at its own expense, a garage/storage structure, not to exceed 20 feet by 30 feet of ground area, near the northeast corner of the existing parking lot, such structure to be subject to the approval of the Town Manager with respect to design, construction, and aesthetics, in addition to all other local and state permitting requirements.

