



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Natalie Burfoot Billing, Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Paulann H. Sheets, Thomas J. Skrmetti, and Elissa T. Wright.

Tuesday, February 01, 2005

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

PUBLIC HEARING

Recess for Public Hearing to Solicit Comments Prior to Preparation of the Proposed FYE 2006 Budget

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

2005-0029 Approval of the Minutes (Town Council) **Resolution - Consent**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of January 18, 2005 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2005-0025 Appointment of James Streeter to Jabez Smith House Committee **Resolution**

2005-0026 Introduction of Ordinance Regarding Alcohol Possession by Minors **Ordinance**

2005-0028 Town Participation in CCM Lawsuit (Kelo v. New London) **Resolution**

2005-0027 Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Regarding Alcohol Possession by Minors **Ordinance**

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions**2005-0024 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 - \$76.52 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton - \$308.41 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Stephen Marshall - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Mystick River BPW Inc. - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Mystic Junior Womens Club - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Donald and Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church - \$185.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Various Donations - \$935.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

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 Billing**
- 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 O'Beirne**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Skrmetti**
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**X. NEW BUSINESS****2005-0025 Appointment of James Streeter to Jabez Smith House Committee****Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES STREETER TO THE JABEZ SMITH HOUSE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that James Streeter, 64 Pleasant Street, is hereby appointed to the Jabez Smith House Committee for a term expiring 09/07/08.

Legislative History

	1/25/2005	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
2005-0026		Introduction of Ordinance Regarding Alcohol Possession by Minors		Ordinance

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING ALCOHOL POSSESSION BY MINORS

SECTION 1: FINDINGS

1. The possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor by minors is a matter of a growing local, regional, and national concern.
2. Consumption of alcoholic liquor by minors unsupervised by parental authority creates a health and safety risk not only to our children but also to the general public.
3. The Town of Groton seeks to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents by regulating the possession of alcohol by minors.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

To regulate the possession of alcoholic beverages by minors on both public and private property.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR-shall have the same meaning as the same term defined in Title 30, Section 30-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended from time to time.

HOST-To organize a gathering of two or more persons, or to allow the premises under one's control to be used with one's knowledge, for a gathering of two or more persons for personal, social, or business interaction.

MINOR-Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years old.

PERSON-Any individual, firm, partnership, association, syndicate, company, trust, corporation, limited-liability company, municipality, agency, or political or administrative subdivision of the state or other legal entity of any kind.

SECTION 4: POSSESSION

No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall be in possession of containers of alcoholic liquors, whether open or closed, within the Town of Groton, except when accompanied by or in the presence of his or her parent, legal guardian, or spouse, who has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years. This restriction shall apply to both public and private property.

SECTION 5: HOSTING EVENTS

No person shall host an event or gathering at which alcohol will be consumed by or dispensed to any minor unless said minor is accompanied by or in the presence of his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who has attained the age of twenty-one (21). This restriction shall apply to any event or gathering within the Town of Groton, whether conducted on public or private property.

SECTION 6: EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this ordinance shall not apply to the following:

1. A minor who possesses alcoholic liquor on the order of a practicing physician or any person who

sells, ships, delivers or gives any alcoholic liquors to a minor on the order of a practicing physician.

2. A person over the age of eighteen (18) who is an employee or permit holder under Section 30-90a of the Connecticut General Statutes and who possesses alcoholic liquor in the course of such person's employment or business or in the course of a sale, shipment, or delivery of alcoholic liquor made to a person over age eighteen (18) who is an employee or permit holder under Section 30-90a of the Connecticut General Statutes and where such sale, shipment, or delivery is made in the course of such person's employment or business.

SECTION 7: PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be subject to a fine of \$95.00

This ordinance shall be effective 60 days after enactment.

Legislative History

1/25/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2005-0027

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Regarding Alcohol Possession by Minors

Ordinance

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE REGARDING ALCOHOL POSSESSION BY MINORS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on "An Ordinance Regarding Alcohol Possession by Minors" on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

1/25/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2005-0028

Town Participation in CCM Lawsuit (Kelo v. New London)

Resolution

RESOLUTION CONCERNING TOWN PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT LAWSUIT

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the invitation of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to participate as a "friend of the court" in a lawsuit titled Kelo v. New London, and

WHEREAS, this lawsuit is in support of the desire of the City of New London to take private homes as part of an economic development plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Planning Commission has also considered the suit and has voted unanimously not to endorse supporting this litigation, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council disapproves of the intent and purpose of such taking of private property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton declines to support, endorse, or participate as a party at interest in the subject lawsuit, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs staff to inform CCM in writing of the Town's position.

Legislative History

1/25/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT