



# 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, March 01, 2005

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING - REVISED

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2005-0034 Proclamation Recognizing the Groton Board of Education

Proclamation - TC

#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### Recess for Public Hearing on:

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

Resolution

#### 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

2005-0053 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of February 15, 2005 are hereby accepted and approve.

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

1997-0006 Passive Recreation

Referral

2001-0072 Review of Ambulance Response and Responsibilities

Referral

2003-0067 Establishment of Open Space Land Acquisition Fund

Referral

2003-0077 Bluff Point Management Proposal

Referral

2003-0203	Review of Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA) Deliberations	Referral
2003-0226	Council Policy in Regards to Responding to Citizens' Petitions	Referral
2004-0005	Revised Position Descriptions (2004 Standing Referral)	Referral
2004-0006	2004 Unaffiliated and Other Appointments (Standing Referral)	Referral
2004-0007	2004 Republican Town Committee Appointments (Standing Referral)	Referral
2004-0008	2004 Democratic Town Committee Appointments (Standing Referral)	Referral
2004-0096	Future Polling Locations	Referral
2004-0217	Bulky Waste Permits	Referral
2004-0325	Recognition of John Ledyard	Referral
2004-0326	Appropriateness of Individual Councilors Evaluating the Town Manager in Public	Referral
2005-0011	Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan	Referral
2005-0040	Fitch Chamber Choir Carnegie Hall Trip - Donation Request	Referral
2005-0045	Meals on Wheels Provider for Senior Center	Referral
2005-0050	Assistance in Open Space Funding	Referral
2005-0051	Setting Public Hearing Date on FYE06 Proposed Budget	Referral

**c. Special Trust Fund Contributions**

2005-0048	Contributions to Special Trust Funds	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

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

Donation to help in the purchase of bullet resistant vests for the K-9's - \$250.00 - Mystic Marriott and Spa

Various Donations - \$350.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

City of Groton Matching Funds Donations - \$488.26 - 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**

**2005-0011      Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan      Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has participated as a member of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments' Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning process;

WHEREAS, the Regional Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee has overseen preparation of a recommended Southeastern Connecticut Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Annex for the Town of Groton;

WHEREAS, the Regional Plan and Community Annex have been publicized and made available for review by the Region's residents, neighboring communities and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection;

RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Community Annex for the Town of Groton is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Groton and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manager of Emergency Communication/Emergency Director is charged with supervising the implementation of the plan's recommendations within funding limitation as provided by the Town or other sources and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manager of Emergency Communication/Emergency Director shall annually monitor implementation of the plan and shall submit a written progress report to this governing body.

Legislative History

1/4/2005	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Public Safety Comr
1/4/2005	Town Council	Referred	Town Council Public Safety Comr
1/25/2005	Town Council Public Safety Committee	Not Discussed	
2/22/2005	Town Council Public Safety Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2005-0040      Fitch Chamber Choir Carnegie Hall Trip - Donation Request      Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FOR THE FITCH HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR

WHEREAS, the Fitch Senior High School Chamber Choir is one of only five choirs in the nation to be invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and

WHEREAS, the Chamber Choir has been invited by the music director whose works they have performed in concert, and

WHEREAS, the expenses of the proposed trip to New York are in furtherance of a significant educational objective and will also bring considerable honor to the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$500 be expended from funds already appropriated to the Town Council in Cost Center 10010-5230.

**Legislative History**

2/15/2005 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

2/22/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2005-0045 Meals on Wheels Provider for Senior Center Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACTING-OUT INITIATIVE FOR MEANS ON WHEELS

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton in recent years has delivered between 75 and 95 meals each weekday through the TVCCA Elderly Nutrition Program, and

WHEREAS, Groton has a high demand for meals and currently has a waiting list of 21 qualified clients, and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that a contract with a different provider, CW resources, could meet all current needs at a slightly reduced total cost, and

WHEREAS, CW resources will agree to take over the preparation and delivery of meals, and

WHEREAS, contracting out this work will allow us to remove two vans from the fleet, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may contract to outsource the Meals on Wheels food service program for residents of Groton.

**Legislative History**

2/17/2005 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

2/22/2005 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2005-0050 Assistance in Open Space Funding Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLABORATION WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS TO AID IN ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL LAND

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has been offered the opportunity to purchase desirable land overlooking the Thames River, and

WHEREAS, THE Town Council wishes to explore all feasible ways and means of acquiring this property, and

WHEREAS, open space and related funding programs may be available from the State of Connecticut, from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and from other sources, and

WHEREAS, obtaining and utilizing various grant funds for such a purpose is complex and time consuming, and

