



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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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, April 06, 2004

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2004-0128 Proclamation Recognizing National Telecommunicators Week

Proclamation - TC

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

2004-0126 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of March 16, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2003-0281 Adoption of Twenty-Third Council Rules and Procedures

Resolution

2004-0023 Response to 1/9/04 Editorial in The Day Newspaper

Referral

2004-0051 NLC Conference - Legislative Agenda

Referral

2004-0076 Public Hearing on Ordinance for Construction of a New Elementary School - Eastern Point

Referral

2004-0077 Public Hearing on Ordinance for Demolition of Freeman Hathaway and Construction of a New Elementary School

Referral

2004-0078 Public Hearing on Ordinance for Renovations and Additions to Fitch High School

Referral

2004-0100	Preparation of Town Council Minutes	Referral
2004-0117	Summer Food Service Program (2004)	Referral
2004-0118	Establishment of Groton Juvenile Review Board	Referral
2004-0108	Historic Documents Preservation Grant	Referral
2004-0116	Department of Education Grant - Youth and Families	Referral
2004-0123	Appointment of Catherine Kolnaski to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Referral
2004-0124	Appointment of Gerald Smith to the Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2004-0125	Appointment of Douglas Brandt to the Zoning Commission	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2004-0107	Special Trust Fund Contributions	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:

J. Donald and Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Eleanor Rickel - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Christopher Caswell - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary

d. Tax Refunds

2004-0119	Tax Refund	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refund indicated below is hereby approved

Pfizer, Inc - \$4,048.72 - Excess payment

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

- 2003-0177 Renovations & Additions to Groton School Facilities- Phase I Referral**
 - Presentation of Environmental Reports on Eastern Point Site and King Property by Fuss & O'Neill
 - Presentation of Geotechnical Report on King Property by Jeter Cook & Jepson Architects

- 2004-0117 Summer Food Service Program (2004) Referral**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GROTON

WHEREAS, the US Department of Agriculture provides funding through the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, for a Summer Food Service Program for Children, and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program for Children promotes and provides good nutrition during the summer months when at-risk, low-income children are not receiving the benefits of the National School Breakfast and School Lunch Programs through their schools, and

WHEREAS, Groton's West Side Middle School has been approved, in lieu of the qualifying school (Eastern Point School), as the site for Groton's Summer Food Service Program for Children, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Groton's Human Services Department has expressed the desire and demonstrated the ability to provide the required administration of Groton's Summer Food Service Program for Children, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark Oefinger, is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Education for the purpose of establishing and operating a Summer Food Service Program for Children within the Town of Groton during the months of June, July and August 2004 and sign claims for reimbursement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual Town Manager Mark Oefinger, the Town Finance Director, Salvatore M. Pandolfo, is so designated to sign claims for reimbursement.

Legislative History

3/16/04	Referred	Town Council Education/Health & Social Services Committee
3/23/04	Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council Education/Health & Social Services Committee

- 2004-0118 Establishment of Groton Juvenile Review Board Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GROTON JUVENILE REVIEW

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Connecticut Department of Education to supplant a portion of the salaries of Groton's Youth and Family Services Counselors who provide intervention and prevention services for at-risk Groton youth , therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Education (DOE) for funding in an amount to be determined by the DOE and amend contractual agreements for such funding to ensure continuation of short-term counseling, crisis intervention, support programs and group work with Groton youth and families during the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Legislative History

3/16/04	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee	
3/23/04	Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council Finance Committee	
2004-0123	Appointment of Catherine Kolnaski to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CATHERINE KOLNASKI TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLVED, that Catherine Kolnaski, 26 Miner Street, is appointed to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term ending 11/10/04.

Legislative History

3/23/04	Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council	
2004-0124	Appointment of Gerald Smith to the Parks and Recreation Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GERALD T. SMITH TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Gerald T. Smith, 86 Pequot Avenue, Mystic, is appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/06.

Legislative History

3/23/04	Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council	
2004-0125	Appointment of Douglas Brandt to the Zoning Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUGLAS BRANDT TO THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Douglas Brandt, 82 High Meadow Lane, Mystic, is appointed to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/06.

Legislative History

3/23/04	Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT