



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, June 15, 2004

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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| 2004-0163 | Proclamation Honoring Lloyd Gibson | Proclamation - TC |
| 2004-0194 | Proclamation Honoring the Groton Senior Center | Proclamation - TC |
| 2004-0208 | Proclamation Commemorating Flag Day | Proclamation - TC |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Recess for Public Hearings on:

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| 2004-0211 | Public Hearing on Ordinance to Dissolve the First Taxing District | Referral |
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PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Groton that Section 14.5-24 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed.

Legislative History

5/11/04	Town Council Finance Committee	Referred	Town Council
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| 2004-0212 | Public Hearing on Ordinance to Dissolve the Second Taxing District | Referral |
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PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO DISSOLVE THE SECOND TAXING DISTRICT
BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Groton that Section 14.5-25 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed.

Legislative History

5/11/04	Town Council Finance Committee	Referred	Town Council
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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

2004-0206 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of June 1, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2004-0115 Proposed FYE 2005 Budget Deliberations Referral

2004-0188 Interim Vehicle Wash Bay Referral

2004-0201 Submarine Force Library and Museum Boat Dock - Ownership Referral

2004-0209 Appointment of Lois Jennings to the Library Board Referral

2004-0210 Appointment of Dale Grenstiner to the Board of Assessment Appeals Referral

2004-0190 FYE 2004 Suspense List Referral
(Pending approval by Group I)

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2004-0204 Contributions to Special Trust Funds Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

Various Donations - \$5.52 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program (GAP)

Groton Utilities - \$515.77 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program (GAP)

Various Donations - \$100.00 - Senior Center Discretionary

Mrs. Cecile Iverson - \$20.00 - Senior Center Discretionary

Moyna Richardson - \$10.00 - Groton Senior Center 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 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

2004-0188 Interim Vehicle Wash Bay Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STRUCTURAL MODIFICATION FOR VEHICLE WASH BAYS
 WHEREAS, regulations of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection require the retention and treatment of wastewater that comes from washing vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Highway Garage and adjacent fleet facilities are now connected to a public sewer, and

WHEREAS, the best suited of our current buildings for washing vehicles was not designed and built to resist splashing water and high interior moisture levels, and

WHEREAS, the modification of four bays of the structure known as the Twenty Bay Vehicle Storage Garage would allow the Town to safely continue to wash vehicles without risk of a structure failure, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works may expend an amount not to exceed \$85,000 from funds encumbered in FYE 2003 for the purpose of making improvements to the Highway Garage for a permanent vehicle wash bay facility.

Legislative History

5/20/04 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

6/8/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

Director of Public Works Gary Schneider noted the department is requesting the use of encumbered funds to convert the existing vehicle bay to an interim wash bay. DEP requires holding and transporting the wash water or putting it into the sewer system. A temporary wash bay has been in place, but the building was not designed to have water inside it and is experiencing rusting of the steel roof trusses and columns. Public Works is requesting funds to install a concrete masonry unit wall, waterproof the existing roof structure with fiberglass panels, waterproof the light fixtures, and install heating and ventilation.

6/8/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to recommend a resolution authorizing the needed improvements to the vehicle bays, with the cost not to exceed \$85,000.00

2004-0201 Submarine Force Library and Museum Boat Dock - Ownership Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN OF GROTON OF A BOAT DOCK AT THE SUBMARINE FORCE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton is proud to be the site of the Submarine Force Library and Museum, along with the historic United States Submarine Nautilus, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has for many years actively promoted and facilitated the

development of a Thames Maritime Heritage Park system, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has funding to construct a shuttle boat dock at the Submarine Force Museum that would accommodate a river shuttle to sites such as the Fort Street Parklet, Fort Trumbull, New London City Pier, and Ledge Lighthouse, and

WHEREAS, DEP does not wish to retain ownership of said dock after it is built and wants to be assured that someone other than DEP will be willing to accept ownership and maintenance of the dock prior to initiating design and permitting activities for the dock, and

WHEREAS, the Navy has indicated that approval to accept this dock as a gift is a time consuming process, and

WHEREAS, we have good reason to believe that the Navy would ultimately accept ownership and take full responsibility for maintenance of the dock, and

WHEREAS, the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association has indicated that if the Navy declines to accept the dock/pier as a gift, that the association would be willing to accept ownership and/or maintenance responsibility for the dock/pier, and

WHEREAS, Town officials have been advised that DEP would not forbid or disapprove of a subsequent transfer of ownership from the Town of Groton to the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association or to the Navy, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Groton expresses its readiness to accept ownership of a dock to be constructed by the Department of Environmental Protection and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may enter into agreements and sign such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Legislative History

6/1/04 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

6/8/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

Town Manager Oefinger noted the desire to have a boat shuttle dock at the Nautilus Memorial. The dock would be for a designated shuttle service, and would not be open to the public. The Town Manager has had a series of discussions with the Navy and the Commander of the Nautilus regarding this project, which is part of the Heritage Park program. Funding is available for three projects on the Groton side of the Thames River: the Fort Street parklet and dock at the water pollution control facility on Thames Street; improved rest room facilities at Fort Griswold; and the dock project at the Nautilus Memorial. The funding must be used soon. Everyone agrees that ownership of the dock should be turned over to the Navy, but it will take time for the Navy to get permission to accept the gift and DEP doesn't want to start the work unless there is someone to take ownership. DEP doesn't want to own the dock. The State can make a gift of the dock, but it must be to a public entity. The current scenario calls for the Town to accept ownership, which will allow DEP to start engineering and permitting work, and perhaps allow enough time for a decision by the Navy. Town Manager Oefinger distributed a letter from Dave Goebel indicating that the Nautilus Museum Association is willing to take over ownership and maintenance responsibilities if the Navy doesn't take ownership.

6/8/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Motion

to recommend a resolution that the Town accept the gift of the pier from the state with a view toward eventual transfer of ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities to the museum association which they have indicated a willingness to accept in a 5/28/04 letter from Dave Goebel to the Town Manager

2004-0209 Appointment of Lois Jennings to the Library Board Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LOIS W. JENNINGS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

