



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, September 07, 2004

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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

2004-0269 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of August 17, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2003-0121	Allyn/Bohlander Building/Update	Referral
2003-0125	Public Service Display Boards	Referral
2003-0167	Watrous Property as open Space	Referral
2003-0177	Renovations & Additions to Groton School Facilities - Phase I	Referral
2003-0239	Potential Sale of Town-Owned Property	Referral
2003-0322	Route 27 - State Scenic Road Designation	Referral
2004-0121	Grove Avenue Subdivision - Status	Referral
2004-0236	Consolidation of Town and City Services	Referral
2004-0238	Ciccione Request to Purchase Town Land - Flanders Road/Route 1	Referral

- 2004-0260 Water Line Easement - Bluff Point State Park Referral
2004-0266 Selection of Town's Auditing Firm Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

- 2004-0268 Contributions to Special Trust Funds Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS
RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Various Donations - \$570.00 - Parks and Recreation Concert Series
Various Donations - \$70.00 - Parks and Recreation Discretionary
Various Donations - \$5.00 - Skate Park
Various Donations - \$600.00 - Special Needs
Mrs. Yeager and David Brown - \$10.00 - Dog Pound
Mystic 350th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee - \$100.00 - D.A.R.E. Program
Various Donations - \$335.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Groton Utilities - \$2.32 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Pfizer Inc. - \$100.00 - Senior Citizens Club
Various Donations - \$65.00 - 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

- 2004-0260 Water Line Easement - Bluff Point State Park Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A WATER LINE EASEMENT FOR THE STATE TO PROVIDE

POTABLE WATER AT BLUFF POINT STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has completed a two-inch potable water line from Depot Road to the Bluff Point parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the water line had to be installed on Town of Groton property under a revocable license from the Groton Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the state has asked for a permanent easement as being more appropriate for this situation, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Town of Groton and its residents to have good water available at that park, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may grant a permanent water line easement to the appropriate agency of the State of Connecticut and may execute and certify all related documents.

Legislative History

8/6/04 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

8/24/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

As a result of ground water contamination at the former Electric Boat Midway Facility, the state has installed a water line to Bluff Point. The water line is located outside of the road right-of-way at the end of Depot Road, and encumbers a portion of Town-owned land that was acquired a number of years ago.

8/24/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2004-0266 Selection of Town's Auditing Firm Referral

RESOLUTION FOR AN AUDIT COMMITTEE TO CHOOSE THE NEXT TOWN AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Town Charter requires that "the council shall appoint annually a town auditor or auditors to audit all records of all town funds . . ." and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager and the Town Council have normally followed a practice of changing auditors every five years, and

WHEREAS, the staff is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for auditing services according to standards of the Government Finance Officers Association, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that an audit committee shall be formed for the purpose of reviewing RFPs and nominating a town auditor for the council's approval, the audit committee to consist of the Chair of the Town Council Finance Committee, the Town Manager, the Finance Director, the Town Treasurer/Accounting Manager and the Board of Education's Business Manager.

Legislative History

8/17/04 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of tl

8/24/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Director of Finance Sal Pandolfo is looking for direction from the Town Council on how to proceed with selection of the Town's auditing firm. In the past, staff has been directed to change firms after a certain amount of time, issue RFQs, and prohibit the existing firm from submitting a proposal. Councilors agreed to that process.

Mr. Pandolfo noted the people who usually comprise the interview panel.

8/24/04 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT