



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
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RTM Community & Economic Development Committee

*Chairman Tom Vivirito, Representatives Genevieve Cerf, Syma Ebbin, Kevin Power, Joann Steinfeld, and
Mark Svencer*

Wednesday, December 07, 2005

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-CR3

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
4. NEW BUSINESS

2005-0251 Release of State Land - Route 117/Candlewood Road

RELEASE OF STATE LAND - ROUTE 117/CANDLEWOOD ROAD

Legislative History

9/6/05 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

9/13/05 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed
the Whole

9/27/05 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

Town Manager Oefinger explained the history of the site. A portion of the property has been granted to Groton Utilities for a water pump station. This small parcel would accommodate the road radius that is already located on the property.

9/27/05 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

to recommend a resolution accepting the land and referring the acceptance to the RTM

10/4/05 Town Council Deleted from Referral List -
Action to be taken

10/4/05 Town Council Adopted and Referred Representative Town Meeting

10/12/05 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Public Works Committee
Referred to PW in error. This item was subsequently referred to C&ED.

11/16/05 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Community & Economic De

2005-0267 Acceptance of Open Space at Way Subdivision

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE AT WAY SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Way Subdivision, Pequot Avenue was approved on August 6, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission on September 13, 2005 recommended acceptance of three parcels of open space in the Way Subdivision for park, open space, and recreational purposes, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts the three parcels of open space designated on the

Way Subdivision plan, and that this matter be referred to the Representative Town Meeting.

Legislative History

9/26/05	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Environment & Re
10/11/05	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
<i>Councilor Skrmetti asked why the Town is considering accepting Parcel B and Town Manager Oefinger noted it is contiguous to existing open space.</i>			
10/11/05	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
10/18/05	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
10/18/05	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
11/16/05	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Community & Economic De

2005-0169 Donation of Land (Poirier)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF LAND

WHEREAS, Ernest Poirier has offered to donate a parcel of land on Island Avenue to the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the subject property, consisting of .214 acres, borders the Town of Groton's Shennecossett Golf Course as well as other Town property, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission has considered the property under its authority provided in Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that acquisition of this property would be beneficial as an addition to the buffer between the golf course and the existing residences nearby, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council agrees to accept, with gratitude, the donation of the Poirier property of 0.214 acres, more or less, on Island Avenue.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

5/12/05	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
7/12/05	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
<i>This parcel is adjacent to Shennecossett Golf Course. The Committee received a memo from Director of Planning and Development Mike Murphy with background on the property. The Town Manager would recommend consideration of this parcel for acquisition, and referral to the Planning Commission under CGS 8-24.</i>			
7/12/05	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion	
<i>to recommend a resolution referring this item to the Planning Commission under CGS 8-24.</i>			

Council Kolnaski expressed concerns with taking property that is primarily wetlands off the tax rolls, requiring the Town to maintain it. The Town Manager explained the value is in the buffer the parcel provides for neighbors and protection of the drainage feature of the wetlands. The Committee asked that this item also be referred to the City of Groton Wetlands Commission

8/23/05	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
<i>The Planning Commission has recommended in favor of accepting the parcel. This item was referred to the City Conservation Commission. The Town Manager received a verbal response from Mayor Popp indicating no problem with the donation. Councilor Billing questioned why it is to the Town's advantage to accept this land and remove it from the tax rolls. Town Manager Oefinger noted that although the land does not lend itself to development, someone will want to develop this property in the future, regardless of wetlands and the Town does not have regulatory authority. The value here is the provision of a buffer and retention of a drainage area.</i>			
8/23/05	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion	
<i>to recommend a resolution accepting the Poirier parcel and referring the acceptance to the RTM</i>			
9/6/05	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
9/6/05	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
10/12/05	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Public Works Committee
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11/16/05	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Community & Economic De

5. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List

6. ADJOURNMENT