



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartnik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski,
Frank O'Beirne, Jr., John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, James L. Streeter, and Elissa T. Wright.*

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2006-0070 Proclamation Recognizing National Telecommunicators Week Proclamation - TC

PUBLIC HEARING

2005-0310 Sandy Hollow Road Curbing Referral

2006-0042 Sandy Hollow Road Improvements for Proposed Subdivision Referral

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

2006-0067 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of February 21, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

2006-0081 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of March 7, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2005-0314	Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities/Senior Center Rules	Referral
2006-0064	Acceptance of Open Space at Downes Patterson Subdivision	Referral
2006-0068	Pfizer Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2006-0069	Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2006-0074	State Office of Policy and Management Grant for Maritime Academy	Referral
2006-0076	Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant	Referral
2006-0084	Reappointment of Charles Stevens and James Loughlin, Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals	Referral
2006-0085	Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee	Referral
2006-0086	Reappointment of Michael Kindle to Fair Rent Commission	Referral
2006-0087	Reappointment of Kristin Vaughn, Richard Seager, and Daniel Madden to Historic District Commission	Referral
2006-0088	Reappointment of Mary Ellen Furlong and Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2006-0089	Reappointment of Ellen Brown and Joyce Kaiser to the Library Board	Referral
2006-0090	Reappointment of Richard McCarthy to Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2006-0091	Reappointment of Allen Palmer to Cable TV Advisory Council	Referral
2006-0092	Appointment of Lois Jennings to Cable TV Advisory Council	Referral
2006-0093	Reappointment of Paul Bates, Francis Crowley, and Edward Deming to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2006-0095	Reappointment of Enrico DeMatto, W. Gordon Lange, and Richard Monteiro to Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2006-0096	Reappointment of Margil Steinfeld to Planning Commission	Referral
2006-0097	Reappointment of David Williams and Edward Brennan to Water Pollution Control Authority	Referral
2006-0098	Reappointment of Steven Hudecek and Richard Haviland to Zoning Commission	Referral
2006-0099	Appointment of Karen Morton to Retirement Board	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2006-0071	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:

Anonymous - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Mary A. Ray - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Pfizer United Way Campaign - \$221.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

James F. English, Jr. - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Various Donations - \$693.64 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton - \$1,578.28 - 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 Scott
- 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 Streeter
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2005-0314 Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities/Senior Center Rules Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND THE SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission under Section 5.10.2 of the Groton Town Charter is authorized to make rules and regulations subject to the approval of the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has revised the Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities including the Groton Senior Center, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council approves the revised Rules and Regulations dated December 7, 2005 as submitted by the Groton Parks and Recreation Commission, said Rules and Regulations to be effective immediately.

Legislative History

12/14/2005	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Environment & Re
3/14/2006	Town Council Environment & Recreation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0064 Acceptance of Open Space at Downes Patterson Subdivision Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OPEN SPACE AT DOWNES PATTERSON SUBDIVISION
 WHEREAS, the Downes Patterson Subdivision, Mystic Street/Cow Hill Road, was approved on June 11, 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission, on January 24, 2006, recommended acceptance of approximately 9.09 acres of open space in the subdivision, including an active recreation area, and

WHEREAS, the open space parcel includes playground equipment and a partially paved path on the parcel south of Ledgeland Drive, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the parcel of open space designated in the plan of the Downes Patterson Subdivision, also known as Mystic Highlands.

Refer to RTM

Legislative History

2/28/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Environment & Re
3/14/2006	Town Council Environment & Recreation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0068 Pfizer Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground Referral

TERCENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND - PFIZER GRANT
 WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized the solicitation and receipt of donations for the Tercentennial Legacy Playground, and

WHEREAS, the Tercentennial Legacy Playground Committee and the Groton Parks Foundation seek permission to apply for a grant from Pfizer, Inc., now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$10,000 from Pfizer, Inc., or its foundation to go toward the funding of the Tercentennial Legacy Playground.

Legislative History

3/3/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
3/14/2006	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0069 Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground Referral

TERCENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANT
 WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized the solicitation and receipt of donations for the Tercentennial Legacy Playground, and

WHEREAS, the Tercentennial Legacy Playground Committee and the Groton Parks Foundation seek permission to apply for a grant from the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$8,000 from the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation to go toward the funding of the Tercentennial Legacy Playground.

Legislative History

3/3/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
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3/14/2006 **Town Council Finance Committee** **Recommended for a Resolution**

2006-0074 State Office of Policy and Management Grant for Maritime Academy Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO SUPPORT THE GROTON MARITIME ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Police Department is approaching its fifth summer of operating the successful Groton Maritime Academy for youth of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the program gives young people hands-on experience of maritime occupations and recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Maritime Academy puts young people in contact with various local institutions such as the Mystic Seaport, Coast Guard Academy, and the University of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the Town's objective is to fund the Maritime Academy primarily with grants and contributions, aside from salary cost of administering the program, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management has a Police and Youth Program that will make grants for the fiscal year July 1, 2006, to June 30, 3007, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$9,999 for the support of the Groton Maritime Academy.

Legislative History

3/6/2006 **Mayor** **Referred** **Town Council Finance Committee**

3/14/2006 **Town Council Finance Committee** **Recommended for a Resolution**

2006-0076 Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SENIORS AND DISABLED PERSONS

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut will make grants to expand transportation for persons who are over age 60 or who have disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton currently provides substantial transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town commits to maintain such current services as its matching contribution for a grant to provide expanded services, and

WHEREAS, a Dial-a-Ride service would allow for the addition of door-to-door service for medical appointments, shopping and other needs that are beyond the current resources of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant for Groton will be pooled with funds for the towns of East Lyme and Waterford and used to pay an established transportation service agency, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may apply for a grant of \$44,519, as an amount apportioned to the Town of Groton under Connecticut General Statutes 13b-38bb.

Legislative History

3/9/2006 **Mayor** **Referred** **Town Council Finance Committee**

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| 2006-0084 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council Finance
Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Charles Stevens and James Loughlin,
Jr. to Board of Assessment Appeals</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES STEVENS AND JAMES LOUGHLIN, JR. TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Charles Stevens, 12 Stony Hill Drive, Mystic, is reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/08, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that James J. Loughlin, Jr., 35 West Mystic Avenue, Mystic, is reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/08.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> | Referral |
| 2006-0085 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council Public Safety
Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community
Development Advisory Committee</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DOROTHY EAMES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Dorothy Eames, 83 Pine Island Road, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 02/06/09.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> | Referral |
| 2006-0086 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Michael Kindle to Fair Rent
Commission</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL J. KINDLE TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Michael J. Kindle, 13 Knoll Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Fair Rent Commission for a term ending 7/1/08.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> | Referral |
| 2006-0087 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Kristin Vaughn, Richard Seager, and
Daniel Madden to Historic District Commission</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KRISTIN VAUGHN, RICHARD SEAGER, AND DANIEL MADDEN TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</p> <p>RESOLVED that Kristin Vaughn, 42 Clift Street, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/09, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Richard Seager, 5 Thomas Street, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/10, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Daniel A. Madden, 40 Pearl Street, Mystic, is reappointed as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/10.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> | Referral |
| | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee</p> | <p>Recommended for a
Resolution</p> | |

2006-0088 Reappointment of Mary Ellen Furlong and Barbara Williams to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARY ELLEN FURLONG AND BARBARA WILLIAMS TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Mary Ellen Furlong, 57 Fishtown Lane, Mystic, is reappointed as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term ending 12/31/07, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Barbara Williams, 129 Elm Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term ending 12/31/07.

Legislative History

3/14/2006	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2006-0089 Reappointment of Ellen Brown and Joyce Kaiser to the Library Board Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ELLEN BROWN AND JOYCE KAISER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

RESOLVED, that Ellen C. Brown, 7 Main Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/08, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Joyce M. Kaiser, 12 Windrose Drive, Noank, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/08.

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3/14/2006	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2006-0090 Reappointment of Richard McCarthy to Parks and Recreation Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICHARD MCCARTHY TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Richard J. McCarthy, 150 Bayview Avenue, Mystic, is reappointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/10.

Legislative History

3/14/2006	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2006-0091 Reappointment of Allen Palmer to Cable TV Advisory Council Referral

REAPPOINTMENT OF ALLEN PALMER TO CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that Allen Palmer, 14 Birch Lane, is reappointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a term ending 07/01/07.

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3/14/2006	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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2006-0093 Reappointment of Paul Bates, Francis Crowley, and Edward Deming to Harbor Management Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAUL BATES, FRANCIS CROWLEY, AND EDWARD

DEMING TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Paul Bates, 47 Church Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending 9/1/08, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Francis L. Crowley, 8 Palmer Court, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending 9/1/08, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Edward Deming, 347 Old Evarts Lane, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for the term ending 9/1/07.

Legislative History

2006-0095	<p>3/14/2006 Town Council Recommended for a Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution /Legislation Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Enrico DeMatto, W. Gordon Lange, and Richard Monteiro to Permanent School Building Committee</p>	Referral
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ENRICO DEMATTO, W. GORDON LANGE, AND RICHARD MONTEIRO TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Enrico DeMatto, 401 Sandy Holl Road, Mystic, is reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/08, and be it further

RESOLVED, that W. Gordon Lange, 1 Soundbreeze Avenue, Groton Long Point, is reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/08, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Richard Monteiro, 70 Spyglass Circle, is reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/08.

Legislative History

2006-0096	<p>3/14/2006 Town Council Recommended for a Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution /Legislation Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Margil Steinfeld to Planning Commission</p>	Referral
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARGIL L. STEINFORD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Margil L. Steinfeld, 32 Valley Road is hereby reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term ending 12/31/10.

Legislative History

2006-0097	<p>3/14/2006 Town Council Recommended for a Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution /Legislation Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of David Williams and Edward Brennan to Water Pollution Control Authority</p>	Referral
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID G. WILLIAMS AND EDWARD L. BRENNAN TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that David G. Williams, 129 Elm Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/07, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Edward L. Brennan, 247 Neptune Drive is hereby reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/08.

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| 2006-0098 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Reappointment of Steven Hudecek and Richard Haviland to Zoning Commission</p> <p>RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVEN HUDECEK AND RICHARD HAVILAND TO THE ZONING COMMISSION</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Steven Hudecek, 33 Leeward Lane, Noank, is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/10, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Richard Haviland, 143 Allen Street, is hereby reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/10.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |
| 2006-0092 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Appointment of Lois Jennings to Cable TV Advisory Council</p> <p>RESOLUTION APPOINTING LOIS W. JENNINGS TO THE CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Lois M. Jennings, 87 Atlantic Avenue, is appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a term ending 7/1/07.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |
| 2006-0099 | <p>3/14/2006 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee</p> <p>Appointment of Karen Morton to Retirement Board</p> <p>RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN MORTON TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Town Charter, at Section 5.5, has established a Retirement Board of six members, appointed for three-year terms, and "entrusted with the management of the retirement system of the Town", and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Karen Morton has offered to serve as a resident member of the Board, therefore be it</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Town Council appoints Karen F. Morton, 97 Windwood Way, Mystic, to the Retirement Board, for a term ending 12/31/07.</p> <p><u>Legislative History</u></p> | Referral |

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT