



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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

Tuesday, November 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

2006-0290 Proclamation Honoring Timothy D. Bates 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

2006-0292 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 8, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0288	Revaluation Phase In - Option 2	Referral
2006-0277	Grant for Holiday DUI Enforcement	Referral
2006-0281	SI Financial Group Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground	Referral
2006-0273	Adoption of 2007 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2006-0274	Adoption of 2007 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2006-0275	Adoption of 2007 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral
2006-0276	Adoption of 2007 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule	Referral

2006-0280	Signage on Private Property	Referral
2006-0293	Establishment of School Design Committee - School Improvement Project Phase II	Referral
2006-0296	Preliminary Design Development Work for Animal Shelter	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2006-0286	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:

Various donations - \$448.49 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Groton Utilities - \$1,108.49 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Edward Lang - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Jean Simpson - \$60.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Alfred H. Gildersleeve - \$200.00 - Library Discretionary
 Anonymous Donor - \$350.00 - Parks & Recreation Revolving
 Various Donations - \$26.76 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Groton Utilities - \$224.24 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Gross, Roger & Sidney - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Elaine Kipp - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Mistick River B&PW Inc. - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Poquonnock Bridge Neighborhood - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Sacred Heart School - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Jean Simpson - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 BJ's Charitable Foundation - \$5,000 - Parks & Recreation Revolving
 Groton Artwaves, Inc. - \$400.00- Library 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 O'Beirne
- 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 Scott
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2006-0277 Grant for Holiday DUI Enforcement Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR SEASONAL PREVENTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton customarily makes use of Federal highway safety funds to allow the Town to provide additional police presence and public safety efforts to assist motorists and prevent fatalities arising from alcohol-impaired driving, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$37,800 which, along with a 25% matching Town contribution of \$12,600 from the existing budget, will allow for a DUI enforcement program costing a total of \$50,400 during the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holiday seasons.

Legislative History

10/25/2006 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Committee

11/14/2006 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2006-0281 SI Financial Group Foundation Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PARK

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to apply for a grant of \$10,000 from the SI Financial Group Foundation.

Legislative History

10/30/2006 Mayor Referred Town Council Finance Committee

11/14/2006 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2006-0273 Adoption of 2007 Group I Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2007 GROUP I COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group I Committees meeting schedule for 2007 as follows:

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Tuesday, June 12, 2007
Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Tuesday, July 10, 2007
Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Tuesday, August 14, 2007
Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Wednesday, December 26, 2007

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room 3, Town Hall Annex 134 Groton Long Point Road - the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, except as noted.

Legislative History

	10/25/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	11/14/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2006-0274		Adoption of 2007 Group II Regular Meeting Schedule		Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2007 GROUP II COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Group II Committees meeting schedule for 2007 as follows:

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

- Tuesday, May 22, 2007
- Tuesday, June 12, 2007
- Tuesday, June 26, 2007
- Tuesday, July 10, 2007
- Tuesday, July 24, 2007
- Tuesday, August 14, 2007
- Tuesday, August 28, 2007
- Tuesday, September 11, 2007
- Tuesday, September 25, 2007
- Tuesday, October 9, 2007
- Tuesday, October 23, 2007
- Tuesday, November 13, 2007
- Tuesday, November 27, 2007
- Tuesday, December 11, 2007
- Wednesday, December 26, 2007

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Legislative History

2006-0275	10/25/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	11/14/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
	Adoption of 2007 Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting Schedule			Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2007 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Committee of the Whole meeting schedule for 2007 as follows:

- Tuesday, January 9, 2007
- Tuesday, January 23, 2007
- Tuesday, February 13, 2007
- Tuesday, February 27, 2007
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007
- Tuesday, March 27, 2007
- Tuesday, April 10, 2007
- Tuesday, April 24, 2007
- Tuesday, May 8, 2007
- Tuesday, May 22, 2007
- Tuesday, June 12, 2007
- Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Tuesday, July 10, 2007
Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Tuesday, August 14, 2007
Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Wednesday, December 26, 2007

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Legislative History

10/25/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
11/14/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0276 Adoption of 2007 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2007 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Town Council meeting schedule for 2007 as follows:

Tuesday, January 2, 2007
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Tuesday, February 6, 2007
Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Tuesday, March 6, 2007
Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Tuesday April 3, 2007
Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Tuesday, May 1, 2007
Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Tuesday, June 5, 2007
Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Tuesday, July 3, 2007
Tuesday, July 17, 2007

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

Tuesday, September 4, 2007
Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Tuesday, October 2, 2007
Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Wednesday, November 7, 2007
Tuesday, November 20, 2007

Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Tuesday, December 18, 2007

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Legislative History

10/25/2006	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
11/14/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2006-0293	Establishment of School Design Committee - School Improvement Project Phase II	Referral
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RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH A SCHOOL DESIGN COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Phase I of the School Improvement Project has been approved by the voters, has successfully been bid, and is currently under construction, and

WHEREAS, funds were set aside in the FYE 2007 budget to review the Phase II and Phase III recommendations found in the previously completed School Design Committee report, and

WHEREAS, a former School Design Committee greatly assisted the Town Council and the Board of Education in developing a comprehensive school improvement program, including recommendations for phasing, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council wishes to re-establish a School Design Committee with members/appointments selected from the Town Council (2); City Council (1); RTM (2); Board of Education (2); Permanent School Building Committee (1); Planning Commission (1); and the public (2), with staff assistance being provided by Town and school staff, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Mayor is authorized to make final appointments to the Committee once nominations are received from the above-noted boards/committees and after receiving names of citizens interested in serving on said committee.

Legislative History

11/14/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2006-0296	Preliminary Design Development Work for Animal Shelter	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY DESIGN DEVELOPMENT WORK FOR THE TOWN ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, the Town Council has been considering the construction of a new animal shelter for the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Council has, on several occasions, discussed cost and funding concerns as well as alternative means of protecting animals that are under the Town's custody and care, including the possibility of regional sharing of costs and facilities, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Town must construct a new animal shelter at the Town's public works complex, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, should proceed with an appropriate level of preliminary design development work to serve as the basis for a decision by the Town Council on the general specifications, total cost, and means of funding for a new animal shelter, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby authorizes a transfer of \$25,000 from Contingency (10741) to Public Works (Public Buildings) (10352) for the purpose of undertaking this additional design work.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

11/14/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT