



# 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, December 19, 2006

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

2006-0311 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 5, 2006 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2006-0266 Public Hearing on Amending Land Use Application and Permit Fee Ordinance Referral

2006-0195 Citizen Committee on Property Tax Relief Referral

2006-0306 GMEA/CILU Pension Agreement Referral

2006-0312 Resolution Authorizing Town Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Elderly/Disabled Transportation Referral

##### c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2006-0309 Special Trust Fund Contributions Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:  
Anonymous - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Anonymous (Pfizer) - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Penny Bodle - \$1,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Chase DiBona - \$1.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Trey DiBona - \$5.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Groton Public Library - \$4.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Elaine Kipp - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Edward Lang - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Irene Latawiec - \$15.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Lawncrest Apartments - \$1,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Mistick River B&PW Inc. - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Mystic River Homes Inc. - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Sacred Heart Church - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Barbara Thompson - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Treadway - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Pfizer Foundation Volunteer Program - \$1,000 - Social Services Discretionary  
Patricia Franco - \$100.00 - Parks & Recreation Revolving  
Leonard & Therese Podbielski - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Leah Russack-Baker - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Susan Rowley - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Laura Hall - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lisa Mireault - \$250.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Faith I. Schroeder - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Ella Petrick - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Charlene Jones - \$2,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Ivan Ortness - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
James Burbank - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Ann Rath - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Anne R. O'Neill - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Johanna M. Case - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Patricia M. Dugan - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
P. J. Abruzzese - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kathy Parker - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Cheryl Gilot - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jaime Vaudrey - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marilee M. Clabby - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Janet Gibbs - \$150.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kane Building Company - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Gold Star Pediatrics - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Groton Regional Theatrer - \$1,100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Karen Steever - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Ellen R. Russo - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Andrew A. Merckel - \$24.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Amy Renczkowski - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Prabha Prajapati - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Angenette Robinson - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jennifer Roehl - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Joann Jones - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marilyn Brinkman - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Diane J. Glemboski - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kristin Georgetti - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Victor Burdick - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Martin and Patricia Snyder - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Barbara Thompson - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Linda Krause - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jill Mitchell - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Paul Filippetti - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Keith Haskell - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Eileen Kennedy - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine Hollay - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Robin and Sharon Hollay - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Richard Turner - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Judith Warn - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Peter Roper - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marjorie Stilson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Christopher Kenyon - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Raymond and Virginia Bousquet - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nancy Giblin - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
John R. Wheeler, Jr. - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Veronique Lamarque - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Cynthia Palmer - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Reid & Riege, P.C. \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Eric McElroy - \$30.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kathryn Hale - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Anonymous - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Sidney Van Zandt - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Anne Mowell - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Carol Fenn - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kenneth Moriarty - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lizanne Johnson - \$150.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Hilda Davis - \$125.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Bobette Clapsadle - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Rose Werner - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
The Price Family - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
In Memory of John Memorial Fund - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kim Baldoz - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Rose Farrington - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Brian Casey - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Barbara Tarbox - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Ken Barber Appliances - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Paulann H. Sheets - \$3,000.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Andrew and Kelly Rockwell - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Leticia Flip - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marcia T. Robinson - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Joyce Payer - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Mark Tiesinga - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lori Huckins - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Michael and Debra Murphy - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Victor Dufault - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

## **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**

**2006-0195      Citizen Committee on Property Tax Relief      Referral**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON TAX RELIEF**

WHEREAS, the Town Council on July 18, 2006, approved a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to appoint a committee of at least five resident taxpayers, pursuant to the authority in 12 Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 129n, at an appropriate time prior to the initial approval of any tax relief plan by the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, under state law such a committee is to be given a “plan of property tax relief” for its consideration, and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has discussed certain proposed parameters of tax relief as proposed by Councilor Bond entitled “Initial Outline for Property Tax Relief 65 Years+”, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager should proceed to appoint such Citizens Committee on Tax Relief as has been authorized by the Town Council, said committee to be charged by the Town Council to consider tax relief taking into account the above-noted proposed parameters.

**Legislative History**

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| <b>6/20/2006</b>  | <b>Mayor</b>                               | <b>Referred</b>      | <b>Town Council Committee of the W</b> |
| <b>7/11/2006</b>  | <b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b> | <b>Discussed</b>     |  |
| <i>See discussion under 2006-0121 Elderly Tax Relief.</i> |  |                      |  |
| <b>8/15/2006</b>  | <b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b> | <b>Not Discussed</b> |  |
| <b>8/22/2006</b>  | <b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b> | <b>Discussed</b>     |  |

*The Town Manager noted that the Council passed a resolution to establish a Citizen Committee on Property Tax Relief. However, upon further review of the statute, which gives the committee 60 days to come up with a report, and discussions with the Town Attorney, the Town Manager believes that the purpose of the Committee is to review a proposal rather than create one. The Town Manager has received calls from people who would like to serve on the Committee. The Council should identify the outer constraints of the proposal for the Citizen Committee to review.*



FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes such expenditures from the General Fund as may be necessary for the effectuation of this agreement.

Legislative History

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| 12/7/2006  | Mayor  | Referred                     | Town Council Committee of the W |
| 12/12/2006 | Town Council Committee of the Whole  | Recommended for a Resolution |                                 |
| 2006-0312  | Resolution Authorizing Town Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Elderly/Disabled Transportation |                              | Referral                        |

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**