



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes Town Council

**Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson**

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 8:42 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.*

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.*

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

*The Salute to the Flag was led by Terri Roper.*

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

*None.*

#### IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

*Terri Roper, 210 Pequot Avenue, Mystic, requested that the Council withdraw its application to the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to become a public access television provider. She stated that withdrawing the application would save tax dollars, as Groton would no longer need to expand its studio to accommodate an increased volume of programming.*

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

*None.*

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

##### a. Approval of Minutes

##### 2011-0104 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of April 5, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

##### b. Administrative Items

##### 2011-0088 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Mr. Langdon - \$100.00 - DARE Miscellaneous  
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Anonymous - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Telemark Films, LLC - \$300.00 - Jabez Smith House

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0092 Tax Refund**

## RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refunds indicated below are hereby approved.

Groton Open Space Association Inc. - \$430.41 - Excess Payments

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

**c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List****2010-0192 Interlocal Dispatching Agreement with North Stonington**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0085 Acceptance of Portions of Roads in the Crosswinds Subdivision**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0087 Summer Food Service Program (2011)**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0090 FYE 2011 Fourth Quarter Transfers**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0093 Pfizer Grant - TRI Program**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0095 Authorization to Prepare Bond Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Refurbishments**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**2011-0096 Reauthorization of Water Pollution Control Facility Additions and Improvements**

**This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.**

**Passed The Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously

**VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)****a. Town Councilors**

*Councilors received emails regarding the FYE 2012 budget and the Phase II School Facilities Program Ordinance.*

*Councilor Flax attended a Noank School Reuse Task Force meeting.*

*In answer to a question, the Town Manager stated that if the Thames Street Rehabilitation Program Ordinance and the Phase II School Facilities Program Ordinance pass on May 2, 2011, it will not affect the FYE 2012 budget. It will, however, affect subsequent years until the bonding for those projects is paid off.*

*Mayor Streeter attended the Child Abuse Prevention poster awards ceremony.*

**b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**

*The Town Clerk distributed RTM Committee Meeting Agendas and the Annual Budget meeting schedule. She noted that the RTM Annual Meeting begins on April 28, 2011, and recesses as often as needed until the budget is completed on or before May 25, 2011.*

**c. Clerk of the Council**

*The Town Clerk noted that absentee ballots are available for the referendum questions at the Town Clerk's office only. Individuals who live in District 2 and District 3 would also need to go to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot for the City election.*

**d. Town Manager**

*No report.*

**e. Town Attorney**

*The Town Clerk has received approval of the explanatory text for the referendum on May 2, 2011, from both the Town Attorney and the Bonding Attorney.*

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti**

*No meeting, no report.*

**b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson**

*No meeting, no report.*

**c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**

*No meeting, no report.*

**d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets**

*No meeting, no report.*

**e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne**

*No meeting, no report.*

**f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax**

*No meeting, no report.*

**g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro**

*No meeting, no report.*

**h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson**

*No meeting, no report.*

**i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter**

*Mayor Streeter stated that the resolutions on tonight's agenda are a result of the last Committee of the Whole meeting.*

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Councilor Flax read a list of current vacancies for boards and commissions.*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**2010-0192 Interlocal Dispatching Agreement with North Stonington**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL DISPATCHING AGREEMENT WITH NORTH STONINGTON

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney prepared a draft interlocal agreement for the Town to continue providing emergency dispatching services to the Town of North Stonington, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-339c the Town Council

conducted a public hearing on the agreement on April 5, 2011 at which no public comments were received, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to execute the interlocal "Agreement Between Town of Groton and Town of North Stonington Regarding Provision of Emergency Dispatching Services."

**A motion was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2011-0085**

**Acceptance of Portions of Roads in the Crosswinds Subdivision**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PORTIONS OF ROADS IN THE CROSSWINDS SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Crosswinds Subdivision was approved by the Planning Commission on July 16, 1996, and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2011 the Planning Commission recommended acceptance of the roads serving 13 lots in Phase IV of the subdivision (portions of Crosswinds Drive and Leeward Lane), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts the portions of Crosswinds Drive and Leeward Lane in Phase IV of the Crosswinds Subdivision.

**A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2011-0087**

**Summer Food Service Program (2011)**

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TO OPERATE A 2011 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GROTON

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides funding through the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, for a Summer Food Service Program for Children, and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program for Children promotes and provides good nutrition during the summer months when at-risk, low-income children are not receiving the benefits of the Federal School Breakfast/Lunch Program through their schools, and

WHEREAS, units of local government may act as sponsors for the Summer Food Service Program and the Town of Groton is capable of administering Groton's Summer Food Service Program for Children, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs for the purpose of establishing and operating a Groton based Summer Food Service Program for Children, overseen by the Parks and Recreation Department and Administrative Services Department, during the months of June, July and August 2011 and sign claims for reimbursement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual (Town Manager Oefinger), the Town Finance Director, Salvatore M. Pandolfo, is designated to sign claims for reimbursement.

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2011-0090**

**FYE 2011 Fourth Quarter Transfers**

## RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2011 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Town Charter provides for supplemental appropriations to Adopted Budgets and transfers from the Contingency function during the year and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter also provides for the transfer of funds from one departmental function to another departmental function during the last three months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, transfers are necessary and represent expenditures that were unforeseen or unexpected at the time the FYE 2011 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$186,545 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency function (#1074) to the following General Fund departments/functions:

Voter Registration (#10031) @ \$24,000:  
for costs associated with a June 21, 2011 primary election for Judge of Probate.

Public Works (#10356) @ \$162,545:  
for costs associated with the number of winter storms.

Refer to RTM.

**A motion was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting, due back on June 8, 2011.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2011-0093**

**Pfizer Grant - TRI Program**

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN A PFIZER GRANT

WHEREAS, the Senior Centers of Groton, East Lyme, and Waterford wish to establish the Three Region Impact (TRI) Program to encourage and support seniors who want to take an active approach to improving their health, and

WHEREAS, the TRI Program will build on the Nurse Managed Wellness Clinics currently offered at the three centers by offering a comprehensive referral program for older adults with chronic conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford will apply for a \$10,250 grant from Pfizer Inc. and act as the fiduciary for the program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the the Town Council authorizes the Groton Senior Center to participate with East Lyme and Waterford in the Pfizer grant for the purposes of establishing the TRI Program.

**A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2011-0095**

**Authorization to Prepare Bond Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Refurbishments**

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A BOND ORDINANCE AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY REFURBISHMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposal for the renovation of existing structures at the Water Pollution Control Facility including the Effluent Pump Station, Secondary Clarifier No. 2, and Gravity Thickeners, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters

in a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town staff and the Town bond attorney are authorized to prepare a bond ordinance to be introduced by the Town Council, along with other resolutions as necessary.

**A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2011-0096**

**Reauthorization of Water Pollution Control Facility Additions and Improvements**

RESOLUTION REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, \$3,400,000 was appropriated in a FYE 2007 Capital Improvement Project to be used with existing bond funding and state grants for the Water Pollution Control Facility Additions and Improvements Project, and

WHEREAS, the project will not be complete by June 30, 2011, as the final agreement between all parties involved in the failure of screens will not be executed and work completed by June 30, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the approximate \$372,000 remaining unexpended funds appropriated for this project will expire on June 30, 2011 and revert to the Capital Reserve Fund balance for Water Pollution Control Facility projects, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$325,000 is reappropriated from the Capital Reserve fund balance for the Water Pollution Control Facility Additions and Improvements Project as an FYE 2011 Capital Reserve project for costs associated with the completion of this project.

**A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting, due back on June 8, 2011.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

*By consensus of the Council, Mayor Streeter appointed Bill Gaynor as a Town liaison for OpSail 2012.*

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Watson and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*

*Lori Watrous, Office Assistant*