



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, July 19, 2011

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.

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

Members Absent: Councilor Watson

Also present were Acting Town Manager Doug Ackerman, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by John Carcioppolo.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2011-0158 Proclamation Recognizing Maureen O. Edobor

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Sheets.

Groton 4th of July Parade Awards

Manager of Recreation Services Jerry Lokken thanked all of those who made this year's 4th of July parade a success. He, along with Mayor Streeter, presented awards to parade winners as follows: Best Use of Proud to be an American Theme to Junior Colonials Fife and Drum Corps, Most Patriotic to U. S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., Best Costumes to Society for Creative Anachronism, Best Music to Cromwell Grenadiers Fife & Drum Corps, Best Youth Participation to Galaxy Skating Club, Best Parade Float to North Stonington Agricultural Fair, and Judges' Choice to Beech Brook Farm Equine Rescue.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2011-0155 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2011-0147 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIAL TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Various Donations - \$7.40 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Groton Utilities Matching Funds - \$4.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Pfizer, Inc. - \$4,000.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Richard W. White - \$20.00 - Library Miscellaneous

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**2011-0048 Reappointment of Steven Carlow to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors**

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

2011-0135 Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation Grant

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

2011-0153 Appointment to Children First Groton

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2011-0157 Central Hall Building Project Easement

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Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, 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**

Councilor Flax stated that there will be a Noank School Reuse Task Force meeting on July 21, 2011, to review the survey.

Councilor Kolnaski attended a Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors meeting. She noted that the City was clean the morning after the fireworks and commended the City of Groton Highway Department for a job well done.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

The Town Clerk stated that the RTM failed to adopt the Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements at its July 13, 2011, meeting. She noted that the next RTM meeting will be on August 10, 2011.

c. Clerk of the Council

The Town Clerk announced that there will be a special election on August 16, 2011, to elect a Regional Judge of Probate. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

d. Town Manager

Acting Town Manager Doug Ackerman noted that the Town has a new website address: www.groton-ct.gov. He announced that there will be a National Night Out on August 2, 2011, a Regional Senior Art Show on August 19, 2011, and a dinner cruise aboard the Mystic Whaler to benefit the Groton Maritime Academy on August 1, 2011. Mr. Ackerman stated that the Town has received notification from General Dynamics of the lay-off of 104 people effective September 9, 2011. He remarked that Lloyd Fisher was the winner of the Connecticut Professional Golf Association (PGA) 2011 Connecticut Senior Open which was held at Shennecossett Golf Course.

Mr. Ackerman stated that the Town received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with conditions that would need to be met before issuing a grant for the Water

Pollution Control Facility improvements. The RTM was notified by Town staff that it would be impossible to meet these conditions and staff recommended not to proceed with a special referendum. Therefore, the RTM defeated the proposed Ordinance for Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements.

c. Town Attorney

No report.

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

Councilor Flax reported on the meeting held on July 12, 2011.

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 noted that the resolutions on tonight's agenda are a result of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2011-0048 Reappointment of Steven Carlow to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. STEVEN CARLOW TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLVED, that Dr. Steven Carlow, 220 Library Street, Mystic is reappointed to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term expiring 11/10/12.

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

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0135 Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RECREATIONAL BOATING AND FISHING FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Groton Parks and Recreation offers two programs on fishing in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and would like to purchase equipment make the program more sustainable and expand program offerings, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designated agent is authorized to apply for a \$15,000 grant from the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the National Recreation and Parks Association.

A motion was made by Mayor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

Acting Town Manager Doug Ackerman stated that the Town does not meet the qualifications for this grant and recommended not submitting the application.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Votes: Opposed: 8 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Sheets

2011-0153 Appointment to Children First Groton**RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES - CHILDREN FIRST GROTON**

WHEREAS, the Town Council and Mayor make appointments to miscellaneous and ad hoc local and regional committees as well as appointing liaisons to other groups, and

WHEREAS, upon its election every two years the Town Council should reconsider these appointments, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following individual is appointed to the group as noted:

Children First Groton - Beth Crowley, 70 Williams Street, Noank

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

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0157 Central Hall Building Project Easement**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL EASEMENT FOR THE CENTRAL HALL BUILDING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the developers of the planned Central Hall Building project in downtown Mystic have approached the Town Council and requested an easement over Town property to address a building line issue associated with a roof overhang at the rear of their proposed building, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the request and agrees in concept to granting the easement, which encompasses approximately 30 square feet, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes development of the easement document subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

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

The motion carried unanimously

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Flax mentioned a letter he received about the cost of beach passes.

Mayor Streeter noted that Eastern Point Beach is a City beach and the Town does not have any control over its fees. Both the Mayor and Councilor Peruzzotti have contacted the individual who wrote the letter to explain the situation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant