



# TOWN OF GROTON

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The Department of Planning and Development Services will host an open house on Monday, November 17, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in Community Room 1 at the Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road to introduce its new Director, Jonathan J. Reiner, to the Groton community. Mr. Reiner had previously been the Director of Planning and Community Development for the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island for the past 9 years and was responsible for a number of innovative planning projects in that community.

While in North Kingstown, Mr. Reiner's department oversaw the creation and implementation of Rhode Island's first transfer of development rights program. This program allows increased density in targeted areas by permanently restricting development in other, more sensitive areas. Mr. Reiner's department also created a Transit Oriented Development district to promote higher density, mixed use development in areas with many types of transportation opportunities and created a plan to redirect growth to existing villages. He was the project lead for numerous open space acquisitions to protect farms, forests, and critical habitats. North Kingstown served as a pilot community in Rhode Island for a climate change and sea level rise action plan. Mr. Reiner oversaw North Kingstown's first community market analysis to identify areas for future growth and investment and the revision of development regulations, something Groton will be doing in the coming months.

Mr. Reiner holds master's degrees in community planning and marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Reiner will give a brief presentation on his past projects, and will moderate a discussion about Groton's future. He is interested in input from all town residents and business owners on how we can best leverage his past experience and skills to take positive steps to ensure a great future for the Town of Groton.

Please contact Deb Gilot at [DGilot@groton-ct.gov](mailto:DGilot@groton-ct.gov) or at (860) 446-5995 with any questions.