

TOWN COUNCIL

WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, July 3rd, Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Please be advised that all Groton Town offices will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday on Wednesday, July 4th. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday with your friends and family.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The annual 4th of July Parade is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 4th with approximately 60 different elements in the parade. The parade travels along U.S. Route 1 from Poquonnock Plains Park to Drozdyk Drive, with a reviewing stand in front of Chelsea Groton Bank. Spectators will see many familiar parade units including veterans' organizations, fife and drum bands, youth organizations, fire departments, military and elected dignitaries and more. Due to the ongoing construction at Grasso Technical High School, line up will take place at Claude Chester School, Poquonnock Plains Park and Sutton Park. Groton Town Police officers will be stopping traffic on U.S. Route 1 and the Groton Parks and Recreation staff will handle the line-up and other parade details with the help of volunteers.

FAREWELL TO NICKI BRESNYAN

Nicki Bresnyan, Assistant to the Town Manager, is retiring from the Town of Groton after 37 years of Service to the community. Nicki began her career with the Town as an Office Clerk I in the Planning Department and has been promoted over the years to the position she currently fills. Nicki has a vast amount of knowledge about the Town and the community in which she works and resides in and will be missed. Nicki has always been passionate about the work she has done to support the Town Managers and the Town Councils over the years. Nicki's final day with the Town will be on July 20th. She plans to enjoy the retirement life we all look forward to one day. We wish her all the best on her new journey.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is the Town Owned Street Light Energy Report from the Public Works Department.
2. Attachment 2 is a flyer from the Office of Planning and Development Services for the launching of the new Groton Economic Development Social Media account.
3. Attachment 3 is a flyer from Thames Valley Communications for the Summer SoundWaves series being held on Thursday evenings until August 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Esker Point Beach.
4. Attachment 4 is a flyer from the Groton Senior Center for cooking classes with Food for Your Soul, LLC on July 18th and July 25th for a “Grill it Up!” class and again on August 1st and August 8th for “A Ketogenic Approach” class. The cost is \$25.00 for residents per each session.
5. Attachment 5 is a flyer from the Groton Senior Center for the Bakers Battle on July 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Office of Planning and Development (May)

- The Planning Commission approved a new building at 90 Leonard Drive which will house the CrossFit Inguz Gym and will also have space for support services such as a chiropractor or a physical therapist.
- Staff held pre-application meetings for a new hotel on Route 184, a new development on Route 12, and for a fire training facility at the Town Hall Annex.
- Staff recently submitted an entry for an “Internet & New Media Award” in the category of “General Purpose Website” for Groton’s new economic development website.
- Staff has been coordinating with the Undersea Supply Chain Consortium Manager, Alexandra Halvordson, for Thames River Innovation Place.
- Staff worked to prepare an economic assistance fund request at 90 Leonard Drive for an athletic complex with supporting chiropractic offices.

TOWN OWNED STREET LIGHT ENERGY REPORT

6/20/2018

The Town of Groton aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 20% by 2020. One of the quickest, most cost effective measures was to replace the existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights with LEDs. Beginning in February 2017, the all Town owned streetlights were replaced with LEDs. Traffic lights are converted to LEDs previously. This report provides a brief summary of the results of switching to LEDs.

| SUMMARY | | |
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| 2014 Incandescent Monthly Avg Energy Usage (kWh) | 41,172 | kWh |
| 2018 LED Monthly Avg Energy Usage (kWh) | 13,659 | kWh |
| % Average Energy Reduction | 67% | |
| Annual Savings (kWh) | 330,146 | kWh |
| Annual CO2e Saving (metric tons) | 85.8 | M tons CO2e |

The following graph reveals the streetlight energy usage from the past four years. The peaks occur during the winter due to fewer hours of daylight. LED changes started in February 2017 and completed in March 2017. The average monthly energy usage until February 2017 was 41,171 kWh. The LED Average monthly energy usage dropped to 13,659 kWh.



