


TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, July 11th, Town Council Committee of the Whole, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, July 12th the RTM meeting has been cancelled.

GROTON 4th OF JULY PARADE

The spectators at the annual 4th of July Parade were treated to perfect weather, Grand Marshal Mark Oefinger, various dignitaries and dozens of entries including large contingents from the Subase and veterans' organizations, fire departments, antique vehicles, youth organizations, businesses and more. The parade returned to the longer two-mile route along U.S Route 1, running from Poquonnock Plains Park to the Groton Shopping Plaza. Despite making changes to the vehicle line-up at Claude Chester School and Sutton Park due to the construction at Grasso Tech, there were no significant traffic issues. Once again, the reviewing stand was hosted by Chelsea Groton Bank and a large group of volunteers from Stedfast Baptist Church assisted in the line-up. Parade awards will be presented at the July 18th Town Council meeting. The award winners are:

Most Patriotic: Silver Dolphins

Best Costumes: Flock Theatre

Best Music: Yalesville Fife and Drum Corps

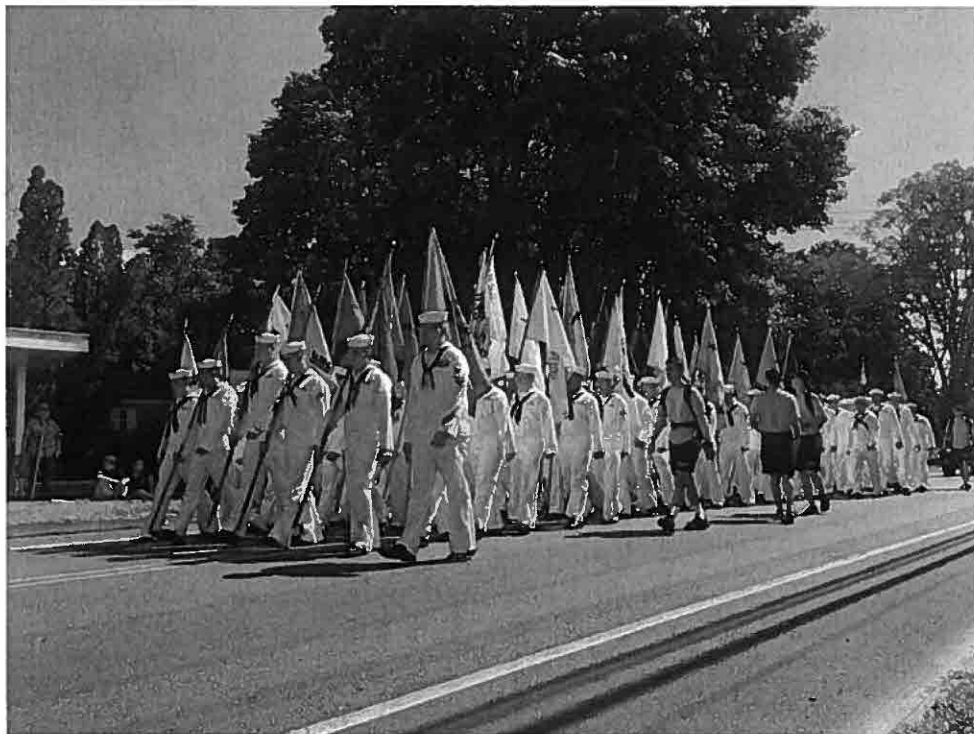
Best Youth Participation Award: City of Groton Parks and Recreation

Judges' Choice: Mystic Fire Department

See pictures from the parade of the Silver Dolphins and the Lost Boat Flags on the following page.



Silver Dolphins



Lost Boat Flags

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a memo from the Office of Emergency Management for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Cutover taking place on July 13th.
2. Attachment 2 is a June 2017 update on Groton economic development projects from the Office of Planning and Development Services.
3. Attachment 3 is an invitation from the Assistant to the Town Manager Nicki Bresnyan for the retirement celebration for Town Manager Mark Oefinger on July 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 224 Gold Star Highway. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Please RSVP by July 20th.

Attachment
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**GROTON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
MEMO**

TO: Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager **DATE:** July 3, 2017
FROM: Joe Sastre
SUBJECT: Next Generation 9-1-1- Cutover

The long-awaited switch over to the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG-911) is finally arriving. You will recall that we were preparing for the switchover to the State's NG-911 last summer when a major issue was discovered with the new system that basically shut down NG-911 services across the State.

ATT and the State of Connecticut decided to go with another solution for NG9-1-1 services and started rolling out the new solution beginning this past December.

Our Emergency Communications Center is scheduled for the cutover to the NG-911 system on Thursday, July 13th. ATT technicians are currently working in our facility preparing for the installation of the new NG911 system and our 911 Telecommunicators are attending training sessions for the new system at ATT's facility in New Haven.

We have prepared to have our radio vendor technicians as well as Town IT staff on hand for the switchover on July 13th, as well as a host of ATT technicians to ensure any issues encountered during the switchover are resolved efficiently.

Reports from other communications centers around CT who have already received the NG-911 solution are very positive and the actual switchover from the legacy system to the new system extremely quick and invisible to any 9-1-1 callers.

Wish us luck!

