

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, August 7th, Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

SOUTH ROAD TRAFFIC ADVISORY

The State Department of Transportation will be milling and resurfacing South Road from the intersection of Route 1 south to Karen Avenue. The State is anticipating that it will take one day to mill the old pavement and one day to pave the location as well. The estimated milling start date for the location is August 1st with an estimated start date for paving on August 7th. The times for both construction phases are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Although the contractor will have traffic control assigned to the area, the Public Works Department recommends alternative routes be used during the milling and paving process. The project location is narrow and involves the underpass and access to the Tilcon site.

If you have any questions regarding this project or need additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 860-448-4083

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a July 2018 update on Groton economic development projects from the Office of Planning and Development Services.
2. Attachment 2 is a card from Nicki Bresnyan thanking the Town Council for the Proclamation and gift she received on her retirement.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Human Services (May/June)

- Social workers each maintained an average of 62 cases during the month of May and June.
- The Renter's Rebate Program started in early May with 538 applications processed by the department.

- The Department began distributing Farmer's Market vouchers, in late June, to qualified residents in Groton.
- The Mystic Area Ecumenical Council's Care and Share Program has recently expanded their program to include gift cards to both Big Y and Aldis.
- Youth counselors each averaged six cases per month and handled four Juvenile Review Board cases during the month of May and June.
- During the month of May, Groton Community Meals was forced to relocate to Union Baptist Church due to RTM annual budget review meetings being held at the Groton Senior Center.

Attachments

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION UPDATE

July 2018

The following summarizes economic development division activities for July 2018.

Economic Development Activities:

- **Marketing:** Staff has increased use of social media accounts in conjunction with the <http://www.exploremoregroton.com/groton> website. Following last month's Hartford event, staff participated at the ICSC Boston "Deal Making" event on July 17th and 18th with a Groton promotional table new marketing sheets, banners, and other materials. The Groton table in Boston was active including numerous discussions with retailers, developers, and realtors.



- **Thames River Innovation Place (TRIP):** Groton continues to participate with the CT Next Innovations moving into Year 2. Funding determinations have not yet been provided. The Board of Directors met on July 12th to address project coordination. The Undersea Supply Chain Consortium is planning the first business group meeting in September. Also, the team is meeting with Deepwater Wind to discuss linkages to the Consortium.
- **Tax Abatement Program:** Staff continues to develop a formal tax abatement program in coordination with the Tax Assessor. The program will clearly outline goals, strategy and process.
- **Economic Assistance Fund (EAF):** Staff presented an EAF grant recommendation to the Committee of the Whole (COW) for Crossfit Inguz on Leonard Drive on July 10th. The COW was supportive of the infrastructure grant request.
- **Wayfinding Sign Project:** Staff met with BETA on July 30th to address project status and outstanding scope of work items. The final plan is anticipated soon with release to the public.
- **Public Property Redevelopment (Mystic Education Center):** Finalists have been selected post-interviews.

