


TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 5th the Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee meeting has been cancelled.
- Tuesday, September 5th, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

GROTON-NEW LONDON AVIATION DAY

Groton Economic Development staff participated in the Groton-New London Aviation Day on August 19th. A promotional table was staffed to highlight the positive contribution of the airport to the community. Over 800 people attended and discussions occurred all day with staff. Materials were provided that highlighted the Airport Development Zone (ADZ), economic contributions, and real estate development. (Attachment 1)

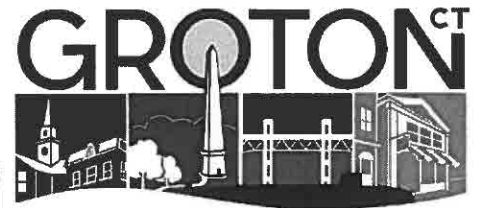
BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

Groton Human Services is in the process of distributing 150 new backpacks and school supplies to eligible Groton children ranging in age from 4-18 years old. Thanks to generous donations from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Groton Congregational Church, the Moms' Club of Groton, the Savings Institute and numerous private individuals, the department was able to expand its program to meet the needs of additional Groton families. The department will maintain a supply of backpacks for children in need who enter Groton Public Schools later in the school year. In 2016, 140 backpacks were distributed. The department first offered the backpack program in 2005 following a donation of approximately 20 backpacks and school supplies from St. Andrew. Any child whose family receives any form of State/Federal assistance and/or meets eligibility requirements for programs offered through Groton Human Services is eligible to receive a backpack and supplies. The department is still accepting donations of new backpacks and supplies.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 2 is a press release from Ledge Light Health District for mosquitos in Groton testing positive for West Nile Virus.
2. Attachment 3 is a status update from the Public Works Department for the Groton 2020 School Construction Project.
3. Attachment 4 is a flyer from Shennecossett Golf Course for the 23rd Annual Jack Kelly Tournament of Champions being held on September 3rd at Shennecossett Golf Course beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please see the attachment for more information.
4. Attachment 5 is a press release from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for an additional lane reduction to be implemented on the I-95 southbound side of the Gold Star Bridge beginning on September 5th.

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Operations Overview & Economic Impact

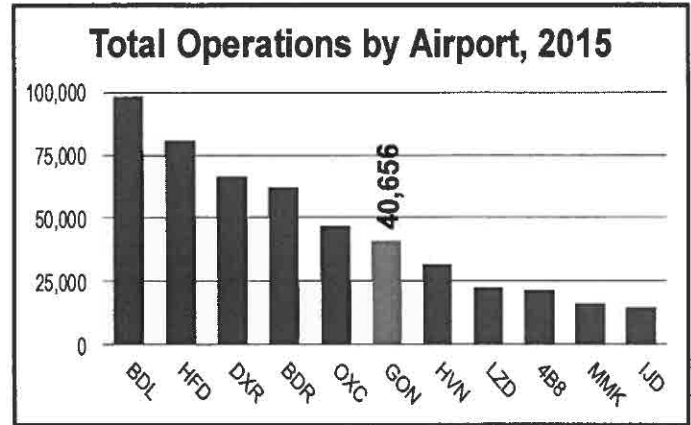
Groton-New London Airport (GON) is one of six state-owned public airports whose current primary role is for general aviation (GA). The 489-acre facility features two runways having lengths of 5,000 and 4,000 feet with supporting taxiways, paved aircraft parking ramps, an FAA federal contracted air traffic control tower, an Instrument Landing System and ample vehicle parking.

Established as the 1st state airport in 1929, Groton-New London Airport was transferred to the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Take-off and landing operations at Groton-New London Airport involve scheduled corporate air shuttles, charter, military, recreation and student instruction flights. In 2016, there were 38,394 flights directed by air traffic specialists.

The Airport employs 375 full-time and part-time personnel.

The number of paying passengers traveling to and from GON averages 1,000 each month and there are more than 50 total based aircraft on-airport.



On-Site Businesses and Operations

- Action Airlines: Air Charter Services
- Action Multi-Ratings: Multi-Engine Flight Training
- Avis/Budget: Car, Truck & SUV Rental Services
- Civil Air Patrol/USAF Auxiliary: Cadet and Aerospace Education & Aircraft Search
- Coastal Air, Inc.: Single Engine Flight Instruction/Aircraft Rental
- Columbia Air Services, Inc.: Avionics, Aircraft Maintenance & Sales
- Connecticut Army National Guard/1109th Theatre Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group (TASMG): Military helicopter repair
- Federal Aviation Administration: Air Traffic Control/Navigation Aids Maintenance
- Lanmar Aviation: T-Hangar Rentals/Sales and Aircraft Maintenance
- Mystic Jet Center: Aircraft Fuel & Service
- Survival Systems, Inc.: Safety and Survival Training including a water crash survival education facility (U.S. headquarters)
- Café 511: Restaurant .

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