

# ***TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT***

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Town Council Committee of the Whole, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, RTM, 7:30 p.m., Groton Senior Center, CR1

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1 is a press release from the Naval Submarine Support Center for the “Groton Area Chief Petty Officers and Selectees Improve Town of Groton Park” community project.
2. Attachment 2 is the August 2017 update on Groton economic development projects from the Office of Planning and Development Services.
3. Attachment 3 is a memo from the Office of Planning and Development Services for the marketing progress made with incentives and town-wide marketing within the past two years.
4. Attachment 4 is a memo from the Office of Planning and Development Services for the marketing progress with excess public property within the past two years.
5. Attachment 5 is a memo from the Office of Planning and Development Services for an update on the Economic Development webpage.
6. Attachment 6 is an email from United Way for the ways to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.
7. Attachment 7 is an e-mail from FEMA for the recruitment of personnel to assist with Hurricane Harvey and possibly areas impacted by Hurricane Irma.
8. Attachment 8 is a newsletter from the Mystic Noank Library for the month of September.

9. Attachment 9 is an invitation from the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce for the Groton Fall Festival at Poquonnock Plains Park on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

### 1. Office of Planning and Development Services (July)

- Planning staff met with the potential developer of a Crystal Lake Road indoor gun range and with property owners interested in expanding the Waterfront Design District Zone in Mystic to their lot on Bank Street.
- Planning Staff had begun a comprehensive review of the first draft of the Zoning Regulations.
- Staff continued to work on the “Doing Business in Groton” guide.
- The Planning Commission approved a modification to the Groton Utilities Water Filtration Plant upgrade plan.
- Economic Development staff attended the International Council of Shopping Centers conference in Boston to market Groton to numerous developers and businesses.

### 2. Water Pollution Control Division (August)

- The Division has treated 106.1 million gallons of waste for the month.
- The Division continues to perform better than the permit requires for total suspended solids (TSS), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), and other key performance indicators.
- Staff finished installation of required sensors and monitors in Aeration Tank #3 to make the tank fully operational.
- Staff performed 130 “Call Before You Dig” markouts during the period encompassing July 25<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>
- DEEP selected Operations Supervisor Harold Clarke to serve a three year term on the State Wastewater Operator Certification Advisory Committee.
- Job offers were made for the WPCF Technician and Maintainer positions with candidates tentatively scheduled to start work in late September.

Attachments

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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Groton Area Chief Petty Officers and Selectees Improve Town of Groton Park**

**By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Steve Owsley  
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GROTON, Conn. – Approximately 100 Groton-area Chief Petty Officers and 1st Class Petty Officers selected for advancement to the rank of Chief Petty Officer partnered with the Town of Groton for a community service project that provided approximately 400 hours of free labor to improve Poquonnock Plains Park, in Groton, Conn. on Aug 12.

The Chiefs and Chief Selects performed various maintenance and improvement projects including power washing railings and buildings; painting goalpost, garage doors and signs; playground maintenance, gardening and minor construction projects.

“It is exciting how the military and civilian community can come together to support a facility that both communities can use and enjoy,” said Town of Groton Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider. “The volunteer effort also allowed us to make improvements that would not have been immediately addressed otherwise.”

The community service project is part of the CPO 365 Phase Two Program, which prepares 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officers, who have been selected for advancement to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, for the increased expectations and responsibility they will face, upon advancement.

Organizing and taking part in community service projects like the one at Poquonnock Plains Park allow those selected for advancement to interact with current Chief Petty Officers and learn valuable organization, planning and management skills, while benefiting the local community.

