



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Natalie Burfoot Billing, Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Paulann H. Sheets, Thomas J. Skrmetti, and Elissa T. Wright.

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2004-0086 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of February 17, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

Legislative History

3/2/04

Discussed

Town Council

(Later in the meeting, after the Consent Calendar had been passed, Councilor Sheets expressed concern over the accuracy of her statements in the February 17, 2004 Town Council Meeting Minutes. It was agreed upon by the Town Council that the meeting minutes from February 17, 2004 would be approved at the March 16, 2004 Town Council Meeting.)

2004-0109 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of March 1, 2004 and March 2, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2003-0247 FYE 2005 Budget Guidelines Referral

2004-0085 MetLife Foundation Grant - Groton Maritime Academy Referral

2004-0098	Public Hearing Date on FYE 2005 Proposed Budget	Referral
2004-0101	Southeastern Connecticut Association for the Retarded, Inc. Funding	Referral
2004-0103	Resolution Setting Referendum Date and Approving the Form of the Question - School Ordinances	Referral
2004-0110	Extension of Public Water and Sewer to Flanders Road	Referral
2004-0111	Appointment of Mary P. Burke to the Library Board	Referral
2004-0112	Appointment of Enrico DeMatto to the Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2004-0113	Reappointment of Gregory C. Leonard to the Parks & Recreation Commission	Referral
2004-0106	2004-2005 Annual RTM Budget Meeting Date	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2004-0095	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS
RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Donation in memory of Evelyn Cote - \$100.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
 Donation in memory of Dora Adair - \$525.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
 Marjorie Vignot - \$30.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
 Pfizer's \$25.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
 Various Donations - \$1,185.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Becky N. Randall - \$25.00 - Dog Pound
 Kelah Lyons - \$70.00 - Dog Pound
 Uhler family - \$5.00 - Dog Pound
 Missy Johns - \$5.00 - Dog Pound
 Groton Lodge of Elks - 10 bicycle helmets and 12 smoke detectors (Est. Value of \$270.00) - Social Services

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Billing**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets**
- e. Finance - Chairman Wright**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne**

- g. Public Safety - Chairman Skrmetti**
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2004-0085 MetLife Foundation Grant - Groton Maritime Academy Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO SUPPORT THE GROTON MARITIME ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Police Department is approaching its third summer of operating the successful Groton Maritime Academy for youth of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the program gives young people hands-on experience of maritime occupations and recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Maritime Academy program puts young people in contact with various local institutions such as the Mystic Seaport, Coast Guard Academy and the University of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the Town's objective is to fund the Maritime Academy entirely with grants and contributions, aside from salary cost of administering the program, and

WHEREAS, the MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation provide grants to identify and honor accomplishments in police-community collaborations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of up to \$35,000 for the support of the Groton Maritime Academy.

Legislative History

2/25/04	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
3/9/04	Recommended for a Resolution	Town Council Finance Committee

2004-0098 Public Hearing Date on FYE 2005 Proposed Budget Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2005

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing on the FYE 2005 annual town budget, pursuant to Section 8.4.1. of the Town Charter, on Monday, March 29, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., at the Groton Senior Center, 102 Newtown Road (Route 117), Groton, Connecticut.

Legislative History

3/2/04	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
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3/9/04	Motion	Town Council Committee of the Whole

to recommend a resolution scheduling the public hearing on the FYE 2005 Proposed Budget for Monday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m., at the Senior Center

3/9/04

Discussed

Town Council Committee of the Whole

- Budget Review Schedule

The Town Manager expects to deliver the budget to the Council at the special meeting of the Committee of the Whole on March 16th, and to provide a brief overview of the document. The Town Manager and Council reviewed potential meeting dates for budget reviews and work sessions. The Council must act on the budget no later than April 29th.

Councilor Skrmetti suggested that three meetings be held with the Board of Education, and Councilor Sheets supported meeting with them earlier, rather than later.

It was decided that the Town Manager would provide a budget overview for the Council on March 24th; if the Board of Education is available that evening, the Council would also like an overview of their budget. Saturday work sessions were scheduled for April 17th and tentatively April 24th. The Town Manager polled the Council on their availability to meet on other dates.

Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox cautioned the Council to approve the budget well before the April 29th date since the RTM has set a tentative public hearing date the following Monday, May 3rd.

2004-0101

Southeastern Connecticut Association for the Retarded, Inc. Funding

Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION FOR THE RETARDED, INC.

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to use outside funds to support special needs recreational programs, and

WHEREAS, the Department is making progress in meeting the leisure needs of Groton residents with disabilities and would like to continue that progress without increasing operating costs, and

WHEREAS, such funding that would supplement the Town's operating budget may provide for programs like a teen wellness program that deals with cooking, nutrition and fitness, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply from time to time for special needs program grants from the Southeastern Connecticut Foundation for the Retarded Inc.

Legislative History

3/5/04

Referred

Town Council Finance Committee

3/9/04

Recommended for a Resolution

Town Council Finance Committee

2004-0103

Resolution Setting Referendum Date and Approving the Form of the Question - School Ordinances

Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING REFERENDUM DATE AND APPROVING THE FORM OF THE QUESTION CONCERNING PROPOSED BOND ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town Council has approved an "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$26,100,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON EITHER THE EASTERN POINT SCHOOL SITE OR THE KING PROPERTY SITE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION," which has also been approved by the Representative Town Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has approved an "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,800,000 FOR DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER FREEMAN-HATHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SAME PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME

AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION," which has also been approved by the Representative Town Meeting, and
 WHEREAS, the Town Council has approved an "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$45,000,000 FOR PHASE I OF RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO FITCH HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION," which has also been approved by the Representative Town Meeting, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ordinances be submitted for approval or rejection at a referendum to be held April 27, 2004, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the questions to be placed on the voting machines shall be worded as follows:

No. 1 "SHALL THE ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$26,100,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON EITHER THE EASTERN POINT SCHOOL SITE OR THE KING PROPERTY SITE AND AUTHORIZING BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT BE APPROVED?"

Yes _____ No _____

No. 2 "IF QUESTION NO. 1 IS APPROVED, SHALL THE SITE OF THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE THE EASTERN POINT SCHOOL SITE OR THE KING PROPERTY SITE?"

Eastern Point _____ King Property _____

No. 3 "SHALL THE ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,800,000 FOR DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER FREEMAN-HATHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SAME PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT BE APPROVED?"

Yes _____ No _____

No. 4 "SHALL THE ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$45,000,000 FOR PHASE I OF RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO FITCH HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT BE APPROVED?"

Yes _____ No _____

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to issue any and all warnings, publish all such notices, and file all such statements and reports concerning said referendum as provided by law, which notices shall include a summary of the ordinances.

Legislative History

3/8/04

Referred

Town Council Committee of the Whole

2004-0110

Extension of Public Water and Sewer to Flanders Road

Referral

RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION FOR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES IN THE FLANDERS ROAD CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, several active and growing businesses are engaged in manufacturing and related operations on or near Flanders Road, and these businesses have given the Town Council a great deal of information supporting their need for sewer and water facilities

WHEREAS, a substantial number of manufacturing and related jobs are sustained by those enterprises, and

WHEREAS, numerous residences south of Interstate 95 could also benefit from the extension of sewer and water lines, and

WHEREAS, provision of the desired water and sewer facilities could be accomplished by various collaborations, including the participation of Groton Utilities, and by combined funding from economic development grants as well as commercial investment capital, taxes and assessments, now therefore be it

