



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Mayor Bruce S. Flax, Councilor Dean G. Antipas, Councilor Diane Barber, Councilor Greg Grim, Councilor Rich Moravsik, Councilor Karen F. Morton, Councilor Bonnie Nault, Councilor Deb Peruzzotti, and Councilors Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, January 03, 2017

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING - REVISED

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF 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 five (5) 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

2016-0300 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 20, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0299 Special Trust Fund Contributions Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

- Margaret & Frank Adams - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Diane & Robert Barber - \$400.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Raymond & Virginia Bousequet - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Cardinal Honda - \$230.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Fairview - Odd Fellows Home - \$ 350.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Barbara Frucht - \$70.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Groton Post Office Employees - \$175.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Anonymous- \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary
- Northern Lights - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Old Mystic Fire District - \$387.50 - Social Services Discretionary
 Barbara Palm - \$1,000 - Social Services Discretionary
 Agatha & Stephen Simone - \$10.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Elaine Soan - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Ralph & Diana Stanzione - \$150.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Mystic Photography Group - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Nancy d'Estang - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Theodore and Annette Ainslie - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Ann Aulabaugh - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Sina Bromley - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Marsha Cedrone - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Hector Correa - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Robert Delsignore - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 James and Karen Drakos - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Mary Eaves - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Linda Fox - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Michael and Marilyn Francis - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 James Harmon - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Bernetta and Richard Hughes - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Robert and Joanne Mccoy - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Constance Miller - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Donald Mosher - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Saranne Murray - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Physical Therapy of Mystic - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Eleanor Ralls - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Elaine Reichard - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Albert and Janiss Rudolph - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Martin and Solveig Schames - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Arthur and Marie Shaw - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anthony Spano - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Stebbins Real Estate - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Linda and Michael Thompson - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Joyce Turgeon - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Louise Viscione - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program - \$1,000.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Mary and Thomas Smith - \$15.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Katrina Bercaw - \$25.00 - Library Miscellaneous

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0001	Unaffiliated and Other Appointments (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0002	Republican Town Committee Appointments (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0003	Democratic Town Committee Appointments (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0004	Revised Position Descriptions (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0005	Pending Litigation (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0006	Labor Negotiations (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0007	Property Acquisition/Sale (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0008	Joint Meeting with City of Groton (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral

2016-0009	Joint Meeting with Board of Education (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0010	Joint Meeting with Groton Long Point Board of Directors (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0011	Meeting with State Legislators (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0263	Joint Meeting with Stonington Board of Selectmen (2016 Standing Referral)	Referral
2016-0297	Noank Town Dock Project Update	Referral
2016-0298	Groton 2020 School Initiative Update	Referral
2016-0311	RTM Reapportionment	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

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

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Watson
- b. Rules - Chairman Antipas
- c. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2016-0297	Noank Town Dock Project Update	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NOANK TOWN DOCK

WHEREAS, construction funds were approved in the amount of \$106,000 in the FYE 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and \$34,000 in the FYE 17 CIP for reconstruction of the Noank Town Dock, repair of the seawall damaged by Superstorm Sandy, and ADA compliance, and

WHEREAS, a second round of bids for the project including contingency exceeded available funding, and additional funding will be required to undertake the project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the allocation of \$9,500 from Capital Reserve Fund Balance to FYE 2017 capital project 4) K) Noank Dock.

Legislative History

12/19/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/20/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Town Manager Oefinger provided a history of the Noank Town Dock project, and explained the need for additional funding in the amount of \$9,500 to cover contingency for the low bid contract in order to complete the project.

12/20/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
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2016-0298 Groton 2020 School Initiative Update Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLICIT STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FROM ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE GROTON 2020 PLAN

WHEREAS, the Groton 2020 School Facilities Initiative was approved at referendum in November, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized the Town to engage the services of an Owner's Representative to manage the project under the Director of Public Works, including engaging qualified Architects and Construction Managers, and

WHEREAS, following the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in selecting a qualified, experienced architectural firm to design the Groton 2020 plan would ensure eligibility for reimbursement of these costs by the state, and

WHEREAS, there is funding in the project budget for these types of professional services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, is authorized to proceed with the RFQ process to select the most qualified architectural firm to design the Groton 2020 Plan.

Legislative History

12/19/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

12/20/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

Superintendent Mike Graner, Assistant Superintendent Susan Austin, and Board of Education Chair Kim Watson were present to address the Committee. Discussion followed on the need to hire at risk'an architect for the Groton 2020 school initiative at a cost of approximately \$250,000.

Councilor Nault expressed an interest in sitting on the selection committee for the architect.

12/20/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2016-0311 RTM Reapportionment Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING COMPUTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, Section 4.3.3 of the Town Charter requires the Town Clerk to determine, within sixty days after each presidential election, the representation by voting district proportional to the number of electors residing in such district, and

WHEREAS, at the November 8, 2016 election, the following districts and number of electors in each district is as follows, and therefore, by computation , the number of representatives for each district is as follows,

DISTRICT	ELECTORS	REPRESENTATIVES
1	4,297	7
2	2,761	4
3	3,477	6
4	4,461	7
5	3,141	5
6	3,984	7
7	2,997	5
	Total: 25,118	Total: 41

Now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the above membership representation is hereby approved by the Town Council and effective for the Town of Groton November 7, 2017 election.

Legislative History

12/29/2016 Mayor

Referred

Town Council Committee of th

X. ADJOURNMENT