



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

*Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Genevieve Cerf, Joe delaCruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Heather Bond Somers and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### 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

2014-0013 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:

Elaine Adams - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Anonymous - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Christ United Methodist Church - \$116.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Michael and Rebecca Freeman - \$120.00 - Social Services Discretionary

James and Janis Mooney - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Medical Group - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Northern Lights - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Nancy Plauman - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Edward and Ronna Pollard - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Charles Rogers - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Gladys Rogers - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Paul and Clare Rogers - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mark and Mary Lou Svencer - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Jack Komorowski - \$2,000 - Spicer Trust Fund

Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan, Gray and Greenberg, P.C. - \$2,000 - Spicer Trust Fund

Mary K. Smith - \$15.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund

Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund  
 Josephine Bright - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Deborah Cluff - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Mary Dickson - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Lee Hinderfeld - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 International Association of Machinists - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Girard and Hali Keeler - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Nathalie King - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Lawrence and Beverly Lacerte - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Mary Laforce - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Anna Marie Landry - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Raymond and Jane Macionus - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Donald Mosher - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Mystic Women's Club - \$1,186.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Herta Payson - \$250.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 H.G. and Barbara Sawyer - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Louis and Alma Venditti - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
 Groton Rotary/Groton Lions/Liberty Bank (Correction) - \$10,345.75 - Social Services Discretionary  
 Nancy d'Estang - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous  
 Kay Chester - \$30.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 S. Chester - \$20.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 Captain J. R. and Anita Havery - \$125.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 Cherry Horton - \$100.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 Jane Imdahl - \$25.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 Whitney and Rosemarie Parker - \$100.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 Shirley Piacenza - \$10.00 - Spicer Trust Fund  
 Mystic River Homes, Inc. Residents Council - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

### **b. Administrative Items**

**2014-0036 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of January 7, 2014.

### **c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

<b>2012-0243</b>	<b>Review of Town Council Goals</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0001</b>	<b>Unaffiliated and Other Appointments (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0002</b>	<b>Republican Town Committee Appointments (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0003</b>	<b>Democratic Town Committee Appointments (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0004</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with City of Groton (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0005</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with Board of Education (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0006</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with Groton Long Point Board of Directors (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0007</b>	<b>Meeting with State Legislators (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>2013-0008</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with Stonington Board of Selectmen (2013 Standing Referral)</b>	<b>Referral</b>

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2013-0009	Labor Negotiations (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0010	Pending Litigation (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0011	Revised Position Descriptions (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0285	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding	Referral
2014-0011	Joint Meeting with Stonington Board of Selectmen (2014 Standing Referral)	Referral
2014-0018	FOI Presentation by Tom Hennick	Referral
2014-0020	Request for Proposals for Town Attorney	Referral
2013-0297	Road Reconstruction Bond - Year 2 Projects	Referral
2014-0014	Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding	Referral
2014-0015	Department of Education Youth Services Enhancement Grant	Referral
2014-0016	Supportive Housing Program Grant	Referral
2014-0017	FYE 2013 CAFR	Referral
2014-0023	Budget Process Joint Meetings	Referral
2014-0024	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding - GOSA Request for Application Endorsement	Referral
2014-0025	Reappointment of David Russell to the Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2014-0026	Reappointment of Marie Shaw to Library Board	Referral
2014-0027	Reappointment of June Evered to Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2014-0030	Appointment of Paul Duarte as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals	Referral
2014-0031	Reappointment of Susan Vincent to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Referral
2014-0032	Reappointment of James Sherrard to Planning Commission	Referral
2014-0033	Appointment of Michael Meyer to Housing Authority	Referral
2014-0034	Appointment of Mark Bancroft as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Commission	Referral
2014-0035	Reappointment of John Wilson to Shellfish Commission	Referral

## **VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

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

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Temporary Rules Committee
- b. Personnel/Appointments/Rules
- c. Committee of the Whole

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

2013-0297 Road Reconstruction Bond - Year 2 Projects Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING YEAR 2 REPORTS FROM THE TOWN, CITY, AND GROTON LONG POINT FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in November 2012 Groton voters approved a five-year road maintenance and rehabilitation program for calendar years 2013 through 2017 that provides funding for the Town, City, and Groton Long Point to maintain and rehabilitate the community's road system, and

WHEREAS, the program requires each entity to file a report with the Town Council by December 30th of each year that identifies the roads completed in the calendar year, compares estimated costs to actual costs, and identifies the roads to be addressed in the upcoming year, and

WHEREAS, it was anticipated that adjustments to the list of roads may be necessary to account for factors such as utility construction, accelerate aging of road surfaces, and planned development over the course of the multi-year project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the reports and proposed adjustments to the list of roads to be maintained/rehabilitated, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the Year 2 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program Reports from the Town, City, and Groton Long Point.

### Legislative History

12/18/2013	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
12/23/2013	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

*As a condition of the five year road bond, the Town, City, and Groton Long Point are required to report to the Town Council about accomplishments during the current calendar year and anticipated projects for the next calendar year by December 31st. Reports have been received from City Mayor Galbraith and Director of Public Works Gary Schneider for the Town. The Town Manager has reached out to Groton Long Point and hopes to have their report before the next meeting.*

*The Town Manager reviewed the benefits of bonding for the roads. He asked if the Council would like a presentation from the three entities. He also encouraged the Council to have regular meetings with the City and Groton Long Point. Additional information on Town costs will be available by the January 14th Committee of the Whole meeting. Councilor Somers suggested reviewing the information prior to meeting with the City and Groton Long Point.*

*Discussion followed on the bonding process.*

*Councilor Flax asked for more detailed information including lengths of roads. He also questioned why there is such a large margin of error in the Town's estimates. The Town Manager offered possible explanations including significant savings on asphalt. Councilor Flax then questioned the level of coordination between the three entities. Councilor Moravsik noted that all three entities do the work differently. Discussion followed on the purchase of asphalt as an example. Councilor Moravsik noted that the City and Groton Long Point have hired the same contractor to do their roads.*

*Councilor Cerf noted an article about money allocated by the state for local road improvements. Town Manager Oefinger explained that the Town is receiving funds for the reconstruction of Crystal Lake Road. The decision on how to spend regional money is being pushed to the regional level through the Council of*

Governments.

**1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole**

*Town Manager Oefinger noted receipt of input from Groton Long Point, additional cost information from the Town, and an assessment from Public Works of in-house paving versus contracting out.*

*Gary Schneider and John Carrington from Public Works were present to address the Council. Mr. Carrington reviewed actual costs for the roads completed in Year 1. Projected costs were \$1.4 million and actual costs were \$1.1 million. Mr. Carrington reviewed the reasons for the difference noting that there was a significant savings in asphalt pricing because of competitive bidding.*

*Mr. Carrington reviewed Year 2 projects and estimated costs.*

*The Town Manager explained that the Town has not yet borrowed under the bond authorization. Godfrey Street was moved from Year 3 to Year 2 to coordinate with a proposed development. In the coming year, the Town may have excess capacity and there have been preliminary discussions about doing additional roads. One possibility would be roads in Groton Long Point since they wait for the fall to do their road projects. The Town Manager explained that the bond ordinance authorizes the Council to modify the roads scheduled for paving.*

*Councilor Cerf asked that the length of roads be included in the City and Groton Long Point reports.*

*In response to Councilor Flax, Mr. Carrington explained that he can't accurately estimate costs for each road because of unknown factors such as traffic control. The only known cost is asphalt. Councilor Flax asked if the variances in costs can be projected for future roads and Mr. Carrington stated that estimates could be more specific.*

*Mr. Carrington then reviewed the "What is Paving?" report prepared by Public Works. The report differentiates full depth reclamation from milling. Road projects also include curbing and driveway aprons; loaming and seeding; sign replacement; mailbox relocation; striping (by a contractor); replacement of traffic loops; sidewalks; and catch basin cleaning.*

*The report provides cost comparisons for Toll Gate Road, Carter Road, and Knoll Drive, with breakdowns by task and by costs. The majority of the cost is asphalt. The report also shows a cost comparison for the three roads using prices for five state low-bid contractors who do ONLY asphalt, curbing, and driveway aprons. The costs for six low-bid contractors are compared for a milling project.*

*In the future when Public Works puts a road out to bid, the specification will cover all aspects of the project and it will be possible to compare costs with the Town's costs.*

*Mr. Schneider pointed out that there are also intangible benefits when the Town does a paving project such as schedule flexibility, driveway relocation, and working directly with residents to address their concerns. Mr. Carrington added that the Town can do the work at a lower cost because a contractor must make a profit to stay in business. The Town would not be able to be cost competitive if it did not already own the equipment.*

*Councilor de la Cruz stated he is comfortable with the work that Public Works has done. With low-bid contractors, there is no guarantee that employees will make a decent wage, which could cost the community in other ways.*

*Councilor Cerf suggested that all costs for supporting Town resources should be rolled into the estimates including wages, benefits, computers, buildings, vehicles, and maintenance.*

*Mr. Schneider explained that the personnel in question do not have computers and the vehicles are multi-use. It is not known how contractors charge or pay for their overhead. The Town has bid out roads in the past and had bad experiences including lawsuits. The Town will be bidding out Godfrey Road to coordinate with the developer's contractor in September. Discussion followed on the Town bidding on a Groton Long Point project. Councilor Moravsik stated that Groton Long Point will be putting out a bid package for road projects next month.*

*Councilors acknowledged the Year 2 projects and expressed support for the proposed roads.*

*Councilor Cerf asked about Main Street in Noank. Mr. Schneider stated that the Town will patch the road, but based on its Pavement Management Index, a full reconstruction is required. A project is proposed in the FYE 2015 CIP.*

**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Recommended for a Resolution**      **Referral**  
**2014-0014**      **Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2015 YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FUNDING

WHEREAS, crisis intervention, prevention and support programs and short-term counseling services will benefit at-risk Groton youth and their families, and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Connecticut Department of Education to supplant a portion of the salaries of Groton Human Services counselors who provide intervention and prevention services for at-risk Groton youth, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, or his designee, is authorized to file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for FYE 15 municipal youth services funding in an amount to be determined by the Department of Education and to amend contractual agreements for such funding to ensure continuation of short-term counseling, crisis intervention and prevention and support programs for Groton youth and families.

Legislative History

**1/6/2014**      **Mayor**      **Referred**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**  
**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Recommended for a Resolution**  
**2014-0015**      **Department of Education Youth Services Enhancement Grant**      **Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2015 YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Education offers Youth Services Bureau Enhancement Grant program funding to municipally-based Connecticut youth services programs for supplies and related expenses connected with programs and activities which directly and indirectly benefit Groton youth and families in areas such as youth enrichment, outreach programs, general support and positive youth development, and

WHEREAS, Groton Human Services has demonstrated its success in providing youth enrichment, outreach programs, general support and positive youth development, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for FYE 2015 Youth Services Bureau Enhancement Grant program funding in an amount to be determined by the Department of Education.

Legislative History

**1/6/2014**      **Mayor**      **Referred**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**  
**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Recommended for a Resolution**  
**2014-0016**      **Supportive Housing Program Grant**      **Referral**

RESOLUTION APPROVING TVCCA/HUD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, homelessness is being addressed on several fronts by numerous programs but remains an ongoing problem for Groton and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, homeless persons with disabilities and homeless families in which at least one member is disabled require extensive counseling, support and case management services, and

WHEREAS, the Supportive Housing Program, operated by TVCCA as the grantee of record with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides funding to enable agencies and municipalities to provide counseling, support and case management services via participation in the Housing Collaborative Network, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, to enter into an agreement with Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. to accept grant funding in the amount of \$9,000 (or such an amount to be specified) to conduct a Supportive Housing Program in Groton via Groton Human Services for the period of February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 and to utilize said funding to supplant a portion of the salaries and related fringe benefits of selected Groton Human Services staff, who shall provide counseling, support and case management services to the specified Groton client population via participation in the Housing Collaborative Network.

Legislative History

1/6/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2014-0017    **FYE 2013 CAFR**    **Referral**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FYE 2013 AUDIT REPORT

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the annual audit of the Town of Groton's finances, covering the fiscal year from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Council has discussed the audit findings with the manager of the audit team from the firm of Blum Shapiro, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts and files the FYE 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the Auditor's Reports and Management Letter.

Legislative History

1/6/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

*Sal Pandolfo, Director of Finance; Cindy Landry, Town Treasurer; Vanessa Rossitto of Blum Shapiro; and Carolyn Dickey, Business Manager for Groton Public Schools were present to address the Council.*

*Mr. Pandolfo noted the audit documents that were previously distributed to Councilors. The audit is required by the Charter. The State requires that the audit be published within six months of the end of the fiscal year. The audit is a communication and information document that provides a snapshot of what happened in the Town of Groton during the fiscal year. The document is reviewed by investors and bond rating agencies and contains three sections: Introduction, Financial, and Statistical.*

*Ms. Rossitto began her overview by noting that Blum Shapiro has given the Town a clean opinion, which is now called an unmodified opinion and is the highest form possible. She reviewed the following information with the Council:*

CAFR -

*p. 4 - The Management Discussion and Analysis is a narrative prepared by management that tells the story behind the numbers.*

pp. 17-18 - *Statement of Net Position* - These are the full accrual financial statements for the Town with assets and long term debts included. The total net position of the Town is \$197 million.

p. 19 - The major funds of the Town are the General Fund and Capital Improvements Fund; the non-major funds are aggregated. As of June 30, 2013, there was a \$14.6 million General Fund fund balance with an unassigned balance of \$11.6 million or 9.7% of the budget.

p. 65 - Ms. Rossitto reviewed a comparative balance sheet for the General Fund showing the different categories of fund balance.

p. 66 - Adopted versus final budget numbers are compared and variances in revenues and expenditures detailed. Mr. Pandolfo explained that when the budget is developed, it is based on a 7.5% fund balance with any additional funds being applied to the budget.

p. 19 - The Capital Improvements Fund had a balance of \$5.7 million.

p. 83 - Details for the three Internal Service Funds are presented. Balances are as follows: Fleet Reserve \$3.7 million; Health Insurance \$6.4 million; and Worker's Compensation -\$700,000. Long term assets and liabilities are included in the Internal Service Funds.

pp. 26-27 - Fiduciary Funds are the Pension Trust Fund (\$95 million, an increase of \$8.9 million); OPEB (\$8.7 million, an increase of \$2.4 million); and smaller private purpose trust funds and various agency funds.

pp. 68-70 - Non-major funds include Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, Debt Service Funds, Sewer District Funds, and Permanent Investment Funds.

Councilor Cerf indicated that she did not have enough time to review the report and she suggested tabling action. Councilor Frink suggested a review of the document in the Finance Committee when one is formed by the Mayor.

Mr. Pandolfo explained that he could answer written questions from the Council, but the audit will not change and it should be accepted by the Council.

Ms. Rossitto then addressed the federal and state single audits, which are required because the Town receives grant funds from the federal and state governments.

#### Federal Single Audit -

p. 5 - Ms. Rossitto noted the list of expenditures for the various grants received by the Town. She summarized the findings on the grants tested, which appear on pp. 13-15. She noted the cause of the findings on the Child Nutrition Program is a change in personnel and the lack of written policies and procedures. The cause of the finding on the Highway Cluster is not getting information from the contractor in a timely manner. For each finding, there is a management response and corrective action.

Councilor Somers asked how the corrective action is monitored for implementation. Mr. Pandolfo explained that the correction happens immediately upon the auditor's finding and follow up is with the responsible department.

#### State Single Audit -

p. 4 - Ms. Rossitto noted the list of expenditures of all state monies. There was one finding (p. 11) on the list of programs tested concerning a report not filed in a timely manner. The recommendation is that grant requirements be reviewed by two persons.

In response to Councilor Frink, Ms. Rossitto explained that non-public companies do not receive an opinion on internal controls. Through the audit process, the auditor gains an understanding of the Town's processes and there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies found.

#### Management Letter -

Ms. Rossitto noted two comments for the Board of Education. The first comment deals with year-end encumbrances and accounts payable. The auditor is recommending that the Board continue to refine its

processes and add a manual tracking component. The second comment deals with the disbursement process at the Board of Education and potential for fraudulent activity. Mr. Rossitto reviewed the auditor's recommendations. Ms. Dickey indicated that the recommendations are being implemented.

The auditor also recommends that the Town Tax Collector review allowances for doubtful accounts against tax related receivables at year end. Second, the auditor recommends that the Tax Collector actively monitor interest adjustments. Mr. Pandolfo stated the recommendations are being implemented.

In response to Councilor Flax, Ms. Rossitto stated that she cannot predict what will happen to the pension fund because it is dependent on benefits, the life expectancy used by the actuary, and market conditions. The Town's fund is currently funded at 80%, which is pretty good and reasonable. The Town is doing what it is supposed to be doing.

Councilor Cerf noted that the current status of the pension fund is not because pension obligations have become onerous, but due to the financial crisis and low interest rates.

**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Recommended for a Resolution**

**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Discussed**

*A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole was scheduled for January 21st at 6:00 p.m. to answer any further questions about the audit.*

**2014-0024**      **Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding - GOSA Request for Application Endorsement**      **Referral**

LETTER TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY PROTECTION REGARDING GROTON OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION UNDER THE OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) has requested the Groton Town Council's endorsement of an application for grant funds to purchase a parcel of land located off Route 184 currently owned by Tilcon, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Council Committee of the Whole at its meeting on December 23, 2013 voted not to endorse GOSA's application, and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2013 GOSA withdrew its request for the Town Council's endorsement, but did not indicate if the group still plans to submit an application, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a letter is to be sent to the Connecticut Department of Environmental and Energy Protection indicating that the Groton Town Council does not endorse GOSA's application for grant funds to purchase the Tilcon, Inc. property.

**Legislative History**

**1/9/2014**      **Mayor**      **Referred**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**

**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Recommended for a Resolution**

*Town Manager Oefinger provided a brief history of the issue, noting that the Council should take formal action to send a letter to the state regarding GOSA's application and include reasons in the resolution.*

*Councilor Somers left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.*

**1/14/2014**      **Town Council Committee of the Whole**      **Discussed**

*After receipt of the GOSA's letter withdrawing their request for support from the Town, the Town Manager e-mailed the president of GOSA to ask if the group still intends to submit an application, but he has had no response.*

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the Whole

to send a formal letter to the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection indicating that the Town does not support GOSA's proposed acquisition of the Tilcon, Inc. property.

Councilor Somers returned to the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Schmidt supports sending a letter to GOSA, but not to the DEEP. Councilor Moravsik would like to look at the property first. Councilor Frink noted the property is potentially developable

2014-0025 **Reappointment of David Russell to the Permanent School Building Committee** Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID E. RUSSELL TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that David E. Russell, 73 Ronald Road, is hereby reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/16.

Legislative History

1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2014-0026 **Reappointment of Marie Shaw to Library Board** Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARIE SHAW TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Marie C. Shaw, 20 Colony Road, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term expiring 12/31/16.

Legislative History

1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2014-0027 **Reappointment of June Evered to Parks and Recreation Commission** Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUNE EVERED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that June I. Evered, 86 Buddington Road #6, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

Legislative History

1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2014-0030 **Appointment of Paul Duarte as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals** Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL DUARTE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street, is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/16.

Legislative History

1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2014-0031 **Reappointment of Susan Vincent to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors** Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SUSAN VINCENT TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLVED, that Susan M. Vincent, 1 New London Road, Mystic, is reappointed as a member of the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term ending 11/10/2016.

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| 2014-0032 | <p>1/7/2014      Town Council                      Recommended for a<br/>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br/>/Legislation Committee (2011)</p> <p><b>Reappointment of James Sherrard to Planning Commission</b></p> | <b>Referral</b> |
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES R. SHERRARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLVED, that James R. Sherrard, 66 Algonquin Drive, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/18.

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| 2014-0033 | <p>1/7/2014      Town Council                      Recommended for a<br/>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br/>/Legislation Committee (2011)</p> <p><b>Appointment of Michael Meyer to Housing Authority</b></p> | <b>Referral</b> |
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RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL MEYER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
RESOLVED, that Michael Meyer, 18 New London Road, Mystic, is hereby appointed to the Groton Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/17.

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| 2014-0034 | <p>1/7/2014      Town Council                      Recommended for a<br/>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br/>/Legislation Committee (2011)</p> <p><b>Appointment of Mark Bancroft as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Commission</b></p> | <b>Referral</b> |
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RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK BANCROFT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Mark J. Bancroft, 233 High Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/18.

Legislative History

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| 2014-0035 | <p>1/7/2014      Town Council                      Recommended for a<br/>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br/>/Legislation Committee (2011)</p> <p><b>Reappointment of John Wilson to Shellfish Commission</b></p> | <b>Referral</b> |
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RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN M. WILSON AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that John M. Wilson, 1 Appletree Lane, West Mystic is hereby reappointed as an alternate member to the Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/17.

Legislative History

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| 1/7/2014 | Town Council | Recommended for a<br>Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution<br>/Legislation Committee (2011) |
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## X. ADJOURNMENT