



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Town Clerk (860)441-6640
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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Dean Antipas, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Bruce S. Flax, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, and Paulann H. Sheets

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item III (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

2009-0213 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of August 4, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2009-0208 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:

Susan Lyons - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Anne Philbrick - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Daniel Potter - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Shari Rosenthal - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Ida Aguiar - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Clare Billing - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Arthur Fox - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Amy Laidlaw - \$20.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Patricia Oat-Judge - \$30.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Richard Cook - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Nancy D'Estang - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Vera Leavy - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Sylvia Leland Lynch - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Emily Lynch - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Thomas Portante - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Patricia Sparkman - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Robert MacBain - \$75.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Linda Feinberg - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
April Dow Michas - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Alicia Pena - \$100.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Sidney Van Zandt - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
David G. Williams - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous

Barbara Winters - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
 Elissa Wright - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
 Jane Brannegan - \$250.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
 Patricia Kitchings - \$250.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
 John Sutter - \$250.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
 Michael Sheets - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2008-0186	Reservoir and Watershed Commission	Referral
2009-0067	Merritt Farm Open Space	Referral
2009-0088	Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Funding	Referral
2009-0154	Grove Avenue Subdivision/Mardie Lane	Referral
2009-0185	Explanatory Text for Thames Street Rehabilitation Referendum	Referral
2009-0187	Results of Operations - FYE 2009	Referral
2009-0193	Reappointment of Barbara Block to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2009-0194	Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee	Referral
2009-0195	Reappointment of Catherine Talbot to Harbor Management Commission	Referral
2009-0196	Reappointment of Elaine Cole to Historic District Commission	Referral
2009-0197	Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2009-0198	Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2009-0199	Reappointment of Catherine Kolnaski to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Referral
2009-0200	Reappointment of James Loughlin to Cable TV Advisory Council	Referral
2009-0201	Reappointment of Carol Pratt to the Retirement Board	Referral
2009-0202	Reappointment of Mary Lou Smith to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board	Referral
2009-0203	Reappointment of Paulann Sheets to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board	Referral
2009-0204	Reappointment of June DeCarlo to Fair Rent Commission	Referral
2009-0205	Reappointment of Mariellen French to Zoning Commission	Referral
2009-0207	Steamboat Wharf Dredging - Update	Referral
2009-0214	U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)	Referral

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2009-0154	Grove Avenue Subdivision/Mardie Lane	Referral
	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PAVING FOR DRAINAGE CONTROL ON MARDIE LANE	

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will soon begin the repaving, as planned, of Lestertown Road and Starr Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, successful and lasting results from repaving Staff Hill Road will require better control of storm water runoff from Mardie Lane, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of additional paving and drainage related work is approximately \$8,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to extend its paving effort beyond the originally budgeted paving plan, so as to effectuate stormwater runoff improvements on Mardie Lane.

Legislative History

6/2/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

6/23/2009 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

to enter executive session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss potential claims and existing litigation associated with the Grove Avenue Subdivision, and to invite Town Attorney Mike Carey, Town Manager Mark Oefinger, and Director of Planning and Development Services Mike Murphy to attend

8/11/2009 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

8/11/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2009-0185 Explanatory Text for Thames Street Rehabilitation Referral
Referendum

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF EXPLANATORY TEXT FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,725,000 FOR THAMES STREET REHABILITATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Groton that Explanatory Text concerning the referendum question on the Thames Street Rehabilitation ordinance that will be on the ballot on November 3, 2009 be prepared and distributed to voters, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes such Explanatory Text to be prepared by the Town Clerk, approved by the Town Attorney, and distributed to the voters of the Town.

Legislative History

7/21/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

8/11/2009 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole

8/11/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2009-0193 Reappointment of Barbara Block to Inland Wetlands Referral
Agency

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA BLOCK TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
RESOLVED, that Barbara Block, 142 Bay View Avenue, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/10.

Legislative History

8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

- 2009-0194 Reappointment of Dorothy Eames to Community Development Advisory Committee Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DOROTHY EAMES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- RESOLVED, that Dorothy Eames, 83 Pine Island Road, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term ending 02/07/12.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0195 Reappointment of Catherine Talbot to Harbor Management Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CATHERINE TALBOT TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Catherine Talbot, 10 Florence Drive, Mystic, is reappointed as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission, for a term ending 09/01/12.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0196 Reappointment of Elaine Cole to Historic District Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ELAINE COLE TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Elaine M. Cole, 17 Burrows Street, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/12.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0197 Reappointment of Robert Ashworth to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT ASHWORTH TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
- RESOLVED, that Robert L. Ashworth, 39 Whitney Road, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/10.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0198 Reappointment of David Scott to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID SCOTT TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
- RESOLVED, that David R.Scott, 191 Pequot Avenue, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/10.
- Legislative History

- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0199 Reappointment of Catherine Kolnaski to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CATHERINE KOLNASKI TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- RESOLVED, that Catherine Kolnaski, 26 Miner Street, is reappointed to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term ending 11/10/10.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0200 Reappointment of James Loughlin to Cable TV Advisory Council Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES J. LOUGHLIN, JR. TO THE CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL
- RESOLVED, that James J. Loughlin, Jr., 35 West Mystic Avenue, Mystic, is reappointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a term ending 7/1/11.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0201 Reappointment of Carol Pratt to the Retirement Board Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CAROL PRATT TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD
- RESOLVED that the Town Council reappoints Carol W. Pratt as a participant member to the Retirement Board for a term expiring 12/31/11.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0202 Reappointment of Mary Lou Smith to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARY LOU SMITH TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT WATER AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD
- RESOLVED, that Mary Lou Smith, 326 Judson Avenue, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board for a term expiring 09/01/11.
- Legislative History
- 8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2009-0203 Reappointment of Paulann Sheets to Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAULANN SHEETS TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT WATER AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD
- RESOLVED, that Paulann Sheets, 87 Neptune Drive, is hereby reappointed to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board for a term expiring 9/1/11.
- Legislative History

8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee

2009-0204 Reappointment of June DeCarlo to Fair Rent Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUNE DECARLO TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION
 RESOLVED, that June DeCarlo, 16 Eastwood Road, is hereby reappointed to the Fair Rent
 Commission, for a term expiring 7/01/12.

Legislative History

8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee

2009-0205 Reappointment of Mariellen French to Zoning Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARIELLEN FRENCH TO THE ZONING COMMISSION
 RESOLVED, that Mariellen French, 12 Little Gull Lane, Mystic, is reappointed to the Zoning
 Commission for a term ending 12/31/13.

Legislative History

8/4/2009 Town Council Recommended for a
 Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
 /Legislation Committee

2009-0207 Steamboat Wharf Dredging - Update Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN PARTICIPATION IN A DREDGING PROJECT AT
 STEAMBOAT WHARF

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) holds a permit from the
 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for dredging in the Mystic River adjacent to
 Steamboat Wharf, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has, in previous resolutions, authorized the use of Town of Groton
 employees, equipment and funds to perform dredging at Steamboat Wharf, and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2008, in resolution No. 2006-0298, the Town Council reaffirmed its
 authorization for the expenditure of \$13,800 in unobligated funds that were previously appropriated
 specifically for dredging at Steamboat Wharf, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager and the Department of Public Works may participate in a joint
 dredging project with DOT at Steamboat Wharf and may expend an amount not to exceed the
 \$13,800 that was previously appropriated.

Legislative History

8/5/2009 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

8/11/2009 Town Council Committee of Discussed

 the Whole

8/11/2009 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a

 the Whole Resolution

2009-0214 U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY
 STUDIES OR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community has recommended that the Town seek and use grants for various purposes related to energy conservation, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has qualified for a one-time-only availability of state or federal grants of \$147,500 to \$170,000 for energy conservation plans and projects, with no matching funds from the town being required in either case, and

WHEREAS, funding may be obtained for several desirable and useful purposes, such as calculating an energy footprint for the Town, retrofitting one or more buildings for energy efficiency, and development of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy and action plan, and

WHEREAS, the deadline for funding applications is soon approaching, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may prepare and submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) or the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM), depending on the outcome of the Town's recent appeal to DOE.

Legislative History

8/11/2009	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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V. ADJOURNMENT