



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4394  
Town Clerk 860-441-6640  
Town Manager 860-441-6630

*Mayor Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Joe de la Cruz, Greg Grim, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR 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

2016-0249 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of October 4, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

2016-0245 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:

Marsha Zimmerman - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Emily Nelson - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Linda Robbins - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Christine Parizo - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Nicole Depot - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Andrea Kennett - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Martha Christina - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Veronique Lamarque - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Annie Jackson - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

John McMicken - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Alexandra Gozzola - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Melinda Georges - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Dawn Scanlon - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Donelle Bartlett - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Groton Utilities Matching Funds - \$950.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

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

2015-0184	Aquarion Water Tower - Northeast Academy Property	Referral
2016-0238	Amtrak Northeast Corridor Rail Investment Plan	Referral
2016-0243	School Project Management	Referral
2016-0246	Appointment of Susan Archer to the Zoning Commission	Referral
2016-0247	Appointment of Jacob Mellow to Zoning Commission	Referral
2016-0248	Appointment of Mike Edgerton to Zoning Commission	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 -**

**c. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Flax**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

2015-0184	Aquarion Water Tower - Northeast Academy Property	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT AND A PERMANENT ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT WITH AQUARION WATER COMPANY FOR A WATER TOWER ON THE NORTHEAST ACADEMY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Aquarion Water Company plans to build a new water tower to replace the existing water tower on Nantucket Drive to provide enhanced water service to the northeast area of Town, and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the new water tank is the Town-owned Northeast Academy elementary school property, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed and expressed its support for the proposal which would provide pedestrian access from the school to Ann Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved a site plan for the project on April 12, 2016, which delineates a temporary construction and access easement and a permanent access and utility easement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to execute: (1) a Permanent Access and Utility Easement, and (2) a Temporary Construction and Access Easement over the Town-owned Northeast Academy site to allow Aquarion Water Company to construct and operate a new water tower and various related facilities and provide an accessway from Ann Avenue.

Legislative History

7/2/2015 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

7/28/2015 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole

*Town Manager Oefinger noted that Aquarion approached the Town a number of months ago about constructing a new water tower in the northeast area of Town, and they would like to place it on the Northeast Academy site. Water and fire protection were a significant concern during the construction of Northeast Academy. The existing tower off Nantucket Drive would be abandoned. Last night the Board of Education reviewed a revised plan, which the Town Manager presented to the Council. Aquarion will be seeking permission to construct the tower on the Town-owned property with access from Ann Avenue. It is unknown at this time if Aquarion is proposing to install communication equipment on the tower. The project will require a public hearing and a CGS Section 8-24 referral to the Planning Commission. Councilor Flax questioned liability and the Town Manager stated that the tower will be fenced like any other water tower in Town and monitored on a daily basis. The Town Council must decide the terms and conditions for the easement.*

8/11/2015 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole

*Liz Camerino-Schulz from Aquarion Water Company reviewed a proposed project to acquire an easement from the Town and build a new water tower on the Northeast Academy site to replace the tank off Nantucket Drive. Aquarion representatives have spoken to various Town departments about the proposal. Councilors reviewed a handout showing the site plan and renderings of various tanks. The proposed tank will be much larger than the existing tank (260,000 gallon vs. 150,000) and will be approximately 150 feet high. The new tower will allow elimination of the underground booster pump station. Access to the new tower would be off Ann Avenue with a fenced in permanent easement area. Construction would take approximately one year and would not interfere with the school. Town Manager Oefinger stated that Aquarion is not ready to start the formal process, but they are looking for Town Council support for the project.*

8/11/2015 Town Council Committee of Motion  
the Whole

*to refer the proposed Aquarion Water Tower on the Northeast Academy site to the Planning Commission under CGS Section 8-24.*

*Councilor Granatosky asked for a connecting walking path around the fenced water tower area from the school to Ann Avenue. It was noted that the existing tower off Nantucket Drive would be dismantled and the ultimate disposition of the property is unknown at this time as there may be restrictions on the use of the property. With respect to antennae on the new tower, Ms. Camerino-Schulz explained that Aquarion has a whip antenna, but no cell carriers will be allowed on this tank. Municipal emergency equipment would be allowed. Also, no logos are allowed on Aquarion tanks*

6/28/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole

*Town Manager Oefinger noted that the Aquarion Water Tower proposed for the Northeast Academy Elementary School site has received site plan approval. They now need to formally request a permanent easement for the tower and a temporary construction easement, and the Town Manager expects they will do that shortly.*

9/13/2016 Town Council Committee of Not Discussed  
the Whole

*Town Manager Oefinger noted that this item was not ready for discussion.*

9/27/2016 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole

*Town Manager Oefinger provided a brief history of the request to build a water tower on the Northeast Academy property. The Town and Aquarion are in the process of finalizing a temporary construction easement and a permanent access easement. The Town Attorney has suggested changes, and a response from Aquarion is anticipated for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.*

10/11/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution

10/11/2016 Town Council Committee of Motion  
the Whole

2016-0243 School Project Management

Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLICIT STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FROM FIRMS FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATION SERVICES TO AUGMENT STAFF FOR MANAGING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GROTON 2020 PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized the Groton 2020 School Modernization Plan referendum question to be placed on the ballot for the November general election, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has been evaluating the project, departmental staffing, and potential methods of project management and delivery, and

WHEREAS, the assistance of a qualified and experienced Owner's Representative to manage the project under the Director of Public Works, including engaging qualified Architects and Construction Managers would be invaluable, and

WHEREAS, following the Request for Qualification (RFQ) and Request for Proposal process in selecting a qualified, experienced firm 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 and select the most qualified candidate firm to act as Owner's Representative for the Groton 2020 Project.

Legislative History

	10/3/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	10/11/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	10/11/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2016-0246		Appointment of Susan Archer to the Zoning Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN ARCHER AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Susan K. Archer, 112 Spyglass Circle, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/18.

Legislative History

	10/4/2016	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
2016-0247		Appointment of Jacob Merrow to Zoning Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACOB MERROW AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Jacob D. Merrow, 88 Main Street, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/17.

Legislative History

	10/4/2016	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
2016-0248		Appointment of Mike Edgerton to Zoning Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MIKE EDGERTON AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Mike Edgerton, 113 Seneca Drive, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/16.

Legislative History

10/4/2016	Town Council Personnel & Appointments Committee	Recommended for a Resolution
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**X. ADJOURNMENT**