



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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, November 15, 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

2016-0269 Approval of Minutes (Town Council) Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 1, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0262 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:

Bernice Barres - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Lee Vincent - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Groton Congregational Church - \$1,000.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Michelle Kravath - \$25.00 - Library Donations

Sue Chojnacki & Judy Mugovero - \$72.00 - Library Donations

Carol Ruszenas - \$100.00 - Library Donations

Margaret Adams - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School - \$630.00 - Social Services Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0250	LED Conversion for Streetlights	Referral
2016-0261	Rotary Club of Mystic Grant - Library	Referral
2016-0264	Agreement with Lincoln Center	Referral
2016-0265	Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District	Referral
2016-0267	Joint Land Use Study Grant	Referral
2016-0268	Farm Viability Grant	Referral
2016-0270	Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #229 (Enterprise Zone Ordinance)	Ordinance
2016-0271	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority Letter of Support for Branford Manor Development	Resolution
2016-0272	Amendment of FYE 2017 CIP Project for LED Streetlights	Resolution
2016-0273	Scheduling of a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #229 (Enterprise Zone Ordinance)	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

2016-0250	LED Conversion for Streetlights	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CONVERT TOWN OWNED STREET AND PARKING LOT LIGHTS TO LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED)

WHEREAS, the Town Council previously authorized the Director of Public Works to contract with Tanko Streetlighting, Inc. to conduct an Investment Grade Audit of the Town-owned street lights and parking lot lights, and

WHEREAS, Tanko has completed the audit and developed a conversion plan to replace the existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) street and parking lot lights with Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights, and

WHEREAS, the contract with Tanko requires Town Council concurrence with the conversion plan prior to proceeding with the installation phase of the project, and

WHEREAS, financing alternatives were reviewed and a financial plan for the project developed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council concurs with the conversion plan and financing the plan through

rebates and loans from Eversource, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to complete the streetlight conversion and execute the financial plan.

Legislative History

10/14/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0272 Amendment of FYE 2017 CIP Project for LED Streetlights Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF AN FYE 2017 CIP PROJECT FOR LED STREETLIGHTS

WHEREAS, Capital Improvement Program project 9)A) for LED Streetlights was approved in FYE 2017, and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project has expanded to include not only Town owned streetlights, but Town owned parking lot lights, building wall units, and correction of sagging streetlights on Water Street, and

WHEREAS, the funding source for the project remains "Other" consisting of rebates and third party financing, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes an amendment to FYE 2017 CIP Project 9)A) LED Streetlights to increase the project cost from \$465,000 to \$584,000.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2016-0261 Rotary Club of Mystic Grant - Library Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYSTIC TO BENEFIT THE GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BOOK BUDDIES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Groton Public Library collaborates with the Mary Morrisson School and Fairview Odd Fellows Home on the intergenerational, literacy-based Book Buddies Program and,

WHEREAS, the program benefits both the fifth graders and the residents of the nursing home and,

WHEREAS, the program promotes literacy, community partnerships, and compassion for the elderly and,

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Mystic donates funds to local non-profit organizations, primarily serving the Groton, Mystic and Stonington areas, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to seek grant funding in the amount of \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Mystic which will be utilized to purchase books and craft materials to support the Book Buddies program.

Legislative History

	10/28/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2016-0264	Agreement with Lincoln Center			Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN CENTER FOR PRESENTING DIGITALLY STREAMED PERFORMANCES AT THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, Lincoln Center and the Groton Senior Center desire to promote and engage in cultural and artistic exchange, for the purpose of sustaining, encouraging, and promoting the performing arts, and of educating the general public with relation thereto.

WHEREAS, Lincoln Center and the Groton Senior Center seek to bring a world-class performing arts non-profit education experience to the general public based on the belief that art has the power to uplift, heal, and inspire individuals, as well as build bridges across diverse communities.

WHEREAS, in support of the parties' mutual desire to promote the advancement of the arts and education, they are together developing a cooperation for the exploitation of Lincoln Center performing arts events in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and at the same time share a commitment to respecting the intellectual property rights of others

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is empowered and authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Groton an agreement with Lincoln Center on behalf of the Town of Groton for presenting on-demand digitally streamed recordings of past Lincoln Center performing arts events or hosting Lincoln Center's livestreaming events (the "Programs") (collectively, the "Screenings") at its designated location in Groton, Connecticut.

Legislative History

	11/2/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
	11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	11/9/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2016-0265	Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District			Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FOR THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Ledge Light Health District can apply for a Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$7,141.55, and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used by the Groton Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP) for programs including youth mental health first aid training; to help raise awareness of the relationship between prescription drug abuse and heroin addiction; life training for youth; parent life skills; and an alcohol prevention campaign in the middle schools and high school. in the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the Local Prevention Council Grant Application in the amount of \$7,141.55 for Ledge Light Health District.

Legislative History

	11/2/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
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11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0267 Joint Land Use Study Grant Referral

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE STAFF PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT LAND USE STUDY OF THE SUBASE NEW LONDON

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), in conjunction with the federal government, is preparing a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) of the SUBASE New London; and

WHEREAS, the study will create a community-driven, cooperative strategic planning process among SUBASE New London and the municipalities of the Town of Groton, Town of Waterford, Town of Ledyard, City of Groton, City of New London, and Town of Montville; and

WHEREAS, the study will promote community development that is compatible with military training, testing, and operational missions, and seek ways to reduce operational impacts on adjacent lands; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the JLUS is to increase public awareness of military missions and contribution to the regional economy, protect and preserve military readiness while supporting continued economic development, and support communication and establish policies for military participation in community development review and planning processes; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the study will serve the needs of the Town, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby endorses staff participation in the year-long Joint Land Use Study with the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments.

Legislative History

11/4/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0268 Farm Viability Grant Referral

RESOLUTION ENDORSING STAFF PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) is administering a grant application from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture for Farm Viability Grants; and

WHEREAS, SCCOG is seeking interest from municipalities to participate in a year-long project on planning for agriculture-related activities, such as food production facilities, farm markets, vineyard tasting rooms/breweries, event venues, etc., utilizing the services of a consultant to work with a group of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, these municipalities would work with key stakeholders to identify best practices and evaluate potential changes to local regulations that would improve the viability of local farms through value-added activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant will serve the needs of the Town; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby endorses staff participation in SCCOG's year-long project on planning for agriculture-related activities.

Legislative History

- 11/4/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th
- 11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed
- 11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0271 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority Letter of Support for Branford Manor Development Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BRANFORD MANOR

WHEREAS, and application has been submitted by Branford Manor Preservation L.P. to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority requesting Long-Income Housing Tax Credit financing for a proposed development at Branford Manor in the City of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to send a letter of support for the application by Branford Manor Preservation, L.P. to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

Legislative History

- 11/9/2016 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2016-0270 Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #229 (Enterprise Zone Ordinance) Ordinance

2016-0273 Scheduling of a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #229 (Enterrprise Zone Ordinance) Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #229 (ENTERPRISE ZONE ORDINANCE)

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #229 (Enterprise Zone Ordinance) on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex Community Room 1.

X. ADJOURNMENT