



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, December 20, 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

2016-0294 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 6, 2016 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2016-0290 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:

Catherine Hoffman - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Charter Oak Credit Union - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Nina Nelson - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Groton Regional Theatre - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Jonathan Johnson - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Kathryn Miller - \$50.00 - Library Miscellaneous

Bernard Allen - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Felipe & Irene Castro - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

David & Veronica Cousens - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Richard Davies - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Eastwood LLC - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Catherine Essex - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Darwin & Elizabeth Geronimo - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Diane & Dennis Haines - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Hickey Family - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Aimee Johnson - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Robert Kenyon - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Theofanis & Christina Lampos - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Carmen Molina-Vergara - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Joseph & Suzanne Natusch - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Patricia Pearce - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Pauline & Kevin Robillard - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Kyle & Ashlee Rowe - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Nidia & Bernard Somers - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Reginald & Wanda Teague - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Callie-Jean Tuthill - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Julia Willis - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Fred & Gail Yeo - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Robert Ashworth - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 BPO Elks Lodge No. 2163 - \$1,000 - Social Services Discretionary
 Cardinal Honda - \$368.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Matthew & Karen Morton - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Albet & Janiss Rudolph - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Maria & Johnny Armaos - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Frances Award - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Christa Barber - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Raymond & Virginia Bousquet - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 David Bowlus - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Josephine Bright - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Iris Dow - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 John & Anne Hamilton - \$100.00 Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Elizabeth Kelly - \$1.25 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Cynthia Miffitt - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 James Miller - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Lisa Moneypenny - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Armand & Nancy Morin - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Barbara & Linwood Navarro - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 John & Anne Potter - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Richard & Melinda Richardson - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Ernesto & Mary Soriano - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Emily Thomas - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Kathleen & David Vanner - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2016-0286	Contract Agreement Between the Groton Board of Education and the Association of Groton School Administrators	Referral
2016-0177	City Highway Budget - FYE 2016	Referral
2016-0287	Department of Transportation Easement - Route 1/South Road	Referral
2016-0289	Groton Utilities DEEP Micro Grid Grant Application	Referral

2016-0291	Request for Donation for Thames River Heritage Park Water Tax (FYE 2018)	Referral
2016-0292	Adoption of Ordinance to Amend the Enterprise Zone Ordinance	Referral
2016-0293	Purchase of Historical Document	Referral

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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

2016-0177	City Highway Budget - FYE 2016	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS TO THE CITY OF GROTON RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the release of \$(TBD) to the City of Groton for the FYE 2016 City Highway budget pursuant to the arbitration award.

Legislative History

6/28/2016 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

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

Town Manager Oefinger noted that a decision was issued in the FYE 2016 City Highway Budget arbitration and the Town has received a letter from the Mayor of the City. The Council must determine how to proceed.

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

that the members of the Town Council Committee of the Whole, Town Manager Mark Oefinger, and Town Attorney Matt Auger go into executive session at 7:42 p.m. pursuant to General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations related to pending litigation and/or pending claims concerning the highway budget dispute between the Town and City of Groton

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

The executive session ended at 8:57 p.m.

12/13/2016 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

12/13/2016 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

2016-0287	Department of Transportation Easement - Route 1/South Road	Referral
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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EASEMENT AT 1268 POQUONNOCK ROAD FOR THE

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested a 386 square foot easement over a portion of Town -owned property at 1268 Poquonnock Road for installation and maintenance of a guy wire to support a traffic signalization device, and

WHEREAS, DOT has offered the Town \$500.00 in exchange for the easement rights, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Public Works Department has determined that the easement and guy wire installation will not affect current or planned operations at the sewer pump station located on the site, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign and process paperwork necessary to grant an easement at 1268 Poquonnock Road to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) as depicted on a map provided by DOT in a letter dated October 28, 2016.

Legislative History

11/29/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

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2016-0289 Groton Utilities DEEP Micro Grid Grant Application Referral

GROTON UTILITIES DEEP MICRO GRID GRANT APPLICATION

Legislative History

11/30/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/6/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2016-0291 Request for Donation for Thames River Heritage Park Water Taxi (FYE 2018) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A \$10,000 DONATION FOR THE THAMES RIVER HERITAGE PARK WATER TAXI PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has received a request from the Thames River Heritage Park Steering Committee to continue its support by joining the City of Groton and the City of New London in donating \$10,000 each to the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments for a water taxi program during the next fiscal year (FYE 2018), and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that the water taxi "season" falls in both FYE 2017 and FYE 2018, and

WHEREAS, there is a balance in Contingency of \$364,810 as of November 30th, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$10,000 be transferred from General Fund Contingency (1074) to Legislative (1001) for the Thames River Heritage Park water taxi program.

Refer to RTM

Legislative History

12/8/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

WHEREAS, Town Historian James Streeter has made the Town Council aware of an historical document described as "a manuscript copy of the agreement between the Connecticut towns of New London and Groton, agreed upon at a general assembly in Hartford, establishing Groton as an independent town" that is being offered for sale by an on-line book seller, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Street has negotiated a price for the documented of \$2,250, and it is estimated that an additional \$250 will be needed for archival framing of the document, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the document would be a valuable addition to the local history collection at the Groton Public Library, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$2,500 be transferred from General Fund Contingency (1074) to Legislative (1001) for the purchase of an historical document.

Legislative History

12/12/2016	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/13/2016	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

X. ADJOURNMENT